



# District Deputy Reminder

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

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Ensure that each of the councils in your district submitted their *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728).
- 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](mailto:dd@kofc.org).

## NEXT WEBINAR

The next webinar entitled "Promoting Vision on Founder's Day" will take place on Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. Visit [kofc.org/webinar](http://kofc.org/webinar) to register today or keep an eye out for an invitation in your inbox. Encourage all of the fraternal leaders in your area to attend this webinar!

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

The problem of substance abuse has reached crisis levels – even the President of the United States has declared the rise of opiate use a national emergency. Help do your part to keep kids off drugs by sponsoring the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest. Depending on your state contest deadlines, you may still have time to encourage your councils to order item SA-KIT from [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms), calling 203-752-4270, or emailing [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org).

If you are already involved in the program, February is the time for the district level judging. The winning posters should be forwarded to the state office; talk to your state program or youth director for the deadline and mailing address. The contest is available to all young people between the ages of 8 and 14.



## GEAR UP FOR A BUSY MARCH

Councils in your district should be preparing for a busy month of March, both in terms of membership growth and charitable outreach.

The weekend of March 10 - 11, 2018 features the **Council Church Drive Weekend**. Councils should be consulting with their pastor and securing permission to have pulpit announcements after all Masses on this weekend. To conduct a successful Church Drive, please consult the *Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual* (#10237).

The week of March 12-18, 2018 features the **Council Outreach Week in honor of Father McGivney**. All councils are encouraged to conduct charitable service projects during this week to honor our founder.

The **Council First Degree Week** is scheduled for March 19-25, 2018. Prospective members identified through the Council Church Drive should be welcomed into councils during this week. Councils should take advantage of utilizing the First Degree Video Production if they do not have a certified First Degree Team available.

## 40 CANS FOR LENT

As part of the Order's Food for Families program, councils are encouraged to conduct a 40 Cans for Lent program. This simple-to-conduct program asks each member of the council, along with the parish community, to donate one can of food for each day of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018. If the council collects and distributes a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food and contributes 100 hours of service to the program, it will satisfy all four requirements for the Family Activities category of the Columbian Award.

## 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 submitted this important document which was due on January 31, 2018.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [Kofc.org](http://Kofc.org) OR CALL (203) 752-4270



## *Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child*

The international Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child offers a special opportunity to pray for the sacredness of every human life, from conception until natural death. Celebrated annually on March 25th, in 2018 this special day also happens to be Palm Sunday. Early planning is needed to coordinate activities with council chaplains or pastors who no doubt already have a full schedule for the beginning of Holy Week.

Prayers for the unborn and their mothers could be included in the petitions at Mass. Perhaps a special Rosary for the unborn could be held before or after Mass.

Prayerful activities could also be held outside of the parish or council, such as at a tomb for the unborn in a local cemetery, outside an abortion clinic, or in some other public area. Besides Knights, family members, and parishioners, invite members of the community, including pro-life public officials and health care workers, to participate in any council-sponsored observance.

Encourage those attending events to take practical action, such as bringing diapers, maternity or baby clothes, or contributing to a Baby Bottle Boomerang. Funds collected could be donated to a local pregnancy care center to purchase an ultrasound machine or other needed equipment/supplies, or to support other pro-life organizations.

To organize a prayer service, councils should:

- Consult with their chaplain/pastor to establish a time and the type of service (i.e. Mass, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc.)
- If the occasion is appropriate, suggest to your chaplain or pastor that the "Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb" be included in the Mass or service.

- Offer special petitions or prayers that include all unborn children who have died because of miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth, or children who died after birth from illness, disability, accident, violence or other causes. Pray for the fathers, mothers and siblings of these children as well.

- Ask the pastor to announce the program in the parish bulletin and from the pulpit at all Masses on weekends prior to the event.

- Send a notice to your diocesan newspaper and radio station and local secular media. Post details on the council's website and in other social media. Notify parish and local pro-life groups and include them in your event.

The following materials are available through [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com) at no cost, except for shipping, when ordered in reasonable quantities:

**"Winning Words of Life"** – this four-page, full-color educational flyer (#2275) offers thoughtful responses to common abortion arguments, and fits nicely into church bulletins for distribution.

**"Ultrasound Initiative"** – this flyer (#10535) describes the basics of the Ultrasound Initiative and how councils and individuals can help fund new ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers

**"A People of Life – And for Life"** (#4795) is a brochure outlining the Order's commitment to building a culture that values human life at every stage. A poster (#4804) with a similar design is also available.

**"Prayer for Life"** prayer cards (#4665)

**"Pray the Rosary to End Abortion"** - poster (#2073) and prayer card (#2072)

**"Gospel of Life"** poster (#4238) and prayer card (#4237 E-F-S) in English, French or Spanish.

The Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child is a key part of the Order's Culture of Life program. For more information on the Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child, visit the Culture of Life section of the Knights of Columbus website at [kofc.org/service](http://kofc.org/service).

## NEW COUNCILS INSTITUTED LAST MONTH

District	DD Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
9	Brian Rameker	Wisconsin	16900	Wrightstown
C54	Buenaventura D. Tan	Luzon North	16901	Cubao, Quezon City
P16	Federico N. Gacasa, Jr.	Luzon South	16902	Aramaywan, Quezon Palawan
16	Michael Mancari	South Carolina	16903	Chapin
20	Thomas A. Novotney	Iowa	16904	Waterloo (Sacred Heart)
V36	Alejandro A. Trazo	Visayas	16905	Talibon, Bohol
H06	Lucilo D. Omandam	Mindanao	16906	Baroy, Lanao Del Norte
21	Mark Rednour	Tennessee	16907	LaFollette
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16908	Paris - Saint Jean Baptiste
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16909	Paris - Saint Jean-Paul II
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16910	Paris - Saint Martin
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16911	Paris - Saint Michel
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16912	Paris - Saint Georges
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16913	Paris - Br. Frederic Ozanam
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16914	Paris - Sacre-Coeur de Jesus
n/a	Maxime Nogier	France	16915	Paris - Fr. Jacques Hamel
V84	James R. Villanueva	Visayas	16916	Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar
213	Vincent Pena	Texas	16917	Weslaco
V36	Alejandro A. Trazo	Visayas	16918	Trinidad
C23	Teofilo Tiueco Jr.	Luzon South	16919	Iriga City
V111	Edwardo Segovia Jr.	Visayas	16920	Pagla-um Village
V108	Wilbert M. Solina	Visayas	16921	Pontevedra
53	Stephen Slobodnik	Iowa	16922	Ottumwa
N06	Esmeraldo O. Padoa, Sr.	Mindanao	16923	New Visayas, Panabo City