

Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council

Round Table Chairman

Parish Round Tables develop close ties between Councils and Parishes, which are mutually beneficial and helpful to our Brother Knights in developing their faith, worship and service. Its concept is designed to help foster close ties between parishes and councils, especially in areas where council membership may come from several surrounding parishes. Simply put, the Knights of Columbus Parish Round Table program is an offer of service from the local council to every parish in its area. Its service will not interfere with any existing parish council organization; since the pastor himself designates which programs the council should become involved.

New Council Development and Membership growth have a striking relationship. Our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, knew that Councils were the best way to expand the new Order, which is evident through the letter written to all pastors in Connecticut urging them to start new councils. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, said to his State Deputies *“We have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer to every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and privilege on membership in our Order.”* He also stated, *“We must have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish.”*

District Deputies will be furnished a copy of potential members based on the number of families in the Parish comprising the Little Rock Diocese. It also indicates the potential for Round Table and New Councils. These quotas may be wishful thinking; however, we need to raise our expectations if we have any hope of carrying out the visions of Father McGivney and our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. During the year (quarterly) it is suggested you contact the District Deputies and encourage them to establish Round Tables as one of their priorities. In addition submit articles to our State Council Newsletter and Web Site promoting Parish Round Tables. In most cases the principle is already in place, all that is lacking is filing the proper form with Supreme.

The State Round Table Chairman 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:

Fulfill the vision of our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, to have a Knights of Columbus presence in every Parish.

Objective

- Assist and encourage every Council to establish a Parish Round Table for all parishes and missions in his geographical area.
- During the year, at least quarterly contact the District Deputies and encourage them to promote Parish Round Tables for the councils in his district.
- Advise the Stat Deputy if the report distributed to the District Deputies at the Organization needs to be update or corrected. This information can be gleaned during your contact with Grand Knights and or District Deputies. Follow-up to verify the State Deputy forwarded corrections to Supreme.
- Contact Grand Knights if the District Deputy is unable to convince their Grand Knights to participate in the Parish Round Table program
- Submit monthly articles for inclusion in our State Council Newsletter (due before the 13th)
- Work with the Web Site Director to post information on the web site and update at least quarterly.
- Assist Grand Knights in completing Round Table Report.

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.***

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 Round Table Chairman 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

Round Table Chairman	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.