



**Knights of
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Florida
State Council



2024 Organizational Meeting

General Programs



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State General Programs Director



Programs

Charity & Membership

Knights conduct Programs
Programs need Knights to
Perform Their Good Works
Good Works = Charity

RECRUIT!



Agenda

- **Programs**
 - **Faith**
 - **Community**
 - **Family**
 - **Life**
- **Form 10784**
- **Safe Environment**



Faith in Action Guidebook

- Go to Supreme website.
- Highlight “What We Do.”
- Go to Programs.
- Hit “Resources” button.
- Download #10907.



FAITH

RSVP

Into the Breach

Spiritual Reflection

Holy Hour

Pilgrim Icon Program

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Rosary Program

Sacramental Gifts

COMMUNITY

Coats for Kids

Global Wheelchair Mission

Habitat for Humanity

Disaster Preparedness

Free Throw Championship

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Soccer Challenge/Hockey Challenge

Helping Hands

FAMILY

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year

Family Prayer Night

Family Fully Alive

Keep Christ in Christmas

Family Week

Consecration to the Holy family

Good Friday family Promotion

LIFE

Ultrasound Initiative

Pregnancy Support Center/ASAP

March for Life

Special Olympics

Christian Refugee Relief

Silver Rose

Mass for People with Special Needs

Novena for Life

Bold denotes Featured Programs



Directors

- Faith – Rev. Mr. Paul Koppie
- Family – Dr. Osmany Periu
- Community – Joe Fiorentino
 - Co-director – Charlie Marinelli
- Life – Steve Zajac



Faith

- Director: Rev. Mr. Paul Koppie, PSD



Faith

- State Icon Pilgrim Program Chairman:
Robert Higgins

*New Sacred Heart Icon coming this year!



Faith

Featured Programs:

- **RSVP** – Every \$500 provides \$100 refund up to \$400.
(#10784 + #2863 for the refund)
- **Holy Hour** – one per quarter; or two and one Eucharistic Procession for the year.
- **Spiritual Reflection** – day long reflection by 10 men or 10% of the council.
- **Into the Breach** – eight sessions to discuss the *Into the Breach* video.



Community

- Director: Joe Fiorentino
- Co-Director: Charlie Marinelli



Community

- Youth Director: Doug Blair
- Hockey Shootout Chair: Tony Constantine & Steve Lowry
- Global Wheelchair Mission: Michael Costanza
- Coats for Kids Chairman: Larry Fusco



Community

Featured Programs:

- **Coats for Kids** – Councils must distribute 6 cases of coats.
- **Global Wheelchair Mission** – 10 wheelchairs; chairs must be valued at \$150 each.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – \$1,000 or 200 service hours.



Community

- Soccer: December 7, 2024 (Melbourne)
- Essay: January 1, 2025
- Poster: February 15, 2025
- Free Throw: March 8, 2025 (Melbourne)
- Hockey: April 5, 2025 (TBD)

* These Competition Dates are in your pocket calendars!



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Family

- Director: Dr. Osmany Periu



Family

Featured Programs:

- **Food for Families** – Councils must collect \$500 or 1,000 lbs of food; plus 100 man-hours in prep/distribution/service.
(#10784 + #10057 for \$100 refund)
- **Family of the Month** – must be submitted by 15th of the month for prior month.
- **Family Fully Alive** – distribute and promote *Family Fully Alive Booklets*.
- **Family Prayer Night** – one per quarter.



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Life

➤ Director: Steve Zajac



Life

- Ultrasound Initiative Chairman: Jason O’Neill
- Silver Rose Pilgrimage Chairman: Todd Alber



Life

Featured Programs:

- **March for Life** – Councils must have 25 marchers in any local/regional/state/national March for Life.
- **Special Olympics** – contribute 200 man-hours or raise minimum of \$2,000. Report activity and/or donations before January 31 for State Council credit and funding.
- **Ultrasound Initiative** – Form 10715 (Diocesan Evaluation) and Form 10716 (Ultrasound Application) required.
- **Pregnancy Resource Center Support/ASAP**



ASAP

- For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying Pregnancy Resource Center or Maternity Home, Supreme will match with \$100.
- Supreme will match up to a \$2,000 donation from the local council.



ASAP Pass the Hat Initiative

Florida was the #1 jurisdiction in not only Division 1, but out of all jurisdictions with **\$66,975** in donations through all seven dioceses/regions.



Programs

- State Fraternalist: PSD/FDM James Schonefeld
- Father Michael McGivney Guild Chairman:
PSD/FDM Gary McLain
- State Curator/Historian: Sean Denny



Form 10784

- Access on Supreme Website; provide membership # and last name.
- Receive email invite and access the Form.
- New Form – more streamlined with relevant questions to the specific Program.

*Should significantly reduce time to complete the forms.
Supreme is hopeful that this better user experience will increase the amount of submissions.

**Detailed instructions on State Website under Programs FAQ.



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Safe Environment



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FOR MEMBERS

WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE DO

GET INVOLVED

NEWS HUB

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION

Vigilant for signs of abuse, we're leading the Knights of Columbus' initiative to protect children and other vulnerable persons we serve.

SUSPECT ABUSE?

STATE REPORTING

YOUTH PROTECTION HELPLINE 844-563-2723



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Safe Environment

- Chairman: Harry Whitford



Safe Environment

ROLES	TRAINING	BACKGROUND CHECK	ARMATUS ADMINISTRATION
Subordinate Council			
Grand Knight	✓		✓
Faithful Navigator	✓		
Program Director	✓		✓
Family Director	✓	✓	
Community Director	✓	✓	
Chief Counselor	✓	✓	
Adult Counselor	✓	✓	

*All youth events must have at least two Safe Environment trained members present.



Safe Environment

Four Positions

- Grand Knight – Training with Compliance dashboard access.
- Program Director – Training with Compliance dashboard access.
- Family Director – Training and Background Check.
- Community Director – Training and Background Check.



Safe Environment

- Grand Knight must be assigned via Form 185.
- Following must be assigned via Form 365:
 - Program Director
 - Community Director
 - Family Director

*All must have a unique and personal email address,
not, e.g., gkcouncil1234@XYZ.com.



Safe Environment

On 365 Report, **3 different members** assigned to:

- Program Director
- Community Director
- Family Director

*Grand Knight may hold only **ONE** role listed above.



Safe Environment

On May 9, 2023, Praesidium upgraded from Armatus to **Praesidium Academy**.

Key Updates:

- Members who have completed ALL assigned training and/or background screenings before May 1, 2023 are fully compliant.
- Members who have NOT completed their training before May 1 will be assigned new training in Praesidium Academy. These members will be sent an additional email after the upgrade with instructions.
- Members newly assigned or needing renewal of their training and/or background screenings AFTER upgrade, will receive email invitations from Praesidium Academy.



Safe Environment

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Compliance is critical for the following people:

- Youth
- Vulnerable adults
- Knights themselves
- Our clergy



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Programs & Membership

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QUESTIONS?

