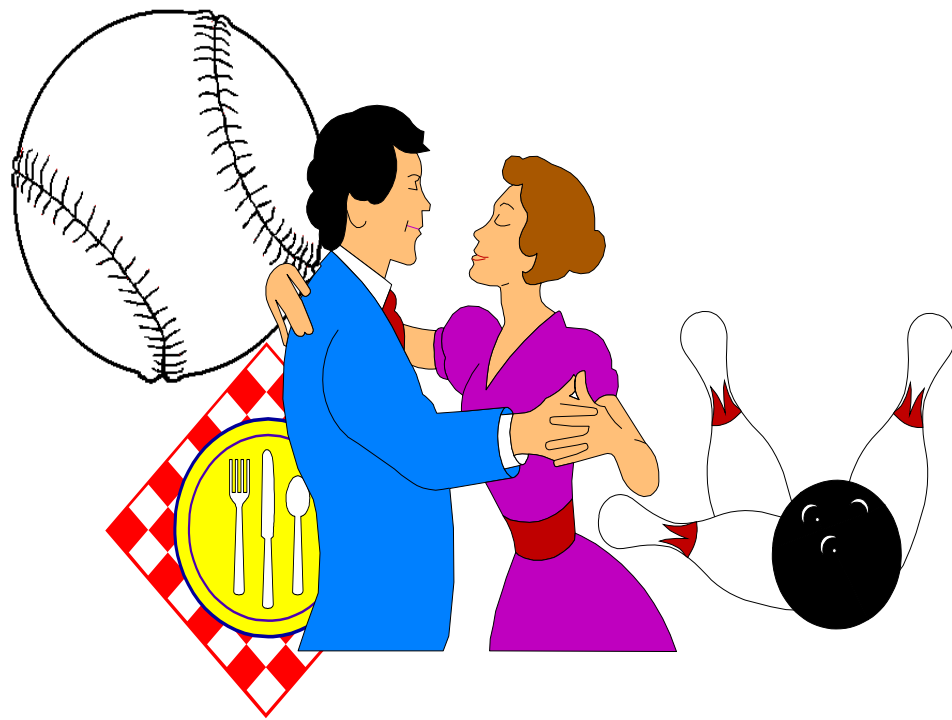


# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



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**Director**

## INTRODUCTION

Many of the activities and programs of the Knights of Columbus at the Supreme Council, State Council and local council sound demanding, and certainly many are. This does not mean that your council's activities can't be just for fun, for relaxation or for your membership's cultural and social welfare. Council activities can provide a direct benefit to council members in return for all the effort they put into supporting and helping others. Council activities can also be a source of income to be used for various council purposes.

Programs and activities that come under council activities are unlimited – sports, exhibits, theater events, movies, lectures or demonstrations, holiday events, picnics, open houses, council anniversary or birthday parties, appreciation nights and trips. All are very familiar and play an important part in our fraternal and everyday lives.

As Council Activities Director and Program Chairmen for the State Council we have a responsibility to the State Deputy, Grand Knights and your councils' activities directors to provide assistance in establishing new and innovative programs or improving existing programs. We conduct council activity programs at the State Council level and ensure that Grand Knights as well as your council directors are kept aware of what is happening. Grand Knights are encouraged to support the State Council's programs by attending as many State Council sponsored activities as possible and by encouraging the active support of their council membership. Your council's participation in a state activity can count as a quarterly program for the Surge with Service Award and count as an activity for the Columbian Award. What better way to introduce the good work of the Order, to keep our members interested, active and vibrant? Always remember that any council activity is a recruitment opportunity!

If you need assistance or have any concerns regarding council activities, please contact me or any of the chairmen. You are encouraged to bring your council activities director and any of his committee chairmen to one of the several Program Seminars that will be conducted this fraternal year. You are also encouraged to attend your Chapter of Grand Knights monthly meeting. Program Activities Directors are available to discuss council needs and assist you at any time.

I am certain that under your leadership and the active support of your membership, we will have a very successful and exciting Council Activities Program.

Fraternally,

*Joe Feakes*

Joseph M. Feakes  
Council Activities Director

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## CALENDAR OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

<b>June 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attend the Grand Knight Seminar</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>July 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend State Officers and DD's Installation <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>August 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Leukemia Pledges Due <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Council Activity Program (1 <sup>st</sup> quarter) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend State Council Membership & Program Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Council Mass and Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>September 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend State Council Picnic <input type="checkbox"/> Attend FS and Tax Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>October 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Activity report for 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter due by the 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the Columbus Day Ball <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the Columbus Day Parade <input type="checkbox"/> Attend State Council FS & Tax Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>November 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct the Council's Memorial Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the State Council Memorial Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Council Activity Program (2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter) <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Council Mass & Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>December 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend State Council Christmas Party <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>January 2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Activity report for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter due by the 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Mid-Term Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>February 2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Council Activity Program (3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>March 2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Founder's Day Mass, Reception & Awards Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Council Mass & Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>April 2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Activity report for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter due by the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>May 2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend the State Council Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
<b>June 2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Council Mass & Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting

## **COLUMBUS DAY BALL**

This is the main social event of the year for the Maryland State Council. It is part of the tribute to our namesake, Christopher Columbus. This year the Ball will be held on **October 11**. This can be a highlight event for your council. The Columbus Day Ball is truly a gala affair featuring dinner, dancing and celebrating in a somewhat formal atmosphere.

The Grand Knight should appoint a chairman to coordinate his council's participation in the Ball. Discuss with him ways to promote participation by the council membership. Decide on and authorize any council incentives or financial support to attendees, if any. Pass on all program information to the chairman and council newsletter editor for publicizing to the council membership.

The Ball will again be at the LaFontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie, MD. Capacity is limited and it always sells out. You will want to get your reservations in early. Attendance at the Ball is by advance reservation only. Grand Knights will complete a registration form and return it to the State Council Columbus Day Ball Chairmen along with money for the number of tickets requested. The registration forms will be distributed at the Grand Knights' Seminar. The forms can also be found on the State website. Each council is asked to have representation at the Ball.

Do not delay! If your purchase of tickets is put off, it is often forgotten until too late in the midst of the many things that a Grand Knight has to keep track of in the fall. Grand Knights who appoint a chairman are more successful in getting participation by their members.

## **COLUMBUS DAY BALL PROGRAM BOOK**

The Program Ad Book plays a major role in keeping the cost of Ball tickets at a reasonable level and in generating revenue for the Maryland State Council. It also gives your council a very visible means of demonstrating your participation and support of this State Council event. All councils, assemblies and districts are strongly encouraged to participate by purchasing an ad.

Decide on the size of your ad and either draw it up yourself or have someone do it for you. Arrange funding authorization if necessary, and ensure it is all done on time. The Columbus Day Ball Program Book Chairmen must receive ads for the Program Book several weeks before October 11<sup>th</sup>. There are several options available for purchasing an ad. Detailed information will be provided well in advance to allow you to plan a response. Remember that patron ads, where your members purchase a signature line for a dollar or two, can help you fund larger sized ads.

Do not delay! Purchasing an ad may require you to amend your budget or get a motion from the council floor for the cost of the ad; either of these will take a full month to enact. If you wait until your September meeting, it may be too late. Begin preparing your ad immediately.

## **COLUMBUS DAY PARADE**

Parades create a public awareness of special events and organizations. The Columbus Day Parade held each year in Baltimore gives us a unique opportunity to honor our namesake, Christopher Columbus, and to showcase our Order, programs and good works. A large presence by the Fourth Degree Color Corp provides the eye-catching dignity and splendor of the Order. All council members and their families from across the State of Maryland are encouraged to participate.

The Grand Knight should appoint a chairman to coordinate his council's participation in the parade. Discuss with him ways to promote participation by the council membership. Decide on and authorize any council incentives or transportation assistance to attendees, if any. Pass on all program information to the chairman and council newsletter editor for publicizing to the council membership.

Councils are asked to come out and march en masse to express our pride and presence in the community and in the State. Bring a large contingent of members and their families to march in the parade. Come dressed in council jackets, hats and any other symbols to identify yourselves as a Knight of Columbus and carry your council banner. This is an excellent way to show your Unity and Fraternity in the community and the State.

This year the parade is on **October 12, 2008**. Marchers will meet at a local council in Baltimore before the parade for refreshments and then board buses for transportation to the parade staging area. After a pleasant parade around the Inner Harbor, marchers board the buses to return to the council home for further refreshments and fraternity.

Members often admit to not knowing about the parade, or they think it is for members only, not families. The parade is for the entire State, not just Baltimore. Let your members know that this is a fun-to-do family outing that requires very little effort or expense on their part.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

"Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious Christmas cards. "Send religious Christmas greeting cards" has been a rallying cry over the past several years. As Knights of Columbus, we are expected to live the faith we embrace. One of our strongest beliefs is that Jesus, Our Savior, was born of the Virgin Mary. There is a very easy and simple way to exhibit our beliefs in this secular society; send religious greeting cards, even to our non-Catholic friends and associates. Request and use the religious postage stamps also.

The Grand Knight should appoint a chairman to coordinate his council's sale of Christmas cards. Discuss with him ways to promote participation by the council membership. Pass on all program information to the chairman and council newsletter editor for publicizing to the council membership. Authorize the purchase of enough cards to satisfy the needs of the council membership.

A beautiful, varied, and inexpensive assortment of these cards is available through the State Council. There is no better program available that enables us to send seasonal greetings the proper way and to make money for our charities at the same time. The cards have been very popular. Each year the number of councils participating and the number of cards sold have increased. They virtually sell themselves. With a little time and effort, this program can and will

be your most successful and profitable of the season. Take advantage of this very worthwhile and profitable program.

Cards may be ordered from the State Council Christmas Card Program Chairmen. Cards will be on display, and chairmen will be available to take and distribute orders, at the Grand Knights' Seminar, Chapter Meetings and Program Seminars.

Members will purchase religious Christmas cards, but such cards are often hard to find. Many members never learn they are available through the Knights. Support of the program by the Grand Knight and an active chairman is key.

## **INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The annual Maryland State Council Incentive Program is a car raffle conducted for the benefit of the State Council's Scholarship and Charity Programs. The program also functions as a very easy-to-run council fundraiser.

The Grand Knight should appoint a chairman to coordinate his council's sale of the raffle tickets. Discuss with him ways to promote participation by the council membership. Pass on all program information to the chairman and council newsletter editor for publicizing to the council membership.

For each ticket sold, the selling council will remit 40 cents to the State Council. The remainder, up to 60 cents, is retained by the selling council. The State Council pays the expenses for the tickets, posters and prizes. The State Council Incentive Program offers an excellent opportunity to jump start your fraternal year and to build up your council's treasury.

The council selling the most tickets this year will be recognized with a plaque and a Knights of Columbus watch.

The winner of this year's raffle will have the choice of a 2008 Pontiac G6 sedan or a 2007 GMC regular cab, V6, 2 WD pickup. Second prize will be a flat screen color TV. The drawing will be held during the Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to each council's Grand Knight at the Grand Knights' Seminar. Receipts and ticket stubs can be turned in to one of the chairmen at any time. In order to avoid a long line the night of the Columbus Day Ball, Grand Knights are encouraged to turn in their tickets early. There will be a chairman at all Chapter Meetings and Program Seminars for ticket returns and pick-up of additional tickets and posters. If you have any questions, require additional tickets or want to schedule a display vehicle, please contact either chairman.

Many councils provide each member with a number of tickets. Many of these members will simply buy the tickets themselves, but those who sell to others will come back for more. Have an adequate supply and know where to get more for your council. Plan ahead when you have an event where you can sell tickets to ensure you have all the tickets you will need. There are no restrictions on how councils promote the sale of tickets; some offer volume discounts or raffle off a package of a large number of tickets. A chairman with imagination makes a difference.

## **VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM**

The special Knights of Columbus license tags, which contain a five-color emblem of the Order, followed by four numbers, are available. These special tags may be used on automobiles, multi-purpose vehicles or trucks, and may be interchanged between any of the three.

The Grand Knight should appoint a chairman to coordinate his council's use of KofC license plates. Discuss with him ways to promote participation by the council membership. Pass on all program information to the chairman and council newsletter editor for publicizing to the council membership.

The Knights of Columbus license plates may be obtained by following these procedures.

1. Complete a copy of the approved application, including the member's signature.
2. Send application along with a check made payable to the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus for \$35.00 to the State Council chairman (this fee is a one time charge). Your application will be forwarded to the Motor Vehicle Administration.
3. Your new license plates will be mailed directly to you. When you purchase these new tags, the MVA will transfer the remaining time on your present registration and provide you with new stickers. After receipt of the new tags, please return your old tags to a MVA office and obtain a receipt (failure to do so will result in a fine).
4. Please provide your council number.

Applications can easily be obtained from the State Council website or from the State License Plate Chairman.

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY ADVISOR**

The Financial Secretary Advisor will counsel and advise the Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights of the subordinate councils of the Maryland State Council in all matters pertaining to the duties of a financial secretary. He will also conduct a number of Financial Secretary seminars in the fall to help Financial Secretaries keep abreast of the frequent changes in their duties and requirements.

The Grand Knight should make his Financial Secretary aware of the assistance he can receive from the State Council advisor. He should ensure that his Financial Secretary attends one of the Financial Secretary seminars sponsored by the State Council since the rules pertaining to this position change so frequently that regular updates are needed.

The Financial Secretary is obviously a key person in the financial affairs of a council. The advisor can help him become aware of and understand the various rules and restrictions put upon him by the Supreme and State Councils and by the state and federal governments. Besides financial and tax matters, the Financial Secretary Advisor will work closely with the State Membership Team in advising the Financial Secretary on the complex rules for membership recruitment and retention.

When Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries work closely together, the council will do much better in financial matters and in membership growth and retention. The Financial Secretaries duties are many and complex; training is a necessity for his success. Even experienced Financial Secretaries need training to refresh their knowledge and to keep them abreast of ongoing changes.

## **SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

Below are examples of some successful Council activities and the councils where the activities were conducted. Grand Knights should contact the councils directly for more information on these activities. Many more worthwhile activities are listed in the annual Book of Reports.

### **Sacred Heart Council #2577**

This is a very active council socially. Along with the installation of officers, crab feast, Italian and Polish dinner dances, "Deck the Halls" Christmas party, New Year's Eve party, St. Patrick's Day dance, Ladies Night dance and a bull and oyster roast, the council's Knights Room is open every Friday and Saturday night for food and drink. The council's bingo program enjoyed a revival as well. The Y.O.R.K. (Young Old Retired Knights) provides monthly meetings for shuffleboard, bocce ball, cards or golfing.

### **Cumberland Council #586**

Among their many activities, this council runs the Western Maryland K of C Gold Tournament, which typically raises about \$1900 for the benefit of the Diocesan Priest Retirement Plan in Baltimore. In November, they held a Midyear Shanty Irish celebration as well as the more usual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

### **Patapsco Council #1960**

This council plans a series of program activities nearly 18 months in advance and updates or modifies these activities to suit the seasons. They have sponsored a Bull-Shrimp Roast, a Crab Feast, a holiday sing-a-long, a Christmas Party, a Bull-Oyster Feast, plus some separate activities driven by their Retired Men's Club. There were numerous day trips to Dover Downs, Atlantic City, and Midway for the casinos as well as trips to Wildwood, NJ; Las Vegas, NV; and to local supper-shows.

### **Father Horace B. Mckenna Council #11024**

This council conducted a yard sale in July that raised over \$9,600. The council holds three major dinners each year that are open to the public to serve as fundraisers. These are the Oktoberfest, Italian night and the St. Patrick's Day dinner. They also conducted an Ice Cream Social in December.

### **Father Michael J. McGivney Council #7025**

This council developed and maintained a Web Page for the benefit of its members. In September, council members donated their time to assist with the direction of car parking at the Anne Arundel County Fair as a fundraiser. They enjoyed an Oktoberfest in September and a Christmas Party in December. The council holds quarterly "Cards and Cigars" nights at the council hall where members play poker, darts or board games, and they are active in State programs. They hold an annual Italian dinner night and an annual "Wheelbarrow of Cheer" raffle.

### **Long Green Valley Council #8736**

This council conducted a "Steak Out" which also served as an effective recruiting event. Dances and dinners included a '50s dance, a spaghetti dinner, Shrove Tuesday pancakes and sausage, a shrimp feast, a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in November and a Third Degree banquet. Tours are popular with the council sponsoring trips to New York to see the Rockettes, to Atlantic City, and to the Lafarge Quarry. Members participate in monthly golf outings and work a concession stand at Camden Yards for 10 games.

### **St. Joseph--Taneytown Council #11631**

Council members went as a group to the ordination of a fellow parishioner and provided him much other support. The council held monthly breakfast socials and Lenten Friday fish fries. An FDA program was held in January to teach safe food handling. This council recognizes a Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year. They hold an annual awards dinner in June. In the "Have you been framed?" program, photos are taken at council and parish affairs, framed and placed on the reception table. Members who discover that they have been "framed" take home the evidence.

### **Our Lady Of Fatima Council #6901**

This council held its annual "Light Up for Christmas," sponsored 50 volunteers to work the Preakness, held a "German Night" in November, hosted a Christmas party in December, and served a Flag Day breakfast in June.

### ***Other Suggested Council Activities***

- Art auction
- Final Four party
- Flea market
- Fraternal benefits night
- Knights night out dinner
- Lenten fish fry
- New Knights banquet
- Night at the theater
- Softball Team
- Three-man basketball tournaments
- Wives' appreciation night
- Fashion Show
- Spaghetti Dinners

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY AWARD CONTEST FORM**

**SEND TO STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Dan Ward  
9713 Dixie Ridge Terrace  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Date received by State Program Director \_\_\_\_\_

From GRAND KNIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (ZIP CODE)

THE INFORMATION THAT FOLLOWS DESCRIBES OUR COUNCIL'S PROJECT AND SERVES AS OUR ENTRY IN THE STATE COUNCIL'S SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS CONTEST.

DATE PROJECT CONDUCTED \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OR NATURE OF PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

WHO BENEFITED MOST FROM THIS PROJECT? \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME-ADDRESS-TELEPHONE NO.)

NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE PROJECT IN DETAIL. (PHOTOGRAPHS, NEWS CLIPPINGS, ETC. MAY BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REPORTING FORM. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
(GRAND KNIGHT)

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
(DISTRICT DEPUTY) (DATE)

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN. COMPLETED ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AS FOLLOWS:

- ( ) BEST FIRST REPORT PERIOD ACTIVITY (APR THRU SEPT) DUE BY OCTOBER 15TH
- ( ) BEST SECOND REPORT PERIOD ACTIVITY (OCT, NOV, DEC) DUE BY JANUARY 15TH
- ( ) BEST THIRD REPORT PERIOD ACTIVITY (JAN, FEB, MAR) DUE BY APRIL 1ST

**PLEASE INDICATE REPORT BEING SUBMITTED**