



Nebraska Knights of Columbus

Evangelize Our Family & Community

District Deputy Meeting

Friday July 10, 2026





Opening Prayer / Remarks

Fr. Bill Cremers





State Deputy

Mike Schaeffer





DISTRICT DEPUTY MEETING

“EARLY IS EASY”

- Thank You - For the strong finish last Fraternal Year
- District Deputy Positions – All filled (7 are dual-tasked)
- Regional Meetings – Encourage your Councils to Attend
 - I will hold DD's accountable, DD's hold GKs/FSs accountable
- Growth Goal this year is **1,036**
 - Star Council Goal is 30 – Get your Councils to STAR!





STAR DISTRICT RQT'S 2026-2027

- Membership Growth **(No Change)** - Attain 70% of combined Council quotas
- Insurance Promotion **(No Change)** - At least 50% of assigned Councils earn the Founders Award
- Overall District Excellence - **At least two Councils in the District earn the Star Council Award**
- Submit a *District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status* (#944) for each Council in District by September 15
- Every Council in District must submit forms #185 (officers), #365 (directors), 1728 (annual survey) and **#1295 (annual audit)**





SP-7 REQUIREMENT'S 2026-2027

1) Donate \$500 toward any of the following:

- **ASAP (cash or item value)**
- **Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)**
- **Coats for Kids**
- **RSVP**

2) Complete 4 programs

- **1 per category (Faith, Family, Community, Life)**

3) Conduct Cor monthly - include EFF name/email OR

- **Conduct 3 unique programs/activities that Build fraternity, Bring men closer to Christ or Serve parish or community**





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**District Deputy
Workshop**
Mike Vaughn
Executive Secretary





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

What Are We Talking About?

What is Your Role?

What does Supreme and the State Deputy Expect?

Know the Tools You Have Been Given

Quick Reference Card





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

What is your role?

“A District Deputy provides leadership, guidance, and oversight to councils in their district, ensuring adherence to KofC laws, promoting membership growth, and supporting charitable and service programs.”

- The District Deputy acts as an advisor, mentor, teacher, and friend to the councils in their district
- The District Deputy has general control and supervision over councils in the district, ensuring compliance with the Order’s laws and rules





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Reporting Structure – State Deputy

District Deputies report to the State Deputy on:

- Council Health
- Possible problems disrupting Council success
- Ideas to improve success
- Suggestions for placement of future leaders
- Strategies for Growth & Programs

Participation in District Goals

- At least a monthly report





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Role: Ceremonial Council Support and Mentorship

District Deputies are responsible for:

- Conducting installation of officers in councils
- Co-Hosting Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremonies to induct new members
- Attending state organizational meetings (LTS), mid-year meetings, and state conventions
- Supporting charitable initiatives such as Habitat for Humanity projects

The DD works closely with Grand Knights and other council officers to:

- Recruit new members and promote the insurance program
- Ensure councils meet state and Supreme assessments and charity goals
- Exchange ideas and build fraternity through regular meetings with council officers
- Serve as a communication link between the state deputy, Supreme Council, and local councils





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Leadership Resources

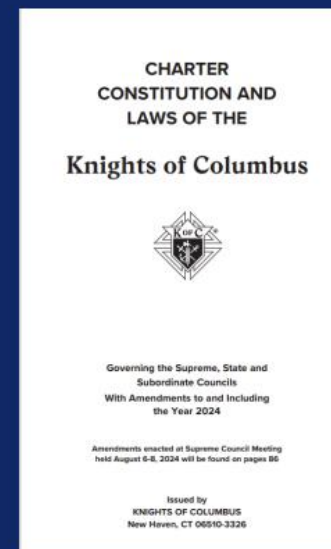
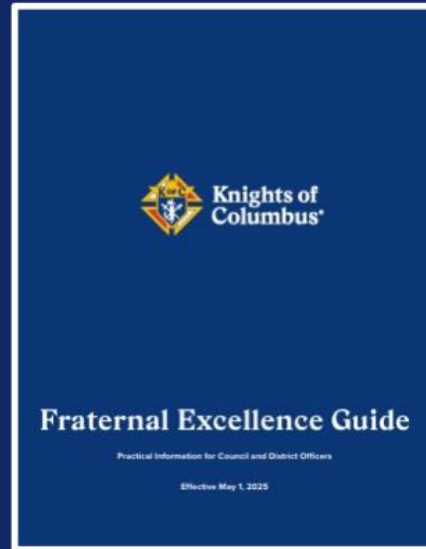
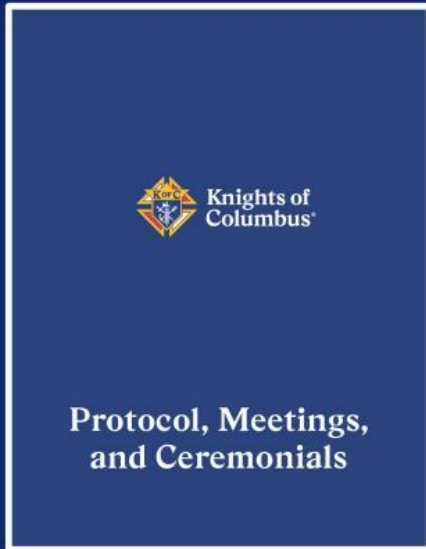


Are You Thirsty for More!



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Leadership Resources



Must read pages **43-50**

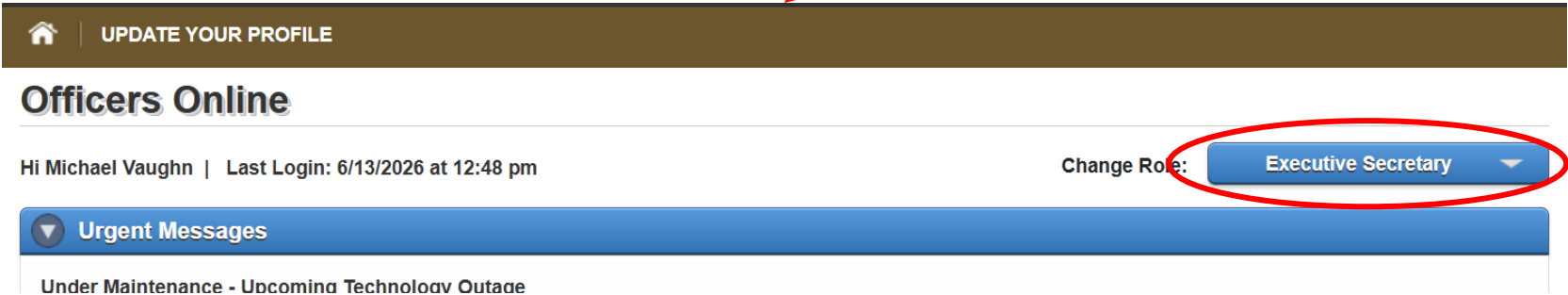
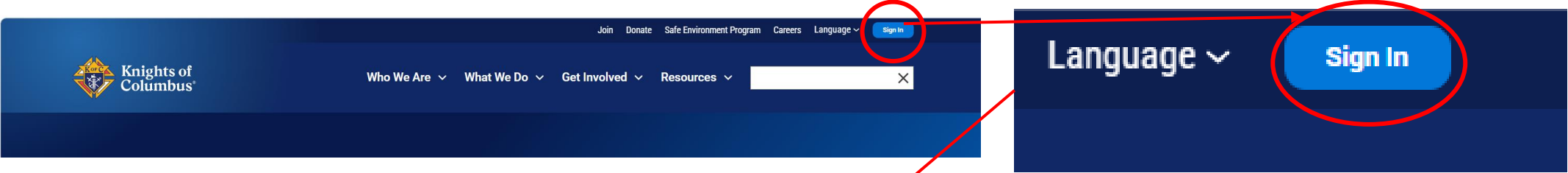
You Will Find Most Answers in One of These Documents





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tools: Officers On-Line



Should Say District Deputy
Change if Necessary





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Officers Online

DD Specific Reports

Membership Reports Forms Publications

Search:				
Report Name	Date	PDF	Excel	
District Deputy's Report	6/1/2026			
Conservation Listing by District (Past)	10/25/2024			
Safe Environment Member Status	6/13/2026			
Safe Environment Participation Rate Report	6/9/2026			
Safe Environment Council Compliance Report	6/10/2026			

MEMBER STATUS REPORT													
Report As Of Date: 06/12/2026													
Country	Jurisdiction	District	Unit Type	Unit Number	Member Number	Role	Name	Email	Training Program Start Date	Training Due By/Compliance	Re-training Eligibility Date	Background Check Start Date	Background Check Due By/Compliance
US	NE	26001	council	5287	3956024	Family Director (519)	DAVID A BOHNENKAMP	BOHNENKAMP.DAVE@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2025-10-10	Non-compliant		2026-04-24	Non-Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	13080	3937702	Family Director (519)	THOMAS M HAZUKA	MH465458@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2025-07-01	Compliant	2028-10-12	2025-12-04	Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	13080	3782289	Program Director (511)	TIMOTHY J VAUGHN	HD12676@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2025-07-01	Non-compliant		n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	13956	5073664	Grand Knight (501)	VIRGILIO M GUTIERREZ	VIRGIL.GUTIERREZ@KOFCDORS	Round 1- 2023-08-03	Compliant	2026-08-02	n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	10815	3409684	Family Director (519)	SAMUEL LARA	SM1LARA2@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2025-02-13	Compliant	2028-08-14	2025-07-04	Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	10815	5217443	Community Director (514)	NATHANIEL A ESPINOZA	NATHANIELESPINOZAKC@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2024-08-20	Compliant	2027-10-05	2024-08-21	Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	10815	4748298	Program Director (511)	GREGORY M BARTON-PEREZ	GREGORYMLB@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2025-07-01	Non-compliant		n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	13956	5022847	Family Director (519)	KURT P BULLIS	KURTBULLIS@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2025-07-15	Compliant	2028-06-22	2025-06-17	Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	13080	3620879	Grand Knight (501)	RICHARD J VAUGHN	RICKDEE2@COX.NET	Round 1- 2025-07-01	Compliant	2028-05-31	n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	13080	4168406	Community Director (514)	GREGORY J CHEREK	GCHEREK@COX.NET	Round 1- 2025-07-24	Non-compliant		2026-04-23	Non-Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	10815	5217443	Grand Knight (501)	NATHANIEL A ESPINOZA	NATHANIELESPINOZAKC@GMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2024-08-20	Compliant	2027-10-05	n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	13956	2457435	Community Director (514)	KEVIN A ENGELKAMP	SENSEKAMP@PROTONMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2024-06-30	Compliant	2027-08-19	2024-01-27	Compliant
US	NE	26001	council	5287	3787677	Program Director (511)	TIMOTHY J KILINTKE	tkilintke@yahoo.com	Round 1- 2025-01-17	Compliant	2028-07-05	n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	13956	5073664	Program Director (511)	VIRGILIO M GUTIERREZ	VIRGIL.GUTIERREZ@KOFCDORS	Round 1- 2023-08-03	Compliant	2026-08-02	n/a	n/a
US	NE	26001	council	5287	4768050	Grand Knight (501)	JERRY L ZISKA	KJERRY0308@HOTMAIL.COM	Round 1- 2024-09-25	Compliant	2027-11-22	n/a	n/a

District Deputy's Report

Jurisdiction Nebraska

District 001

JEFFREY K CHUBB JR
14032 SEWARD ST
OMAHA NE 68154-3870

FINANCIAL STATEMENT									
COUNCIL	05287	DATA	CURRENT BALANCE			NEW TO DATE			
			RECEIVED	PAID	ST	RECEIVED	PAID	ST	
MEMBERSHIP		5	2	0	2	2	0	2	
INSURANCE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL \$ OF 07/01/2025 71						LAST CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED 04/26			
STATUS: IN GOOD STANDING						CURRENT BALANCE 0.00			
COUNCIL	10815	DATA	CURRENT BALANCE			NEW TO DATE			
			RECEIVED	PAID	ST	RECEIVED	PAID	ST	
MEMBERSHIP		5	0	0	0	4	0	4	
INSURANCE		0	2	0	2	5	1	4	
MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL \$ OF 07/01/2025 48						LAST CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED 01/26			
STATUS: IN GOOD STANDING						CURRENT BALANCE 0.00			
COUNCIL	13080	DATA	CURRENT BALANCE			NEW TO DATE			
			RECEIVED	PAID	ST	RECEIVED	PAID	ST	
MEMBERSHIP		5	0	0	0	1	0	1	
INSURANCE		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL \$ OF 07/01/2025 77						LAST CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED 01/26			
STATUS: IN GOOD STANDING						CURRENT BALANCE 9.00CR			
COUNCIL	13956	DATA	CURRENT BALANCE			NEW TO DATE			
			RECEIVED	PAID	ST	RECEIVED	PAID	ST	
MEMBERSHIP		8	0	0	0	10	0	10 *	
INSURANCE		0	0	0	0	6	3	3	
MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL \$ OF 07/01/2025 132						LAST CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED 03/26			
STATUS: IN GOOD STANDING						CURRENT BALANCE 4.17			
COUNCIL		DATA	CURRENT BALANCE			NEW TO DATE			
			RECEIVED	PAID	ST	RECEIVED	PAID	ST	
MEMBERSHIP									
INSURANCE									
MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL \$ OF						LAST CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED			
						MSC			
						CURRENT BALANCE			
DISTRICT TOTALS		DATA	CURRENT BALANCE			NEW TO DATE			
			RECEIVED	PAID	ST	RECEIVED	PAID	ST	
MEMBERSHIP		16	2	0	2	17	0	17 *	
INSURANCE		0	2	0	2	12	4	8	
MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL \$ OF 07/01/2025 328						LAST CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED 106.2 %			
MEMBERSHIP									
INSURANCE									



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- Amounts entered are automatically calculated...do not change!
- Mileage Both Ways to Councils (@.30/mile)
- Hotel and Meals for LTS and MYM
- Cannot charge out of District Expenses (if you host, charge Supreme!
- Reimbursed by State instead of Supreme...Use State Expense Form
 - State Convention
 - RGD Meetings (Outside of your District...if you host in
- District, Supreme pays
- Sign and Forward to SD and ExSec...ExSec will forward for processing



Expense Form 267 DDM



NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Officers Online

Membership Reports Forms Publications					
Search:					
Form Name	Form Number	Due Date	Print	Online	
Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary	101	As Needed			
Application for Council Charter	127	As Needed			
District Deputy Annual Report	944	9/15			
District Deputy Expense Form (Kilometers)	267DDK	As Needed			
District Deputy Expense Form (Miles)	267DDM	As Needed			
Evaluation of Financial Secretary	1938	As Needed			
Nomination for Appointment as Financial Secretary	103	As Needed			
Notice of Institution of a Council	136	As Needed			
Notice of Intent to Establish a Council	133	As Needed			

- Easiest Form of All!
- Due NLT Sept 15th
- Purpose...Ensuring an Active DD for every Council
- Optional Comments: Keep Short and Simple



Due: September 15th

Provide answers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year

Will be updated soon

District Deputy Name *

District Number *

District Deputy Email *

Council Number *

State/Jurisdiction *

1. Does this council have a Grand Knight? *

(Optional) DD Comments and Recommendations:

Submit



NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tools: Don't Forget

*Who leads a meeting if
GK and DGK can't make it?*

Can my Council have a Debit Card?

What is a practical Catholic?



**Officers Desk
Reference**

Who is bonded in a Council?

Can I exempt a deacon from dues?
How do I file a 990?

**What are the requirements for
Honoray Membership?**

Do I need a budget?

The Officers' Desk Reference provides practical guidance for state and local officers on various matters relating to Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies.

Disclaimer! Questions regarding how policies and procedures contained on the Officers' Desk Reference may apply in a specific case should be directed to an officer's District Deputy or State Advocate. State Advocate and State Deputies should direct any questions they have to the Supreme Advocate's Office at advocate@kofc.org.





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tool: DD Playbook



District Deputy Monthly Playbook

*A 12-Month Guide
to What You Need to Know
and When to Do It*



JULY

Start Fast – Early Is Easy



- ☐ **Confirm** all council officers installed
- ☐ **Contact** every Grand Knight - Set expectations
- ☐ **Schedule** first district meeting, include Field Agents
- ☐ **Push** councils to submit:
 - Form #185 – Report of Officers
 - Form #365 – Service Personnel Report
 - Form #1295 – Annual Audit
- ☐ **Review** prior year performance - Star Council targets

☀️ **Focus:** Organization + Accountability

AUGUST

Lock in Programs (Audit Month)

- ☐ **Ensure** councils are planning full year programs - Faith, Family, Community, Life
- ☐ **Verify** Safe Environment compliance started
- ☐ **Promote** membership drives (schedule church drives/CUFs)
- ☐ **Follow up** on Late Form #185 / #365
- ☐ **1st Half Supreme and State Per Capita DUE**
- ☀️ **Focus:** No Council Drifting - Everyone Has a Plan
- ☐ **Form #1295 – Annual Audit due Aug15**

☀️ **Focus:** Execution + Getting Ahead of Paperwork





NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tools: Supreme Resources

Training Modules

[Becoming an All-Star District](#)

[District Deputy: District Administration](#)

[District Deputy: District Communications](#)

[District Deputy: District Meetings](#)

[District Deputy: District Reports](#)

[District Deputy: Managing District Growth](#)

[District Deputy: Road to Star District](#)

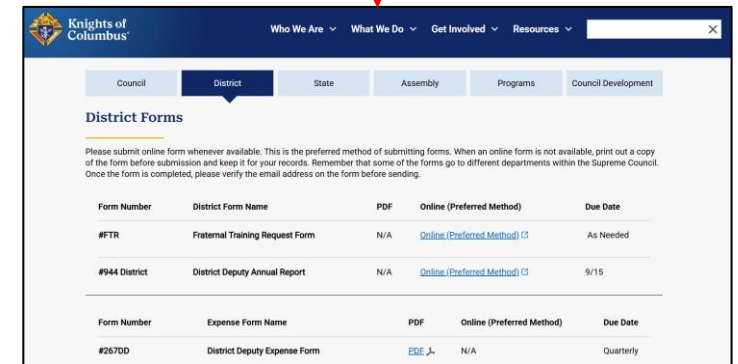
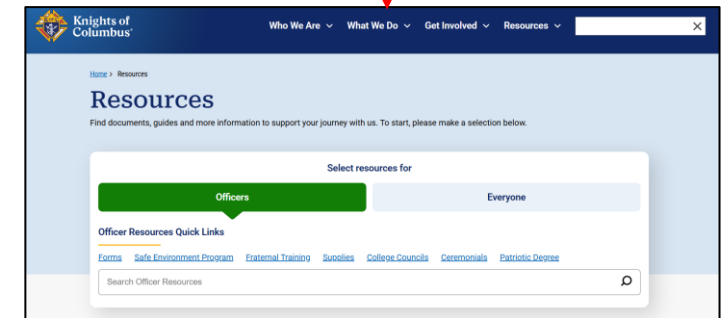
[Planning for Your District Midyear Meeting](#)

[Planning for Your District Organizational Meeting](#)

Click link and fill in info...Module will open



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NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tools: Council Quick Reference Card



GK/FS Quick Reference Card

Must Do Forms



June 15: Provide Directory Update/keep current throughout the year

June 30: Next Year Officers Form 185 (use Member Management)

June 30: Next Year Service Personnel Report Form 365 (use MM)

Aug 15: Annual Audit Form 1295 due

Jan 31: Fraternal Activity Form 1728 due (use online form)

Jan 31: Special Olympic Form 10784 due (use online form)

Sep 1/Mar 1: State and Supreme Per Capita due

Ensure Safe Environment Training for GK, Pro Dir, Fam Dir & Comm Dir (online)

Highly Encouraged

Attend Regional Meetings, Leadership Training and State Convention (Council rep acceptable)

Complete ICC Reports and Awards as required (State Website)





Insurance / Fraternal Benefits

Neil Pfeifer & Tony Swanson





Membership

Rob Ostdiek &
Supreme RGD Tom Kato





Membership Team

Rob Ostdiek – State Membership Director & State e-Membership Chairman

Home Council 1723, Beatrice

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinators

David Diaz

Home Council 15407, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Lincoln

Ignacio (Iggy) Cervantes

Home Council 10815, Our Lady of Gaudalupe, Omaha





Membership Team

Region 1 (Southeast)- **John Franssen, Assistant Membership Director**

Districts: 7, 8, 9, 10, 33, 37, 40

Region 2 (North Central) - **Greg Jochum**

Districts: 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 36

Region 3 (Northeast) – **Ken Prokop**

Districts: 14, 15, 16, 17, 26, 41

Region 4 (South Central) – **Mitch O'Neill**

Districts: 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 38, 39





Membership Team

Region 5 (Southwest)- **Kent Lorens**

Districts: 28, 29, 30

Region 6 (Northwest) – **Justin Hartman**

Districts: 27, 31, 42

Region 7 (Northern Omaha & Surrounding Area) – **Michael Howick**

Districts: 2, 3, 6, 13, 34

Region 8 (Southern Omaha & Surrounding Area) – **Bob Hasiak**

Districts: 1, 4, 5, 32, 35





Nebraska Membership Goal

EARLY IS EASY

1036 New Members 2026 – 2027

Invite to Faith Programs

Invite for Fraternal Benefits in collaboration with Field Agents

Invite to Service Programs

Invite for Fraternity opportunities





1st Qtr Recognition Thank You's

EARLY IS EASY

Nebraska:

District Deputies, if **ALL** of your Councils hold a Church Drive and CUF in Q-1, you will be entered into a random drawing for **\$400**

- **Scoreboard: State Website and DD(or state representative) confirmation of CUF**

Supreme(Star District):

- Every council in district must submit forms #185 (officers), #365 (directors), 1728 (annual survey) and #1295 (annual audit)
- Submit a District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status (#944) for each council in district by September 15
- At least two councils in the district earn the Star Council Award
- Attain 70% of combined council quotas (*No Change*)
- At least 50% of assigned councils earn the Founders Award (*No Change*)





Church Drive / CUF Calendar

EARLY IS EASY

Check Out Our New Church Drive Recruitment Calendar!

See and download the new Church Drive Calendar right to your Google Calendar.

You can also add your Council's Church Drive to the calendar by filling out the form below the calendar.

Church Drive Calendar

- Effort / Commitment
- Accountability
- State Awareness / Assistance

CUF Calendar – *Coming Soon*

- Local / Regional Opportunity
- Fraternity
- State Awareness / Assistance





E-Membership

EARLY IS EASY

- Immediate Results for the State
- Creates pool of candidates for council CUF
 - Review Prospect tab & conduct CUF
 - Planning a CUF check your prospect Tab
- Efficient processing to council Rosters





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*



Membership Enrollment Form

☐ **Yes!** I am a baptized Catholic man over the age of 18 and a practicing Catholic. Please sign me up for e-membership in the Knights of Columbus at no cost for the first year (a \$30 value)!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City, State: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Language: ____ English ____ Français ____ Español ____ Other: _____

Member Referral Number: _____

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of all the information provided above.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*



Download from State Website





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*

Detailed on pages 17 – 25 of Growth Book

Become Familiar with website: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

**Knights of
Columbus**

Welcome to the new KofC.org!

It seems you're looking for something that has moved. Please use our new search feature to find the resource or page you need.

Join Us

Find an Agent

Find a Council

BECOME A MEMBER!

Be a part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

**Local council dues vary. ?*

Currently, Online Membership is only available in the United States and Canada. If you live elsewhere but are still interested in joining the Knights, **please let us know.**

☐ I have an Agent Referral Code

Your Information

Title
Select Title

Name*
First

Last

Suffix
Select Suffix

Agent Referral Code - **CODE VALID ?**

MSCHOLZ

X

Your Information

Title
Select Title

Name*
First

Last





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*

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Amount:

\$0.00
USD

Join

Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Prefer not to answer

Preferred Language*
English

☐ I am a baptized Catholic male*
☐ I am a practical Catholic*

Mailing Address:

Street Address*

Preferred Local Council

[Council Number Lookup](#)

Member Referral Number

Church Parish Name*

Church Parish City*

Church Parish State/Province*

Promo Code

Promo Code

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free.

Enter Code

Add

Your annual membership dues will not auto-renew. Next year you will receive an email and payment link from the Knights of Columbus inviting you to renew your membership.





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*

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Enter Code - CODE VALID

BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

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Your annual membership dues will not auto-renew. Next year you will receive an email and payment link from the Knights of Columbus Inviting you to renew your membership.

Congratulations! You are qualified for a special promotion for the first year of your membership to the Knights of Columbus!

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Join

CONFIRM e-mail within 72 hours of joining to complete Membership

Participate in a Charity, Unity & Fraternity Exemplification to move to a council roster





Regional Meeting Planning

Region 2 & 4 – 8 & 9 August

8 August - Region 4 – Location TBD (Likely Hastings or Grand Island)

9 August - Region 2 – Elgin, NE

Region 1 – 15 August

St. Michael's Lincoln, NE

Region 5 & 6 - 22 & 23 August

22 August – Region 6 – Scottsbluff, NE

23 August – Region 5 – Indianola, NE

Region 3 -12 September

KofC Hall – Norfolk, NE

Region 7 & 8 – 19 September

St. Vincent DePaul Parish Hall, Omaha NE





Programs

Kevin Ostdiek





Supreme Forms - #10784 & SP-7

#10784 – Fraternal Programs Report Form

This is THE key form for reporting Council Activities to Supreme:

- Family of the Month – due 15th of the following month
 - Used to qualify for Family Keystone
- Special Olympics – due Jan. 31st
 - Used to help Nebraska earn more money for SONE from Supreme
- Faith in Action Programs
 - Submit once and attach the copy to ICC
- Other Faith / Family / Community / Life Activities
 - Submit once and attach the copy to ICC





Supreme Forms - #10784 & SP-7

#10784 – Fraternal Programs Report Form

If ALL councils used this form to report ALL programs & projects:

- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – Is Obsolete
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – Is Obsolete
- #1295 – Annual Audit – Becomes Easier

With a little more work to distribute submissions better:

- ICC Faith / Family / Community / Life Major Activity Reports
 - Could be replaced by the #10784 – instead of attaching a copy
 - Need to be able to direct these to the appropriate State Director





Supreme Forms - #10784 & #SP-7

#SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – Due June 30th

Updated this year to improve processing of forms at Supreme

- *Fewer applications denied*
- *Faster approvals*

Build better Mission alignment

- *More council donations*
- *More COR participants*
- *More fraternal events*

Create happier councils that can invite more members





Supreme Forms - #10784 & #SP-7

#SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – Due June 30th

Changes made for the up-coming year:

- It is simpler
- Online form only (no PDF version)
- Eliminates subjectivity
- No longer need to list 4 programs in all 4 Categories:
 - *Community, Faith, Family & Life*
- Now based on only 3 requirements





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 1

Donate \$500 toward any of the following:

- ASAP (cash or item value)
- Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)
- Coats for Kids
- RSVP

Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- ☐ Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- ☐ RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- ☐ Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 2

Complete 4 “Faith in Action” programs:

- 1 Program in each Category:
 - *Faith, Family, Community, Life*

Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 3

Conduct Cor monthly, starting no later than April

- *Include name and email of EFF Director on SP-7*

OR

Conduct 3 unique programs/activities within the year that:

- *Build fraternity*
- *Bring men closer to Christ*
- *Serve parish or community*





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 3

Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.





Coats for Kids

The State will hold 3 Coats for Kids give-aways again this year:
One in Each Diocese on _____:

- Omaha –
- Lincoln –
- Grand Island –

Alert your Councils to these and encourage them to participate in the give-away closest to them.

Councils can meet their SP-7 \$500 donation by supporting the State or a local event.

- \$500 – Would provide 2 to 3 cases of coats (24 – 36 coats) for kids who have no coat for this winter





Soccer Challenge

Schedule for holding Soccer Challenge:

- Council – Now thru mid-September
- District – Late August thru end of September
- Region – Late September thru mid-October
- State – October 24th – *Location TBD*

Resources:

- #SC-KIT – Soccer Challenge Kit
 - Order from Supplies Online
- #4578 – Soccer Entry form / Score sheet
 - Downloadable from Supreme: Community Resources page





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Changes to the Faith in Action Programs are meant to:

- Focus on the BEST program
- Streamline the resources that Supreme provides

Supreme's Process for making these changes focuses on:

- Removing programs that had a low adoption by councils
- Trying to remove redundancies between programs
- Add more engaging programs





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Programs that were removed this year:

- Family Week
- Good Friday Family Promotion
- Habitat for Humanity

This doesn't mean that you cannot run these programs. It just means that they are not "Faith In Action" programs at Supreme. They now fall in the "Other" category.





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Programs that were combined this year:

- Family Fully Alive → Family Prayer Night
- Novena for Life → Gospel of Life
- Pregnancy Center Support → ASAP

Continue to engage in these great programs. Just be aware that you will be looking for them under the name that they were combined with.





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Other changes being implemented this year:

- New Program:
 - Build-a-Bed – added to the Family pillar
- Moved Program:
 - Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
 - *Moved from Faith to Family pillar*





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Also remember the New Programs implemented last year:

- Quinceañera Support (Family)
- Remembering Our Faithful Departed (Family)
- Imitating Saint Juan Diego (Faith)
- ¡Viva Cristo Rey! (Faith)
- Bright Futures (Community)
- Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage (Community)
- Gospel of Life (Life)
- Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe (Life)





ICC Program

ICC stands for “**Inter-Council Competition**”. For 12 years it has been Nebraska’s program for reporting council activities & rewarding excellence.

It is designed to:

- Reward every council in Nebraska for the great work that they do in their parishes & communities
- Recognize the councils that are excelling in all phases of council activities: Programs, Growth & reporting
- The ICC Champion is determined by a vote of the delegates at the Nebraska State Convention: April 23rd – 25th, 2027





ICC Requirements

- Page 21 of the Program Book
- Downloadable from the State website: www.nebraskakofc.org
- Included in your packet
- Spells out Each Level of Achievement:
 - Forms must be submitted
 - Submission deadlines
 - Growth goal and possible adjustments



2026-2027 ICC AWARDS PROGRAM CHECKLIST									
There are 11 items required for ICC Bronze									
There are 16 items required for ICC Silver									
There are 18 items required for ICC Gold									
	Gold Requirements Receive by Date		Silver Requirements Receive by Date		Bronze Requirements Receive by Date				
Form 185 Report of Officers	JUN 30		MAR 1		MAR 1				
Form 365 Service Personnel	JUN 30		MAR 1		MAR 1				
Form 1295 Annual Audit	AUG 15		MAR 1		MAR 1				
ICC Council Activity Planner	SEP 1								
State Per Capita	SEP 1		SEP 1		MAR 1				
Supreme Per Capita	SEP 1		SEP 1		MAR 1				
Safe Environment Compliance	DEC 31		MAR 1		APR 1				
Form 1728 Fraternal Activity Annual Survey	JAN 31		MAR 1		MAR 1				
State Per Capita	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1				
Supreme Per Capita	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1				
ICC Columbian Qualifier Application	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1				
ICC Knight of the Year Or ICC Rookie Knight of the Year	MAR 1		Turn in one of these applications by MAR 1						
ICC Family of the Year	MAR 1								
ICC Faith Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
ICC Family Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
ICC Community Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
ICC Life Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
Membership (April 1)	75% of Quota*		50% of Quota*		25% of Quota*				

*Completion of two (2) of the Keystone Projects laid out in the State Program Book will result in a reduction of 10% of your ICC Membership Quota for the Year. Completion of all eight (8) Keystone Projects can reduce your ICC Membership Quota by a total of 40%. A minimum of +1 new member is required for Membership for ICC Awards.

This will not change your Membership Quota for Star Council.

2025-2026 Star Councils may use a "Wild Card" to take the place of one of the ICC Program Requirements.

The "Wild Card" cannot be used on

Membership, State Per Capita, Supreme Per Capita, or any of the Supreme Reports (forms listed in **bold text**).



ICC Requirements

Required Supreme Forms:

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report
- #1295 – Annual Audit
- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Required State Forms:

- ICC Columbian Qualifier Application (*Gold, Silver & Bronze*)
- ICC Knight of the Year or Rookie Knight of the Year (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Family of the Year (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Family / Faith / Community / Life Award Application (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Council Activity Planner (*Gold*)





ICC Requirement Changes for 2026

Supreme moved to 1 Audit, so we removed the 2nd Audit requirement and replaced it with **Safe Environment Training**:

- Gold – SET Compliant by December 31st, 2026
- Silver – SET Compliant by March 1st, 2027
- Bronze – SET Compliant by April 1st, 2027

Updated the ICC Columbian Qualifier Application (*Required for Gold, Silver & Bronze*) to be closer to Supreme's new SP-7

- Removed 1 Program in each Section (12 are needed instead of 16)
- Required that the 1st Program in each Section be a 'Faith In Action' program





ICC Requirements— Wild Card

If your council was Star Council in 2025-26, you earned a 'Wild Card' which can fill in for a missed requirement

Wild Cards cannot replace the following:

- Membership requirement
- State & Supreme Per Capita payments
- Required Supreme reports:
 - *Form 185 – Report of Officers*
 - *Form 365 – Service Personnel*
 - *Form 1295 – Annual Audits*
 - *Form 1728 – Fraternal Activity Annual Survey*





ICC Requirements— Keystone Projects

Councils can conduct up to 8 "Keystone Projects" to reduce their ICC Membership Quota

- *This will not reduce your Membership Quota for Star Council.*

Keystone Projects are picked by State Directors.

Every 2 Keystone Projects, reduces ICC Mem. Quota by 10%

- *Completing all 8 Keystone Projects will reduce your ICC Membership Quota 40%.*
- *Example: A council completes 7 Keystone Projects would need:*
 - 45% of their Membership Quota for ICC Gold
 - 20% of their Membership Quota for ICC Silver
 - 1 new member for ICC Bronze (Minimum requirement is 1 new member)





COR Resources & Update

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Evangelization and Faith Formation COR

New Resources

Dignity of Work

6 lessons

[Full Study Guide](#) available

Heart of the Gospel – A retreat for men

Free, Video based series in conjunction with Fr. John Riccardo

7 videos

Can be weekend or single day

[Resources](#), FAQ's, v\Videos

In Charity and Truth – Toward a Renewal of Political Culture

Based on Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori's pastoral letter, In Charity & Truth, published in preparation for America's 250th anniversary

12 sessions

[Study Guide](#) Available





Closing Remarks

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