



District Deputy Reminder

JANUARY 2017

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Remember to submit the *District Deputy Semiannual Report* (#944), which was due Dec. 31.
- Have you planned your district mid-year meeting?
- Please ensure that each of the councils in your district submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) by January 31.
- If you have any questions during your term, please send an e-mail to dd@kofc.org.

KEEP A LOOKOUT

The Fraternal Mission Department is currently developing an exciting new way for councils to organize their charitable and fraternal activities. Stay tuned to future issues of the *District Deputy Reminder* for more information.

DISTRICT DEPUTY OFFICIAL VISITS

Why is it important for you to make official council visits?

- You represent the state deputy and supreme knight in your district.
- You ensure that each council in your district is on track with the mission of the Order.
- You encourage councils in your district to progress toward earning the Star Council Award.
- You ensure that each council in your district is fully engaged with their parish and community.
- You provide information on important state council and supreme council initiatives.

After your official visit, please complete and submit the *District Deputy Semiannual Report on Council Status* (#944).

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY (#1728)

The *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) measures each council's success throughout the calendar year. The combined results of each council's good works is a powerful testament of the charity that the Order as a whole provides to our parishes and communities. Please be sure that each council in your district is keeping track of the great work done in their parish and community and then reports that work to the Supreme Council by January 31, 2017.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Are you ready for the District Free Throw Contest in February? If two or more councils in your district are running the contest then you should hold a district shootout to see who advances to regional and state contests. Award medallions are available at no cost – one set of 12 (1 each for a boy and a girl in every age group 9-14) per district. Ask your state program or youth director for details.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Each year, councils in many jurisdictions work together with the Special Olympics to make the competitions memorable for the athletes. Many Knights describe the overwhelming feeling of warmth and love they receive from the athletes for helping and supporting them. Taking part in this program and submitting the *Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics* (#4584) helps your jurisdiction receive a donation from the Supreme Council for your jurisdiction's Special Olympics organization. Submit the form by January 31, 2017.

DISTRICT ESSAY CONTESTS

District judging of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest should take place in January. This is only necessary if two or more councils in your district have participated in the contest. Once the essays have been judged, district deputies should forward the winners on to the next level of competition. Please contact your state Essay Chairman or Youth Director to see if your jurisdiction participates at the state or province level. If not, call 203-752-4703 or email edward.wezenski@kofc.org for information on how to participate at higher levels of competition.

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The Global Wheelchair Mission is a partnership of the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and is the official mobility partner of the Knights of Columbus. Since 2003, councils from the U.S. and Canada have sponsored the distribution of more than 57,000 wheelchairs to communities in countries around the world, as well as in their own hometowns. Knowing that the need for wheelchairs has reached an all-time high of 100 million people world-wide, every little donation a council makes towards the Global Wheelchair Mission will go a long way in answering the prayers of those who are mobility inclined. More information regarding this program can be found on kofc.org/wheelchair.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT Kofc.org OR CALL (203) 752-4270



Our 5th Sunday Rosary program is a vital way that your council can promote devotion to our Blessed Mother and implement the Domestic Church initiative within your parish. January 29, 2017 and April 30, 2017 mark the next Fifth Sundays in this fraternal year. On these day, lead a public

praying of the rosary after all parish Masses. To ensure good attendance, you will want to promote the event at least two weeks before it takes place. You might also consider announcing a special rosary prayer intention for the event, such as praying for the sanctity of life or vocations from your parish.

The Supreme Council has a 5th Sunday Rosary Kit (SR-KIT) that includes finger rosaries, posters and prayer guides to help you facilitate this program in your parish. If your council regularly leads a weekly or monthly rosary, you are welcome to order the rosary kit for those regular events as well.

Remember, the rosary is the central prayer of every Knight of Columbus and is a pillar of family prayer life. Praying the rosary together is a distinctively Catholic experience that should be happening in all Catholic parishes. Use the 5th Sunday Rosary Program not only to revitalize this tradition but also to offer parishioners an experience of fraternity and fellowship, as shared by members of the Knights of Columbus.

Reminders:

- Order copies of the newest edition of *The Family Fully Alive* (#10162) and give them to parish families to use in their homes.
- Order the 5th Sunday Rosary Kit (SR-KIT) before the 5th Sunday event on January 29, 2017. To order, please email fraternalmission@kofc.org or call 203-752-4270.
- Read about the new Building the Domestic Church Series, available from Catholic Information Service at kofc.org/cis, and speak with your pastor about ordering a kiosk to display the series in your church hall or vestibule.

CULTURE OF LIFE EVENTS IN JANUARY AND BEYOND

Encourage your councils to sponsor a bus or subsidize students to attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 27. This year's theme is, "The Power of One!" For more information about the March for Life, youth conference, rally, Rose Dinner, and related events, visit www.marchforlife.org or call 202-543-3300.

For those on the West Coast, Culture of Life events will be held in three major California cities on Saturday, January 21. In addition to the large Walk for Life – West Coast in San Francisco, pro-life events will be held in Los Angeles and San Diego. Other Marches and Walks for Life are scheduled in cities and towns throughout the country in January.

During the month of March, Philippine Knights will have marches for life in major cities in their country. Go to www.kofc.org.ph for more information. Canadian Knights are encouraged to participate in the National March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11, 2017 or in provincial marches on or around that date. For more information, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com.

To order "Choose Life" signs, call 203-752-4403 or send an email to william.obrien@kofc.org with your name, council number, address, telephone number, and the exact number of signs needed in English, French or Spanish.

NEW COUNCILS INSTITUTED LAST MONTH

District	DD Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
21	Mauricio Jimenez Carrillo	Mexico West	16593	Cd. Guzman
72	Peter Chiaravalle	Florida	16594	Sunrise
10	Thomas A. Negrete	Kansas	16595	Olathe
63	Scott Williams	New Jersey	16596	Somerset-Syro Malabar
B31	Benedick C. De Mesa	Luzon North	16597	Bangkal, Abucay, Bataan
S16	Fernando S. Laxamana	Luzon North	16598	Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga
S16	Fernando S. Laxamana	Luzon North	16599	San Francisco, Magalang, Pampanga
J31	Felixberto S. Jampit, Sr.	Mindanao	16600	Linao, Gingoog City
9	Julian Gonzales	New Mexico	16601	Santa Fe
L45	Manolito M. Magsino	Luzon South	16602	Ibaan Batangas
25	Victor Hugo Canales-Quezada	Mexico Northwest	16603	Meoqui, Chih.
7	Martin Ryan Jr.	Tennessee	16604	Thompson's Station
V147	Roque P. Pacaco	Visayas	16605	Brgy., Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo
V62	Edgar Y. Tanala	Visayas	16606	Manlurip. San Jose, Tacloban
Q19	Alfredo Hebrona Jr.	Mindanao	16607	General Santos City
V161	Roy Jacob A. Madresta	Visayas	16608	Brgy., Bulak Sur, Batad, Iloilo
L44	Efren M. Reyes	Luzon South	16609	Poblacion, San Pascual, Batangas
A08	Braulio B. Rojonan Jr.	Mindanao	16610	Zamboanga City
34	Ronald G. Hassan	Maryland	16611	Baltimore