



# DISTRICT DEPUTY

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**REMINDER**

## WORLD SERIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Step up to the plate and get ready to rally with councils throughout your jurisdiction to **earn a winning spot in the Knights of Columbus World Series of Membership competition**. The regular portion of the competition started July 6 and will run for 11 weeks. Playoffs will then begin Sept. 21 between the top eight teams (based on the number of points earned). Each playoff “game” will be based on two weeks of a percentage of intake. The losing jurisdiction of the first playoff round will receive a \$100 check for state council membership programs and the second round losing jurisdiction will receive \$250. The second place winner will receive \$500 and the overall winner will receive \$1,000 and Orderwide bragging rights. So make sure your council is ready to recruit during this exciting competition and help your jurisdiction hit a grand slam. For more information and to follow the daily results, visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on the “For Officers” link.

## COUNCIL-, PARISH-, OR SCHOOL-BASED CIRCLES

One of your councils would like to start a new Squires circle, but how do they begin? First, they need to **recruit at least 10 Catholic young men, 10 to 18 years old**. Great candidates would be the altar boys and students in the parish’s religious education program. Better yet, recruit from hundreds of potential members at a co-ed or all-boys Catholic junior or senior high school. Depending on whether the circle will be council-, parish- or school-based, hold an “open house” for the new recruits at the council home, at the parish center, or on the school campus. Finally, recruit counselors for the circle from Knights in the parish or from the school’s faculty, coaches, administrators and staff.

## RAISING THE QUOTA BAR

Starting July 1, the new membership quota will be based on 7 percent net of the council’s membership (with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 35 members). **This quota, up 2 percent from the previous year, affects qualifying for the Father McGivney and Star Council awards.**

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

Here are some things to consider as you plan your meeting.

- ❖ District meetings should be held no more than two to three weeks after the State Council’s organizational meeting.
- ❖ Distribute information on the “Year of the Volunteer” membership campaign.
- ❖ Encourage each council to immediately establish a membership recruitment committee and report the names of its members using the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) found on the Order’s Web site and in the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436).
- ❖ Discuss plans for recruitment events.
- ❖ Review programming events and ideas for the fraternal year. Utilize the sample district meeting agenda included in the administrative CD distributed at the State Council’s organizational meeting and in the *District Deputy Handbook* (#916). Also, see the online DD training module at [www.kofc.org/ddtraining](http://www.kofc.org/ddtraining).

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS

The 2008-2009 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest was a great success with young people participating in local competitions throughout the Order. **To view all of the winning posters and for more information on this program go to [www.kofc.org/substanceabuse](http://www.kofc.org/substanceabuse).**

## TAKE A QUICK LOOK:

- ❖ Forms from the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436) are also on the **Order’s Web site, [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms)**. Click on the type of form you want (“Council,” “Circle,” “Assembly,” “State”). Some forms are available in both online and printable formats.
- ❖ The **Service Program Personnel Report** (#365), found on the Order’s Web site, [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms), and in the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436) **was due Aug. 1**. If it has not yet been submitted for any of your councils, see that it is sent in immediately.
- ❖ The **Report of Officers Chosen form** (#185), found on the Order’s Web site and in the *Council Report Forms Booklet*, **should have been submitted before July 1**. If it has not yet been submitted for any of your councils, see that it is completed and sent in immediately.
- ❖ **Semiannual Council Audit Report** (#1295) **was due Aug. 15**. The report form can be found on the Order’s Web site, and in the *Council Report Forms Booklet*. Councils that have not yet sent in this form should do so now.
- ❖ **Report of Round Table Coordinator** (#2629) is **due as soon as a Round Table is formed**. The report is found on the Order’s Web site, and in the *Council Report Forms Booklet*. Please send in the report as soon as your council forms its Round Table.

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect Life Month. During this celebration of life, **councils should plan programs that show the Knights of Columbus respecting life at every stage.** These activities should not just be planned for October, but this opportunity should be used to plan for the entire fraternal year. The brochure “A People of Life – And for Life” (#4795) is a beautifully designed, full-color brochure that clearly outlines the Order’s commitment to the pro-life movement and also offers five practical action items to help members, their families and all concerned people get involved in building a culture of life. A similar poster (#4804) is also available. Additional copies of this brochure and poster are available from the Supreme Council Supply Department. Also, effective this 2009-10 fraternal year, rather than report “Pro-Life” activities under the “Community” category, you will report them under the newly created “Pro-Life” category. Electronic versions of the State Service Program Awards (#STSP) entry form and the Columbian Award (#SP7) are currently being updated, and we will advise you when the new versions have been posted to the Web site at [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms).

## ‘CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES’

One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus councils benefits people with intellectual disabilities by collecting funds outside of stores and on street corners from the public. In appreciation, the donor is offered a piece of candy, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll

Drive.” While this nickname is understandable, it is misleading since the Order has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. Many councils participate in the same fundraising drive, but distribute other items. **References to this program should highlight the good the money does, not advertise candy.** It is strongly recommended that this project be promoted as the “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.”

## ESSAY CONTEST

Urge your councils to take part in the **NEW International Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.** It is open to all Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools, grades 8 through 12. Participants are asked to write a 500- to 700-word essay based on the theme of “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.” The contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work. To order a kit, go to [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms), use the order form in the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436) or call (203) 752-4044.

## GET READY FOR SOCCER CHALLENGE

**It’s time for councils to start thinking about participating in the 2009-2010 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.** The details about the program are outlined in the Soccer Challenge Kit (#SC-KIT). Order this kit by filling out the Soccer Challenge order form found in the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436), or by calling 203-752-4016. Direct any questions about this program not answered in the guide to the appropriate state officials, call 203-752-4247 or visit [www.kofc.org/soccer](http://www.kofc.org/soccer).

## NEW COUNCILS AND CIRCLES ADDED LAST MONTH

District	Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
17	J. Guadalupe Reyna Cortez	Mexico Northeast	14833	Zacatecas
12	Darren Mark Ortalano	Ohio	14834	Cincinnati
A-09	Reynoso T. Piguing	Luzon	14835	San Guillermo, Morong
13	James Michael Forman	California	14836	Vallejo
FDD	Reynaldo C. Trinidad	Mindanao	14837	Cotabato Province
FDD	Juan Carlos Charleston Salinas	Mexico South	14838	Minatitlan, Veracruz
48	Marcel G. Seamples	Florida	14839	Naples
33	John L. Fitzpatrick	Pennsylvania	14840	Limeport
7	Gilberto Sanchez Mesa	Dominican Republic	14841	San Juan de La Maguana
13	Michael J. Enright	Massachusetts	14842	Townsend
B-94	Virgilio N. Abao	Mindanao	14843	Paradise, Libertad
PDD	Louis G. Struble	Texas	14844	Blanco

  

District	Name	Jurisdiction	Circle #	Location
L14	Noel Honorito G. Bien	Luzon	3520	Tabaco Albay
75	none appointed	Visayas	5329	Calbayog City
79	none appointed	Visayas	5330	Basey Samar
76	none appointed	Visayas	5331	Pagsanghan Samar
8	Anthony Otero	New Mexico	5332	Peralata
25	Robert P. Templet, Sr.	Louisiana	2558	Saint Amant
10	Armand J. Orban	New Mexico	2858	Deming