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2025 Organizational Meeting General Programs



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State General Programs Team

State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director - Dea. Paul Koppie

State Faith Director- Dea. Paul Koppie

State Family Director - Osmany Periu

State Community Director - Joseph Fiorentino



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State General Programs Team

State Community Co. Director- Charles Marinelli

State Life Director - Richard C Guillery

State Youth Director - Anthony M. Costantini

State Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman - Christopher Laudato



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State General Programs Team

State Coats for Kids Chairman - Victor Greco

State Silver Rose Pilgramge Chairman - Todd Alber

State Marian Program Chairman - Robert Higgins

State Ultrasound Chairman - Jason O'Neil



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State General Programs Team

State Safe Environment Compliance Chairman - Harry Whitford

State Soccer Challenge Coordinator - Robert Gibba

State Basketball Free Throw Coordinator- John Gearon

State Catholic Essay and KCIC Poster Chairman - Charles Demino



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State General Programs Team

State Hockey Challenge Coordinator - Steve Lowry

State Awards/Reports Chairman - John O'Toole

State Curator/Historian - Sean Denny

State SP7 Award Chairman - Lorenzo Rodriguez



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State General Programs Team

State Father McGivney Guild Chairman - Robert Read

State Fraternalist - James Schonefeld

State Ceremonials Chairman - Ron Brown

CO-Chair Ceremonials- John O'Toole



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The 3 legged stool theory
Your councils “MUST” have
the proper balance of
1. Programs
2. Membership
3. Charity



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Programs, Charity and Membership

Knights conduct Programs
Programs need Knights to
perform their good works
Good works = Charity!

RECRUIT!



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Agenda Programs

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



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Faith in Action Guidebook

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



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FAITH

RSVP



Into the Breach

Spiritual Reflection

Holy Hour

Pilgrim Icon Program

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Rosary Program

Sacramental Gifts



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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





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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





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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





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Directors



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



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Faith



➤ **Director: Rev. Mr. Paul
Koppie, PSD**



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Faith

➤ State Icon Pilgrim Program Chairman:
Robert Higgins

***New Sacred Heart Icon Has Started Its Journey this year!**



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Faith



Featured Programs:

ORSVP – Every \$500 provides \$100 refund up to \$400.

(#10784 + #2863 for the refund)

OHoly Hour – one per quarter; or two and one Eucharistic Procession for the year.

OSpiritual Reflection – day long reflection by 10 men or 10% of the council.

Onto the Breach – eight sessions to discuss the *Into the Breach* video.



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Community



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



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Community



- Youth Director: Anthony Costantini
- Hockey Shootout Chair: Steve Lowry
- Global Wheelchair Mission: Michael Costanza
- Coats for Kids Chairman: Victor Greco



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Community



Featured Programs:

- ☉ **Coats for Kids** – Councils must distribute 6 cases of coats.
- ☉ FYI; The price of coats went up \$3 per case to \$36 for 12 coats.
- ☉ Again, Supreme will offer BOGO but you **MUST** submit your request for approval by Sept 15th.
- ☉ There are a limited number of BOGO's per jurisdiction so submit your request early for approval By Supreme Fraternal Operations Department



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Featured Programs:

Wheelchair Mission – 10 wheelchairs; chairs must be valued at \$150 each.

Habitat for Humanity – \$1,000 or 200 service hours.



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Community

	State	Region	District	Council
➤ Soccer:	1/3/26	12/3/25	11/15/25	10/18/25
➤ Essay:	1/1/26	12/10/25	11/15/25	11/1/25
➤ Poster:	1/1/26	12/10/25	11/15/25	11/1/25
➤ Free Throw:	3/14/26	2/21/6	1/24/26	12/1/25
➤ Hockey:	4/18/26	3/1/26	2/7/26	1/10/26



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Family



○ Director: Dr. Osmany Periu



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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: Richard Guillery



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Life



- Ultrasound Initiative Chairman:
- Jason O'Neill

- Silver Rose Pilgrimage Chairman:
- Todd Alber



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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**



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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.



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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.



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Programs



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



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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

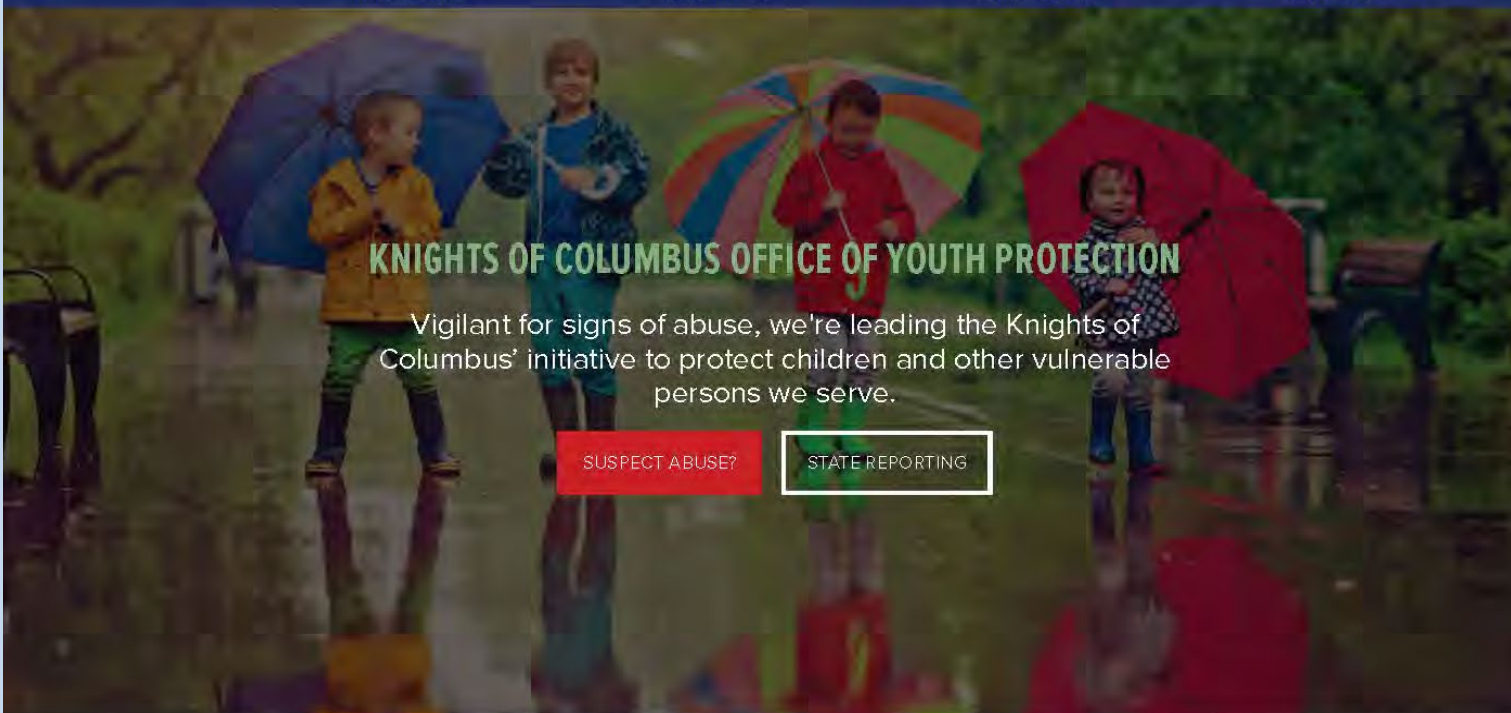


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FOR MEMBERS

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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○ Chairman: Harry Whitford



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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.



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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.



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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.



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Programs & Membership



There are no Programs
Without Knights to Perform
Good Works and Charity

RECRUIT!



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QUESTIONS?

