



# DISTRICT DEPUTY *reminder*

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## OCTOBER IS AN IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMMING MONTH

During the first weekend in October each council is encouraged to hold a charitable program in honor of Pope Francis. In August, grand knights received a letter with all the details from George Hanna, Senior Vice President of Fraternal Services. District Deputies received a similar email from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. This effort will give visibility to local councils and the great works of charity they perform.

In addition, you have received or soon will receive a letter from the Supreme Knight bringing attention to the importance of Church Drives for membership growth, the Star Council Award, and conducting one first degree ceremony per month. Each council should hold a membership drive during the second weekend of October and host a first degree of its own soon after. If that's not possible, a degree that is open to the district and held in an accessible location is a good backup plan.

The Supreme Knight has asked grand knights to deliver new prospects' contact information to the state membership director, who is charged with working with you to follow up on all leads. Not all prospects will be able to receive their first degree immediately, so please remain in contact throughout the membership process.

All district deputies should have at least one Star Council per fraternal year. This is how they can best contribute to the Power of One program.

As the Supreme Knight writes:

*Now is also the time to make sure that your best councils are on track for the prestigious Star Council Award through recruitment, programming and insurance excellence. Our Order's goal is to have one Star Council per district, but I encourage you to strive toward Star District status by leading all your councils to that goal.*

### ONE MEMBER

*Per Council, per Month*

### ONE STAR COUNCIL

*per District.*

### ONE NEW COUNCIL

*per Diocese, per Jurisdiction,  
per Year.*

### ONE FIRST DEGREE

*Per Council (or per District),  
per Month.*

## NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM

The Order's pilot program for new council development allows a council to be instituted with 20 members. Partner with the pastor to charter a council at any local parish not being served by a Knights of Columbus council, and don't hesitate to reach out to the local field agent, who is trained to assist you.

## PROGRAM OF THE MONTH: KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

In a society where Christmas has become a secular holiday for many, it's easy for people – especially children – to forget that Christmas is the day on which God gave the world His greatest gift in the form of his only Son.

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In response, the Knights of Columbus has introduced a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This program, similar to the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, allows young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while remembering the true meaning of Christmas. The contest is open to young people ages 5-14 and divided into three age groups. For more information or to order the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit #5024, visit [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms) or call 203-752-4016.

All councils are encouraged to promote this program, so please spread the word to grand knights. Give the young people in your parish communities the opportunity to express the true meaning of Christmas.

## **Reminder: Star Council Award Requirements**

The Star Council Award is achievable for every council in your district. Here are the requirements:

1. Meet membership quota (7 percent growth, with a minimum of 4 new members).
2. Meet insurance quota (2.5 percent growth, with a minimum of 3 new insurance members)
3. Serve the parish and local communities through charitable works.
4. Council keeps in regular contact with you and submits:
  - a. Report of Service Program Personnel — #365\*
  - b. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity — #1728 (due Dec. 31)
  - c. Columbian Award Application — #SP7 (due June 30)

\*We are still accepting this form, as well as #185—Report of Council Officers, although they are both past due.

## **New Councils and Circles Instituted Last Month**

District	DD Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
12	Joseph Mathew	Maine	15791	Falmouth
B42	Mario A. BalmacedaLuzon		15792	Bangilo, Malibcong, Abra
34	Theodore Johnson	Ohio	15793	Chillicothe
7	James Glover	Virginia	15794	Fort Lee
2	Otto Heck	District of Columbia	15795	Washington DC
54	Ernest Garcia	Texas	15796	Houston
V154	Serafin D. Delgado	Visayas	15797	Brgy. Binon-an, Batad, Iloilo
38	Kevin McMahon	Florida	15798	Tampa
2	Art Aguirre	Texas	15799	Fabens
n/a	n/a	Ukraine	15800	Kiev
n/a	n/a	Ukraine	15801	Lviv
n/a	n/a	Ukraine	15802	Lviv
n/a	n/a	Ukraine	15803	Sambir
10	Caleb Williams, Jr.	Alabama	15810	Andalusia
76	George Roumaya	Michigan	15811	Troy
126	Anthony Despart	California	15812	Big Bear Lake
10	Vincent Meis	Iowa	15813	Dubuque

District	DD Name	Jurisdiction	Circle #	Location
None	None	Luzon	3635	Paco Manila
C35	Nicasio Reyes	Mindinao	5680	Cagayan De Oro City
C54	Edgardo Lino Avila	Luzon	5681	Queszon City Cubao
T37	David Navarro	Luzon	5682	Pura Tarlac
O20	Timothy Whitney	Virginia	5683	Woodstock
I35	Tolentino Mantillas	Luzon	5684	Dasmarias Imus
D01	Ricardo Jimenez Jr	Mindinao	5685	Davao Davao Del Sur
OO2	Thierry Barkley	Nevada	5686	Sparks
O66	John A. Ledesma Sr	Texas	5687	Spring

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