

Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council

Pro-Life Couple

Every council in Arkansas should join their Brother Knights in observing “*Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child*” on the Feast of Annunciation (March 25). On this day every Knights, Squire and their families should pray, fast and work to restore respect and protection to the child before birth. Wouldn’t it be great if the local councils went to the maternity wards of their local hospital and presented the mothers with a token of our appreciation? It could be as little as one Red Rose.

In January each council should have at least one representative participate in the March for Life. It is done on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. This is an exciting time for us with the possibility that the majority of Supreme Court Judges are Catholic and it is possible that this terrible decision, that makes it legal to kill innocent children, may soon be corrected.

It is becoming difficult to present savings bonds or other gifts to the first-born child at our local hospital on Columbus Day; however, we should still promote the practice.

Promote *Pro-Life* in newspapers, radio, television, our State Council Web-Site and Newsletter. Working with the State Council Activities Director and Web Site Director they can help in publicizing our *Pro-Life* efforts. It is a message that needs to be in the forefront of every Brother Knights, his family and community. It is a disgrace that we call our present laws pro-choice when they really are *Pro-death*. Through your effort and the strength of the Knights of Columbus this decision can and will be overturned.

The State Council Pro-Life Couple 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. .

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Mission:

Mobilize our Brother Knights in Arkansas to continually use their resource to over turn the Roe vs. Wade Decision.

Objective

- Encourage every council to join their Brother Knights in observing “*Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child*” on the Feast of Annunciation (March 25)

- Encourage Squires and the families of our Brother Knights to pray every day for the protection to the child before birth.
- Encourage councils to sponsor a Pro-Life Program such as presenting a rose to the mothers in the maternity ward during the Pro-Life March and Feast of Annunciation.
- On Columbus Day encourage our Councils to present a saving bond to the first child born on that day. (Special effort is required working with the hospital to get this information.)
- In January have at least one member from each council participate in the March for life.
- Work with the Council Activities Director and Web Site Director to promote pro-life in newspapers, radio, television and our web site and State Newsletter.

Method

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.*

At the conclusion of your term furnish the incoming State Pro-Life Couple 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

Pro-Life Couple	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
Interface w/Other Directors & Chairmen	2	Hrs/Mo
Council Interface	2	Hrs/Mo
Subtotal; Program Functions	66	Hrs/yr
Total Time Commitment	118	Hrs/Yr

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