



District Deputy Reminder

MARCH 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1 COLUMBUS PLAZA, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Ensure that each of the councils in your district submitted the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728).
- Advise local council officers how to best conduct their upcoming Church Recruitment Drives.
- Review each council's progress toward earning the Star Council Award.
- If you have any questions during your term, please send an e-mail to dd@kofc.org.

COUNCIL ASSESSMENTS DUE

Remind the councils in your district that the payment of the January assessment from the Supreme Council is due before April 10. Councils that fail to remit payment by this time risk being suspended. Delegates of suspended councils cannot be seated at their state convention until the council is reinstated.

PLANNING FOR THE COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION (#SP-7)

Remind your councils to review their programming activities and verify if they have conducted or plan to conduct at least four programs in each of the Service Program categories (Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life and Youth). Remind your councils of this year's new requirement that a minimum of four of these programs must be designated as Domestic Church activities. A full listing of Domestic Church activities can be found at kofc.org/DomesticChurch.

SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

Since 1960, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition. In recent years, beginning each March, instead of carrying a single live rose on one route, silver roses are carried on eight routes across North America, with Knights of Columbus from Canada to Mexico carrying the roses from destination to destination, and finally, each December 12th, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

Every stop, at cathedrals, churches and Knights of Columbus councils along the route of the Silver Rose Pilgrimage is an occasion for prayer and spiritual renewal centered on the rosary. English, French and Spanish booklets containing recommended prayers, scripture readings and a litany accompany the Silver Rose. Contact your jurisdiction's Silver Rose chairman to have your council included in this year's Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program.

CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S DAY

The Order celebrates its 135th birthday on March 29. It was on this day that the State of Connecticut recognized a group of Catholic men, led by Father McGivney, as a new organization dedicated to living the ideal of charity and to helping people in need. In honor of this day, encourage councils in your district to celebrate our founding by sponsoring a special Mass or conducting an Admission Degree. Another way for councils to mark our founding is to conduct a charitable service project in honor of Father McGivney during the week in which March 29 falls.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Encourage councils in your district to conduct a vocations awareness event in their parishes on Sunday, May 7, 2016 in honor of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Supporting religious vocations has always been a priority for our Order and by providing support to those discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life, Knights help enable those men and women to realize their vocations.

2017 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA, CANADA

Using the theme, "Life – we stand on guard for thee," pro-life Canadians by the thousands will gather in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11, 2017 to join in the 20th annual National March for Life.

With both abortion and physician assisted suicide, even euthanasia, now legal throughout Canada, pro-life Canadians must stand in defense of life at its beginning and at its end. Encourage your councils to charter buses and sponsor students to help make this year's March for Life bigger and better than ever! Special Masses for pro-life intentions are scheduled at various churches throughout Ottawa for Wednesday evening, May 10th, and for Thursday morning.

For more information on the religious services, National March for Life, Rose Dinner, Youth Conference, and provincial marches, go to www.marchforlife.ca or call Campaign Life Coalition at 1-800-730-5358.

Order Knights of Columbus "Choose Life" signs by emailing william.obrien@kofc.org or call 203-752-4403 to provide name, address, council number, telephone number, and the precise number of signs you need in English and/or French.

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



There are reports that nearly 14 million Catholics have left the faith and that sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41 percent since the year 2000. These factors, and the many others which have contributed to the growing spiritual battle within the Church, caused Phoenix Bishop Thomas Olmsted to publish his apostolic exhortation *Into the Breach*.

To help this letter reach a wider audience, the Supreme Council has partnered with Bishop Olmsted to release an *Into the Breach* reflection guide.

A new feature of the Catholic Information Service's Veritas Series, this guide can help every council promote a discussion of masculinity and courage among the men of their parish. Studying *Into the Breach* provides an opportunity to open wide our council doors and invite more of our fellow parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus in strengthening Catholic men and families.

Studying and discussing *Into the Breach* (#340) would be ideal during the Lenten and Easter seasons. The booklet can easily be divided and read over the course of several weeks. Talk with your pastor about holding a weeknight or Saturday morning men's discussion group, perhaps following a previously scheduled Mass or Holy Hour. Be sure to make plans for some refreshments and allow time for men of your parish to socialize.

Hardcopies of *Into the Breach* (#340) can be obtained by placing an order at knightsgear.com or by contacting Catholic Information Service at 203-752-4214. An online copy of the booklet is also available online at kofc.org/cis.

NEW COUNCILS INSTITUTED LAST MONTH

District	DD Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
E06	Jolito P. Espejo	Mindanao	16631	Katipunan, Zamboanga Del Norte
B26	Eliseo C. Jacob, Jr.	Luzon North	16632	St. Louis University, Baguio City
J31	Felixberto C.S. Jampit, Sr.	Mindanao	16633	Brgy. Lawit, Gingoog City
11	Charles J. Hayes	Maryland	16634	Silver Spring
J31	Felixberto C.S. Jampit, Sr.	Mindanao	16635	Balason, Gingoog
P02	Emmanuel C. Tayan	Mindanao	16636	Malamote, Kabacan, Cotabato
L57	Federico M. Joyas	Luzon South	16637	Taguan Candelaria Quezon
P02	Emmanuel C. Tayan	Mindanao	16638	Poblacion, Malamote, Cotabato
S02	Francisco B. Gozon	Mindanao	16639	Ideal Homes, Lertad, Butuan City
9	Roman Piekarski	Poland	16640	Szczecin
14	Joseph W. Schnitzer	Illinois	16641	Westchester
12	Dariusz Wolniak	Poland	16642	Kielce
34	Horst Lehrer	Michigan	16643	Onkama
J31	Felixberto C.S. Jampit, Sr.	Mindanao	16644	Odiangan, Gingoog City
Q19	Alfredo P. Hebrona, Jr.	Mindanao	16645	Malungon, Sarangani Prov.
R07	Mardion L. Balgos	Mindanao	16646	Bambad, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
167	Victor B. Dangan	Visayas	16647	Brgy. Cagay, Roxas City
	L. Waksmundzki	Ukraine	16648	Khmelnitsky
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1	Slawomir Wojtowicz	Poland	16650	Krakow
C01	Honorato P. Panahon	Luzon North	16651	Pinagpanaan, Talvera, Nueva Ecija
166	Nicanor C. Alvaro	Visayas	16652	Brgy. Lawa-an, Roxas City
4	Jose de la luz Fernandez	Mexico Central	16653	San Juan del Rio, Qro.
39	Dennis P. Valerio	California	16654	San Leandro
J15	Rey I. Obsioma	Mindanao	16655	Danao, Patag, Opol, Misamis Oriental
31	Anthony Zawadzki	Pennsylvania	16656	Walnutport
166	Nicanor C. Alvaro	Visayas	16657	Brgy. Cagay, Roxas City
1	Steven Kocurek	Virginia	16658	Old Dominion University - Norfolk