

Faith in Action

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights come together as one through their council and parish, we accomplish great things.





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COMMUNITY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

COATS FOR KIDS – Provide the gift of warmth to children during cold winter months. Councils across North America can purchase new winter coats at a discount in the U.S. to distribute to children in need in their local communities.

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION – Change the lives of people with mobile disabilities worldwide.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Build homes for families in need.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – Prepare your community before disaster strikes.

FREETHROW CHAMPIONSHIP – Offer an athletic outlet for youth ages 9 to 14 through fun free throw competition.

HELPING HAND – Help those less fortunate in your community through various service projects.

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST – Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Open to all qualifying Catholic students.

SOCCER CHALLENGE – Provide an athletic outlet for young people ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills.

HOCKEY CHALLENGE – Provide an athletic outlet for young people ages 10 to 17 through shooting accuracy on goal competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills.

FAITH DIRECTOR / (PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S) REPORTS:

- **Submit for #10784 on-line at the conclusion of each program. (Supreme automatically accumulates all programs and sends report confirmations back to GK/DD/SD.**
- **Submit Form #SF-7 (Columbian Award Form) NLT End of CY June 30th**

Community: Helping Hands (Habitat for Humanity)

KC Councils work with local Habitat for Humanity providing volunteers for job sites and Re-Stores



Planning	Execution	Completion
<p>Committee: 2-4 Knights</p> <p>Time: 2-3 Months prior</p> <p>Coordinator Credentials: Contact Local Habitat Chapter (Check Supreme Website for info as needed)</p> <p>Find what the volunteer needs of Habitat are for their ongoing projects and Re-Store staffing</p> <p>Supplies: Volunteers may use own or what Habitat supplies; Council may provide donation toward Habitat projects</p> <p>Costs: TBD</p> <p>Advertise: via bulletins, newsletters, Websites, Social Media Invite prospective and inactive Knights to help/participate</p>	<p>Set-up: 3-5 Knights on teams at job sites/store as needed</p> <p>Time: Varies depending on needs of the projects. Teams may go weekly, biweekly, or semi-weekly</p> <p>Publicity: Team works to highlight the efforts and needs of Habitat at their project sites in media.</p> <p>Run: At least 6 months of for Fiscal Year, may go longer if desired</p> <p>Time: 3-4 hrs. as needed</p> <p>Clean-up: as needed</p>	<p>Thank you: Send to all who participated or donated time/talent or supplies-Knights, family, Habitat members, etc.</p> <p>Publicize: the event's success using the same method/sources as the earlier ads. Include photos, number involved, results/progress, information on joining the Knights and Habitat</p> <p>Report: 10784 to Supreme and State Forms address when completed</p>



Community: Global Wheelchair Mission

Helping to change the lives of people with disabilities worldwide by having councils donate at least \$150/per wheelchair.



Planning

Committee: Identify Program Chair,
- 4-8 Knights, download Contest
instructions. (JULY-AUGUST)

- Order Cath Citizens Essay Kit /Manual

Time: 2-3 months

Coordination:

- With pastor, for permission& recommendations for fundraising parish event.
- With State wheelchair chair-to see how council can assist w/activities.
- Set annual goal to contribute (\$\$amt or #/wheelchairs.

Execution

Setup:

- 4-8 Knights
- Put up posters back of church.
- Bulletin/Social media/Parish website announcements.
- Pulpit announcements.
- Parish ministry collaboration meetings.

Run:

- Global Wheelchair Fund Raising Event weekend. "Wheelchair Sunday Drive!"
- 1 Sunday / Month of Sundays Event
- Time: 4-5 Hours on Sat/Sun after masses.
- Objective to collect 10 wheelchairs at \$150/wheelchair. (\$1,500)

Completion

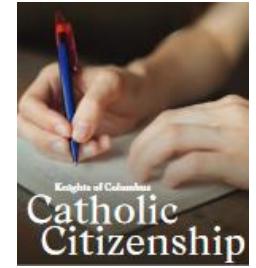
Thank You: Send thank you to all who contributed.

Publicize Success: Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising. Include photos, approximate attendance, award winners/results, information on the Knights, indicate next levels of competition.

Report: Submit for #10784 to State and Supreme Forms address for each contest, EOY, complete #SP-7.

Community: Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Councils encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Open to all qualifying Catholic students, gr 8-12.



Planning

Committee: Identify chairperson,
- 4-8 Knights, download Contest
instructions. (JULY-AUGUST)

- Order Cath Citizens Essay Kit /Manual

Time: 2-3 months

Coordination:

- Open to young Catholics gr 8-12 during current school year.
- Encourage English teachers to use as class assignment.
- Assemble team of 3 or more judges.
- Advertise via parish bulletins, social media and council newsletter, media
- **Invite perspective and inactive knights to help/participate.**

Execution

Setup:

- 4-8 Knights
- Planning: July-August
- Essays written: September
- Judges Review: Nov-Dec
- Jurisdiction (State): Judging NLT Jan 31.

Run:

- Students write essay of 500-750 words.
- 2024-25 Topic: ***What are two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?***
- Collect essays by selected deadline date.
- Have formal presentation to winners, and present small award to top 3 winners.
- Time: 1-2 hours.

Completion

Thank You: Send thank you to all who contributed.

Publicize Success: Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising. Include photos, approximate attendance, award winners/results, information on the Knights, indicate next levels of competition.

Report: Submit for #10784 to State and Supreme Forms address for each contest, EOY, complete #SP-7.

Community: Basketball Free Throw Contest

Councils engage schools, families, parish to rebuild participation levels in the two contests or exceed pre-COVID levels.



Planning

Committee: 3-5 Knights

Time: 2-3 Months Prior

Coordination consideration:

- Fall/Winter (Sept.-Nov.)
- gym/classrooms (schools), parish, community center
- Supplies
 - Balls, testing supplies, awards, possibly snack bar supplies
 - Costs (\$250-\$750)
- Advertise via parish bulletins, social media and council newsletter, media
- **Invite perspective and inactive Knights to help/participate**

Execution

Setup:

- Free Throw 3-5 Knights
- Time: Varies depending on if 1 or both contests are run and if at 1 or multiple sights
- Activity: Prep food / Beverage for snack bar

Run:

- 3-5 Knights per contest and snack bar
- Time: 1-3 Hours for Free Throw, 1 hour for each test
- Knight to lead Rosary

Clean Up:

- Knight 3-5 per contest and snack bar
- Time: 1-2 Hours

Completion

Thank You: Send thank you to all who contributed. (ie. Donated time, resources, location)

Publicize Success, Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising. Include photos, approximate attendance, award winners/results, information on the Knights, indicate next levels of competition

Report: Submit for #10784 to State and Supreme Forms address for each contest

Community: Soccer or (Hockey Skills) Contest

Councils will initiate or revive participation in the Soccer Contest (Spring or Fall) to provide more students/families/communities opportunity to participate and enjoy the competition.



Planning

Committee: 2-4 Knights

Time: 2-3 months prior

Coordination consideration:

- Line up schools, teams to participate
- Find site(s)
- Can be done July-Sept. or March-May
- Could also be done indoors in the winter
- Can be run game sites, practices, school gym classes, drop in sites, etc.
- Supplies: (See Supreme Website)
- Costs: TBD
- Advertise in Newsletters, bulletins, websites, social media, etc,
- **Invite perspective and inactive Knights**

Execution

Setup:

- 3-5 Knights (TBD if run at multiple sites)
- 1 hour of time

Run:

- 1-3 hours depending on when/where done
- 3-5 Knights
- Registering participants, scoring, fielding balls, refreshments

Clean Up:

- 2-4 Knights
- 1 hour of time

Completion

Thank You: Send to all who volunteered or donated supplies; also to schools, parents, coaches, teams, parishes for participation and for use of facility

Publicize Success: Use the same outlets/format as before the event. Include photos, approximate number of participants, results and award winners, info on the Knights and next level of competition.

Report: Submit for #10784 to conclude program