

Knights of Columbus
Arkansas State Council
Community Director

Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us and we can make our voice heard. As members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, *One Person, One council at a time.*

Our community offers limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that's needed and workable in our community – fight poverty, sponsor a blood drive, blood pressure screening, and support law enforcement, whatever it is we need to get our Brother Knights involved.

The Knights of Columbus is a 501 (c) 8 Internal Revenue Code Classification (Tax Exempt). This classification is in danger of being repealed and Supreme and all tax-exempt organizations are defending this classification. Our State Council may need to rally local support and mobilize all of our Brother Knights to contact their elected representative in Congress and make our needs known.

The words “*Under God*” are once again being tested in our courts and are in danger of being removed from the Pledge of Allegiance. These words were added in 1954 with support from the Knights of Columbus. It would be a shame if a few people could have it removed. Plans must be in place to mobilize the support of every Brother Knight in the State.

There are several opportunities that can be used to make a difference during your tenure as Community Director. Articles in our State Council Newsletter, notices on our Web site or letter from you are excellent means to communicate with our members. Another effective means of communication is e-mail. Perhaps you can set up e-mails addresses to contact the Grand Knights throughout Arkansas.

The State Council Community Director is expected to attend the State Council Organizational Meeting, Mid-Year Meeting, State Convention and his Districts Deputy Meetings and all 2nd & 3rd and 4th Degree Exemplifications in your geographical region. At the Organizational Meeting the State Council Program Chairman through the State Deputy will furnish copies of promotional material including the “*Surge with Service*” booklet and goals and objectives for the fraternal year.

State Community Director

Mission

The Community Director will involve councils in their communities, in being helpful in doing things that make a difference in their communities, and in helping their communities to grow and be a better place to live.

Objectives

The objective of the State Community Director is to ensure that every council conducts and reports at least four (4) major community involvement activities during the fraternal year on the Arkansas State Council Activities Report and that these activities include:

- Morality in Media
- Promote State Council Car Raffle

Method

“Surge...with Service” describes the following community activities and how to develop projects around them:

- Pro-Life
- Volunteerism
- Human Needs
- Civic Involvement
- Health Services
- Decency
- Honor Columbus

Examples of projects that councils can create within these activities include – (1) help to senior citizens, (2) law enforcement, (3) city beautification, (4) visitation to shut ins, (5) environment, (6) community safety, (7) blood drives, and (8) extension of life. Councils make a difference in their communities with these and other projects. They invite members to be involved in community and explain the benefit to council growth in size and awareness.

The Director helps council activities directors and the membership work with their communities, notifying councils that he is here to serve them and respond to all calls for help. His Point of Contact in this regard should be the District Deputies. The Director does have the ability to disseminate information to the individual councils through the DD. He may also ask the DD's to report individual Council Program accomplishments to him.

To accomplish these objectives the Program Directors in Arkansas must instill in all District Deputies the need to take back to each council the means to conduct all programs as they are designed to operate.

Directors and District Deputies are the lifeline of success for the Order in Arkansas. They must work with all councils to understand that *strong programs mean strong membership. Remind them that 88% of our members joined the Order to get involved in Church or other activities.*

Program Directors will be required to assist the State Program Director in voting for the Program of the Year for each of the five categories.

At the conclusion of your term furnish the incoming State Program Director with an updated copy of your duties and responsibilities.

***Take someone on a Journey of a lifetime
Recruit him into the Knights of Columbus***

The only way to recruit a member is to have a Form #100 in hand

Program Directors & Chairmen	Time allocation	
Function Performed	Minimum Commitment	
Attend State Organizational Meeting	14	Hrs Once
Attend District Leadership Conference	4	Hrs Once
Attend State Mid Year Meeting	14	Hrs Once
Attend State Convention	20	Hrs Once
Subtotal; State Functions	52	Hrs Once
Prepare Newsletter articles	1.5	Hrs/Mo
Council Interface	2	Hrs/Mo
Subtotal; Program Functions/Mo	42	Hrs/Mo
Total Time Commitment	94	Hrs/Yr

All functions listed exclude travel time and no reliable estimate may be made regarding incurred expenses.

