When we come together as Knights, we accomplish great things. Each task we undertake makes a difference in the lives of everyone involved. It answers people’s prayers. It changes you, and everyone you encounter, forever.

Inside this issue you will find details of our Faith In Action community programs. Take a look and see how our existing programs have made our communities better places to live. With our new programs, we’ll keep making a difference, touching hearts and together bringing the joy of Christ to the world.

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The Four Ws of Achieving Success in Your Community Programs

Need help getting your community programs off the ground? Here’s the Who, Why, Where and When of Faith In Action programs to get you started.

**Action** — and ultimately success — will follow.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**Who** we help: Parishes and communities.

**What** is it: A community awareness effort that promotes crisis readiness, response capabilities and (when appropriate) immediate disaster response. This includes working with local law enforcement, fire departments and/or the Red Cross for educational preparatory events, as well as fundraising and efforts to assist those in need.

**Where**: A parish or other community location to host seminars, classes and initiatives that cover fire safety, disease control, natural disaster awareness and fundraising efforts (e.g., canned food collection or financial contributions).

**When**: Year-round. In areas prone to seasonal disasters (hurricanes, wildfires, tropical storms, etc.), engage in disaster preparedness activities well in advance.

**Steps to Getting Started**

- Communicate with your jurisdiction leadership to find out about current disaster procedures.
- Start each fraternal year with disaster preparation: Work with local fire departments and the Red Cross to learn what to do before, during and after a disaster situation.
- Set up a phone tree to reach all council members and all the parish’s vulnerable members (the elderly, disabled and those who live alone) in case a disaster strikes. Update information regularly.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Who** we help: Families and children who deserve a safe and beautiful place to call home.

**What** is it: Knights of Columbus councils work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes families in need at substantially reduced costs.

**Where** do we conduct it: Your community.

**When** do we schedule it: Year round, coordinating with local Habitat for Humanity project dates.

**Steps to Getting Started**

- Visit habitat.org or email volunteer@habitat.org to learn about the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and get information on upcoming projects.
- Build public interest for each event. Promote Habitat to your council, parish and community through prominent promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online), bulletin and pulpit announcements, your parish website and social media.

**Note**: Councils must donate a minimum of $1,000 or 200 service hours to Habitat for Humanity projects in their community to satisfy program requirements. This act will count for two credits towards the Columbian Award.

You can help provide food, clean water, shelter and other necessities to those in disaster-struck communities around the world. Donate at kofc.org/disaster. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts.
**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**

**Who** we help: Students in 8th through 12th grade educated in public, private or parochial schools or at home.

**What** is it: This contest showcases participants’ creativity and imagination in writing a 500-750 word essay on civic discourse or life-affirming values.

**Where** do we conduct it: The award presentation can take place at the council’s meeting place, participating schools or another location.

**When** do we schedule it: Just prior to and during the school year.

**Steps to Getting Started**

- Review the 2018-19 contest theme at kofc.org/essay.
- Order the Catholic Citizenship Essay Kit (#EA-KIT) prior to the school year. This kit is available through Supplies Online at the officers’ online portal.
- Encourage all relevant organizations (youth groups, religious education groups, Catholic schools, homeschooling families, etc.) to promote and participate in the contest.
- Assemble a team of three or more members of the community to judge the entries. Winning essays advance through the levels of the contest until reaching the international level.

The top three international level winners for each grade receive monetary awards:
- $300 for 1st place and $100 each for two runners-up in each grade level. Checks are accompanied by a framed certificate signed by the supreme knight.

**Coats for Kids**

**Who** we help: Children, especially those going back to school, whose families cannot afford a warm coat.

**What** is it: The Coats for Kids program ensures that no child in North America goes without a suitable coat.

**Where**: Parishes, schools, or other community gathering places.

**When**: Any time September through March.

**Steps to Getting Started**

- Review the Coats for Kids Program Action Plan and contact the state council about coordinating a Coats for Kids event in your community.
- Set a distribution date, location and time. Buy cases of coats through knightsgear.com or knightsgear.ca.
- Promote the Coats for Kids drive in the community and to local media.

*Note: To satisfy program requirements and receive credit for their program, councils must distribute a specific number of coats. See the Faith In Action Guidebook (#10612) for details or email fraternal.mission@kofc.org.*

We have coats to suit whatever the weather conditions in your area.

Choose from our Canadian Heavy, U.S. Regular or South Lightweights.

Visit KnightsGear for details.
GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Who we help: People throughout the world who need a wheelchair but cannot afford one.

What is it: The Global Wheelchair Mission is an alliance of non-profit organizations, including the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, dedicated to delivering wheelchairs and mobility to people worldwide. K of C councils get involved by raising funds for a single wheelchair ($150) or a bulk purchase of 110-280 wheelchairs.

Where do we conduct it: Locally — for fundraising efforts. Worldwide — for distributions.

When do we schedule it: Year-Round.

Steps to Getting Started

• Contact the jurisdiction’s state wheelchair chairman to discuss and coordinate your council’s efforts.
• Set your councils’ Global Wheelchair Mission annual goal (i.e. specific dollar amount or specific number of wheelchairs). Lead council fundraising efforts and work with your pastor to obtain his permission to host a Wheelchair Sunday.

Note: Councils must purchase a container of 110-280 wheelchairs for a single donation to satisfy program requirements. This act will count for two credits towards the Columbian Award.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Who we help: Youth ages 9 to 14.

What is it: The championship encourages good sportsmanship and healthy competition. Participants compete by gender and age, progressing from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions.

Where do we conduct it: A basketball court at a local park, school, community center or other location selected by your council’s Free Throw Championship chairman.

When do we schedule it: January through March.

Steps to Getting Started

• Review the Free Throw Playbook (#1928) for guidelines, volunteer requirements and other information.
• Set a date, location and time for the Free Throw Championship. Train volunteers in the Safe Environment protocols (kofc.org/safe). A minimum of two volunteers must be Safe Trained.
• Contact schools and youth centers to explain and promote the program. Suggest that the schools or youth centers consider using this activity as part of their physical education classes.

HELPING HANDS

Who we help: The homeless, the addicted, the elderly, the isolated, the abandoned and others in need.

What is it: This program is an opportunity for Knights to provide dignity, hope and love to neighbors in need. Councils can form partnerships with local aid organizations or plan independent activities to best meet the local needs.

Where do we conduct it: Parish hall or local nonprofit organizations — anywhere there is a need.

When do we schedule it: Year-round.

Steps to Getting Started

• Generate program ideas from your council/parish. Efforts could include cooking soup kitchen meals, volunteering at or operating a food pantry, organizing mission trips, fundraising efforts (financial or resource collections) and more.
• Contact leaders from local nonprofit organizations to discuss how the council and parish can best assist them in their work.

A small bag or backpack of food and other essentials can give a homeless person hope for the day — or even save their life. Visit brianoc.org/brian-bags for ideas.

Nearly 300,000 people in Canada and 2.2 million people in the United States depend on a wheelchair for day-to-day tasks and mobility. Among them are approximately 85,000 veterans disabled as a result of combat-related wounds.

The Supreme Council has promotional items available through knightsgear.com to enhance the Free Throw Program on all levels. Knights of Columbus Basketballs are also available for use at council competitions, and may be used as awards for council winners.
NEW HAVEN — Chris Lewis’ bio describes him as born into the world of show business. One of Jerry Lewis’ six sons, Chris brings to the world the joy one would expect from the child of a comedic legend.

“Like most kids, I wanted to be like my dad,” Chris said. “But it wasn’t in doing silly stuff and falling down; it was helping people who couldn’t help themselves.”

Helping people was a Lewis family affair: From the age of 14, Chris worked with his dad on the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day telethon. He started by running errands on set, but by Jerry’s last year as host in 2010, Chris was associate producer.

The telethon greatly influenced Chris’s path in the Global Wheelchair Mission: He today serves as the president of the American Wheelchair Mission, as well as a chairman and board member of the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation.

“I decided a long time ago this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. And I had a good teacher in watching my father raising money to the tune of over $2 billion for the Muscular Dystrophy Association,” he said during a recent visit to Supreme Council headquarters.

Today Chris’ work with the wheelchair mission impacts millions. Nearly 100 million people worldwide need a wheelchair, he said, but they can’t afford one. And since many cultures consider it a curse to have somebody with a physical disability, people with mobility limitations often get hidden away, unable to ever leave their homes.

That is until the wheelchair mission volunteers come to town.

The Knights of Columbus are among those volunteers. Knights have supported the wheelchair mission since 2003. In that time, Knights have purchased and distributed of more than 70,000 wheelchairs around the world.

This doesn’t just change the lives of the recipients. It also impacts families and the community — on average about 10 lives. “That’s 700,000 people whose lives have been changed,” Chris said.

The distribution process, he said, starts with a donation of $150 for a single wheelchair. Once 280 wheelchairs are purchased, a container is shipped from Drive Medical in Port Washington, N.Y., to the distribution site.

When asked to share his favorite memory of wheelchair distribution, Chris has trouble choosing just one. But one he does share is that of nearly 80-year-old man who told Chris: “I haven’t felt like I was a man because I’d been crawling on the ground. Now I can sit up and I can look at people eye to eye, and say I’m a man again.”

As Chris says, “Something that we’ve discovered over the many years of delivering wheelchairs is that the wheelchair itself is not always the greatest gift.”

A hug, he explains, is “one of the greatest gifts they’ve ever received in their lives. Because they know another human being cares.”

And much like this father collaborated with his own Hollywood “family” in his many MDA projects, Chris finds support from his brother Knights.

“It really is a wonderful collaboration of deep rooted goodness,” he said. “People want to do good in the world, but they haven’t found a way to do it yet. We’re giving them the way to touch people in a way that they’ve never been able to do before. Doing that as a group of Knights is really, really amazing.”

For the complete video interview with Chris Lewis, visit the Knight of Columbus YouTube channel. Find out how your council can support the wheelchair mission by visiting amwheelchair.org or cdnwheelchair.ca.

We are grateful for the opportunity to give the gift of mobility to those who need it most, and who otherwise would be condemned to lives of isolation and hopelessness.

— Supreme Knight Carl Anderson
Looking for the Council Awards List?

In years past, the August issue of Knightline included a list of councils who’ve won the Star Council, Columbian, Father McGivney and Founders’ awards. Going forward, this listing of winners, including the percentage of membership quota earned by each Star Council, will not be printed in Knightline. Look for it instead in an upcoming issue of Columbia magazine. You can also find a listing on kofc.org.

Additional questions on the awards can be directed to the Fraternal Mission Department.

Thank You for Helping Save Our Communities

In 2017, K of C Charities has distributed $266,772 to purchase coats for children in need, $300,000 to the Global Wheelchair Mission and $641,475 for Food for Families.

None of this would have been possible without your help. With your continued aid, we can do even more, transforming our communities and leaving our mark as Knights of Columbus. Visit kofc.org/charities for details.

Grand Knight’s Checklist

Status Updates
- Verify that you’ve completed and submitted the revised Service Program Personnel Report (#365).
- Confirm that your council remains compliant with all new Safe Environment requirements (see page 7).

Things to Consider
- Regularly meet with your pastor to ensure your council is supporting the mission of the parish
  - Schedule several Admission Degrees during the summer months.
  - Invite your council’s field agent to upcoming meetings to give members the opportunity to learn about insurance benefits.
  - Visit kofc.org/webinar to register for and view upcoming webinars.
- Work with MPCs and new officers to implement the Faith in Action program model.

Your Goal for August

This month I challenge you to make a daily examination of conscience, probing your heart to find the false “masters” (e.g., comfort, power, appearance) to whom you go. Take a few minutes before bed to review the day, including both your blessings and sins. Second, I challenge you to eliminate one of your vices, and when you are tempted to participate in that vice, pray, “Jesus, I trust in you.”

Learn More

A new challenge will be published each month here in Knightline, as well as in the Chaplain’s Report and Columbia magazine. Instructions on discussing the challenge during your monthly meetings are available on kofc.org/domesticchurch.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.
Knights of Columbus Insurance

Ten Questions All Catholics Should Ask Their Insurance Company

Not sure if your insurance carrier lines up with your values? Ask these 10 questions:

1. Does my company promote Catholic values?
2. Does it protect the unborn?
3. Does it work to combat human cloning and embryonic stem cell research?
4. Does it provide funds to build schools for AIDS orphans?
5. Does it pay for clean drinking water wells for communities in Africa?
6. Does it help finance the distribution of warm winter coats to children in need?
7. Does it partner with Special Olympics International?
8. Does it promote and support vocations for priests and religious life?
9. Does it annually support Catholic media like EWTN and Salt + Light Television?
10. Does it support the Holy Father’s charities?

If items like these are important to you and your family, now is the time to buy insurance from a company that feels the same. Learn more by visiting kofc.org/insurance. To find your local agent, visit kofc.org/findagent.

Help Build Commitment to Children’s Safety

Several council officers and chairmen are now required to take safe environment training and provide authorization for a background check. The chart below indicates which council leaders need training and background checks. Members who are not compliant within 30 days of notification are subject to removal from their positions and may not be involved in community programs.

Begin the compliance process by completing and submitting the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) today.

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Listen, Share and Connect to Win a $50 Gift Card

Every Knight who recruits five men between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2018, will automatically win a $50 KnightsGear gift card! Here’s how:

- **Listen** to a man’s needs for himself and his family. How does he want to be involved with in the parish and community?
- **Share** how your K of C membership helps you and your family to live out your faith, help the community and be closer with each other.
- **Connect** that man with real programs and opportunities in your council that match his interests. Then, sign him up for membership using a Membership Document (#100) or by visiting kofc.org/joinus and using the Online Membership application.

To be eligible for the $50 gift card, you must be listed as the proposer on either the Form 100 or the Online Membership application.
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Find an agent at kofc.org or 1-800-345-5632