

Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council

Church Director

In response to the changing world around us, Christians are searching for ways to further develop the ministry of the Catholic Church. If these good intentions are going to bear fruit, if the Church is going to not only exist, but also thrive in today's society, men and women throughout our communities must come forward and take an active part. Far more action of an ecumenical nature is needed. As Knights of Columbus, our prime responsibility is to encourage and promote that action.

Workings with our State Council Vocation Chairman encourage every Council and Assembly in Arkansas to participate in the Order's RSVP Program. Without Priest we will not be able to receive the Holy Sacraments and our Catholic Church would be unable to serve its members.

The lay apostolate must respond to the constant call for active involvement in the work of the Church. Our State Council has the numbers, the organization, and the communication ability to get involved and spread the word throughout the Christian Community. (See page 9 of the *Surge ... with Service Book for complete text.*)

Our annual retreat to Subiaco allows our members a chance to step back from their daily routines to examine through prayer, meditation and the sacraments what God intends for them. Encourage the attendance of our Brother Knights by publishing articles in our State Newsletter every quarter. Suggest that married couples forgo the normal exchange of gifts to each other at Christmas and give each other the gift of our annual retreat?

Our State Council could promote the true meaning of Christmas and "**Keep Christ in Christmas**". See page 12 of the *Surge...with Service Book* for ideas and suggestion. We may want to consider an essay contest for our children. Ask them what Christmas means to them and the best way to celebrate our Saviors Birthday. Working with our State Council Youth Director a program could be developed. The winning entry could be published in the *Arkansas Catholic* and even submit it to the *Columbian Magazine*.

The Threat of Pornography can be found in every sector of our society. We need to be aware that this is big business and is tearing at the heart and soul of our youth and society in general. As members of the Knights of Columbus we have a moral obligation to meet this threat head on and preserve the very essence of our nation's moral fiber.

The State Council Church 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. .

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Mission

The mission of the State Church Activities Director is to:

- Provide a Eucharistic atmosphere during Masses sponsored by the State Council as directed by the State Chaplain through the State Deputy
- Provide and promote programs in which members can practice their Catholic duties in the areas of charity, devotion, and education as directed by the State Deputy
- Promote programs within councils that will unify members and families to accept and evangelize the Catholic Church’s teachings and beliefs in their everyday lives
- Promote peace to mankind through the intercession of the Saints and Fr. Michael J. McGivney, as in the words of Blessed Mother Teresa, “*If you want peace, end abortion.*”
- Ensure that the lay apostolate Knights in Arkansas are ministering to the needs of the Church, constantly responding to the call for active involvement in the work of the Church

Objectives

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

- Vocations/Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
- Corporate Communion
- Church Service
- Icon Service
- Assistance to the parish pastor
- Sponsorship of the Perpetual Family Rosary
- Eucharistic devotions
- Family prayer
- Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

- Evangelization of the faith

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.

Method

“Surge ... with Service,” describes the following Church activities and how to develop ministries around them:

- Parish Round Table (see State Round Table Director)
- Lay Apostolate (see Church Activities Director)
- Vocations (see State Vocations Director)
- Evangelization
- Parochial Services
- Religious Devotions
- Keep Christ in Christmas

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
Exemplifications (2 per year)	8	Hrs/Qtr
Council Interface	2	Hrs/Mo
Subtotal; Program Functions	106	Hrs/Mo
Total Time Commitment	158	Hrs/Yr

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