

# Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council

## Family Director

Take a look at what's happening to our family life. Do we communicate? Do we share? Do we take time to get involved with each other? Are there opportunities for improvement? What is God's plan for us? Today's society makes it hard to be a family. Television takes up a lot of our time together. The hustle and bustle of business, rushed meals, school, work, the list is endless.

Our families are under heavy attack today. The battle is largely over values and commitments. To survive, the family needs support. Its primary source of strength must be found in growing religious and parish life. But the Knights of Columbus can also be of tremendous help. We can encourage members and their families to choose as their model the Holy Family, copying their attitude of interdependence, sharing and respect for authority.

Encourage the Councils to celebrate K of C Family week in August. They can plan a family Mass, a picnic, a dinner, a prayer service and any activity that promotes family interaction and the family focus of the Order. Encourage Family Corporate Communion ("*See Surge ...with Service*") pages 25 – 28 for additional ideas).

One of the primary goals is to have all Councils participate in the Family of the Month and Family of the Year Program. It's easy for the Councils to participate and to give recognition to those most deserving. In addition, our Councils need to recognize the Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year. (Certificates are available from Supreme.) Grand Knights should notify the State Program Chairman monthly of the Councils selection.

Finally, encourage the Councils to keep the widows and children of deceased members involved in their activities.

The state Council Family Director has several opportunities to make a difference during his tenure. Articles in our State Council Newsletter, notices on our Web site or letters from you are excellent means to communicate with our members. Another effective means of communication is e-mail. Perhaps you can set up e-mail addresses to contact the Grand Knights and promote your programs.

The State Council Family Director is expected to attend the State Council Organizational Meeting, Mid-Year Meeting, State Convention and his Districts Deputy Meetings and all 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Family Director**

### **Mission**

The mission of the State Family Life Director is to encourage councils to sponsor, set up, and run family programs. 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.

### **Objectives**

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

- Family of the Month
- Family of the Year
- Pro-Life

### **Method**

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

- Family Programs
- Education
- Communications
- Family of the Month/Year
- Recreation
- Survivors' Assistance
- Memorials

### **Family of the Month**

Encourage councils to use the family of the month programs. Track councils using the program through the Supreme Council's monthly listings sent to directors.

### **Family of the Year**

Encourage councils to use this program as well.

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.

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.

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