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2026 Programs Update

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Kids and Screens

Help families get away from dominance on screens

Overuse of technology is hurting and killing our youth

Developed in consultation with Screenstrong and Peter Ryan

Designate a council chairman

Speak to Pastor and parish leaders and run a parish retreat

Remember Safe Environment compliance

NC Family Program, Chairman - Woody Hampshire



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Life Sharing

Increase blood donations and organ donors

Expression of “giving life, sharing life”

Set up Blood Drives and Organ Donor signup events

Work with Red Cross, Blood Connection or Hospital Blood Collection

NC Life Program, Chairman - William Drummey



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Life Sustaining

Resist Euthanasia, Physician Assisted Suicide, or Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

Educate NC Knights, clergy and parishioners on Catholic Doctrine (USCCB)

Monitor federal and state legislative and judicial efforts

Work and coordinate with NC RTL, NC Values Coalition and other groups

Address root causes with the elderly and their families

NC Life Program, Chairman – John Killela



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Supreme Programs

¡Viva Cristo Rey! - Faith

Imitating Saint Juan Diego - Faith

Quinceañera Support - Family

Remembering our Faithful Departed - Family

Bright Futures - Community

Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage - Community

Gospel of Life - Life

Holy Hour for Life With Our Lady of Guadalupe - Life



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¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Celebrates the Mexican Martyrs, including Knights, killed for their faith by the Mexican government in the early 20th century

Attend Mass, pray the novena especially on the martyrs' feast day May 21st



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Imitating Saint Juan Diego

**Promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and OL of Guadalupe, KofC Patroness
Suggested dates are December 9th and 12th respective feast days**



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Quinceañera Support

A celebration, common in Hispanic cultures, to mark the passage of a 15-year-old young woman from childhood to adulthood

Can include Mass or prayer, music, dancing, food and other festivities

Councils can provide resources, manpower, faith gifts and general support for the thanksgiving Mass, prayer service and celebration



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Remembering our Faithful Departed

Calls councils to honor and pray for the deceased members of their council, families, and parish community

Helps others overcome the grief that accompanies the death of a loved one

Strengthen family bonds

Promote the unique cultural and religious traditions of their parishes

Help the suffering souls in purgatory

Suggested Dates October 31st, November 1st and 2nd

Hold a Mass for Deceased Members anytime

Combine with GK's Dinner or other Founders' Day or Family Week events



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Bright Futures

Promote council support for students and schools in their communities

Provide funding and resources to those most in need

Includes tuition fundraising, book drives, school beautification projects

Suggested Program Dates: Back-to-School Week, Black Friday, Boxing Day, 3

King's Day (Jan. 6), and Catholic Schools Week (last week of January)



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Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage

**Councils celebrate the cultures and traditions of parish communities
Educate, inspire, and unite community while celebrating members'
deep-rooted faith and cultural heritage**

**Suggested dates Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 – Nov. 15) or on the feast
day of an important saint or blessed for the parish or community**



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Gospel of Life

Encourages Knights to educate themselves and others on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death

Equip Catholic men and their parishes to defend human life, especially by studying St. John Paul II's historic encyclical Evangelium Vitae (Latin for "Gospel of Life")

Lead discussion groups with fellow Knights and parishioners using KofC Gospel of Life Study Guide (#614)

Suggested dates, anytime but especially preceding national, state or local marches for life, during 40 Days for Life and Life Chain campaigns, October - Respect Life Month and March 25th International Day for the Unborn Child



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Holy Hour for Life With OL Guadalupe

Organize adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ask OL of Guadalupe to intercession for the pro-life cause

Pray for a variety of intentions for which to seek Our Lady's assistance, such as defense of the unborn, healing from infertility, care for mothers and families and an end to the evil of abortion

Suggested dates include December 12th - feast of OL Guadalupe, March 25th - International Day for the Unborn Child, October - Respect Life Month or lead up to National or State Marches for Life



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Winter and Spring Programs

National RTL March, Washington, DC, Friday January 23rd

Catholic Schools Week, January 25th – 31st (Bright Futures)

Free-Throw Challenge – **NEED STATE FINAL DATE CONFIRMED**

State RTL March, Raleigh, Saturday, March 7th

Local RTL Marches – Wilmington 2-28, Belmont Abbey 4-19, others TBA

Silver Rose – May 17th – June 13th, following a western route this year

International Day for the Unborn Child, Wednesday, March 25th

Founder's Day, Sunday, March 29th, great time for council celebrations

Good Friday Family Promotion, Friday, April 3rd

Feast of the Mexican Martyrs, May 21st (¡Viva Cristo Rey!)



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State Calendar

Look at the state calendar for important dates

RDDs and DDs are encouraged to maintain Regional and District calendars

Councils are encouraged to maintain a council calendar for planning events

Useful for tracking deadlines like FOM and other forms and programs



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10784 Submission

Please include as much detail as possible

**You can supplement the online form with additional details, photos, etc.
when filing at forms@kofcnc.org**

These determine council awards that are presented at the State Convention

Now is your time to shine

“Don’t hide your light under a bushel basket!”



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Chairmen Needed

**We have 11 new programs this year on top of other vacant programs
Please keep your eyes and ears open for Knights who can fill these spots
Consider those who are already running a program locally for the State role
Each RDD and DD please submit one Knight's name for consideration**



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Operation LAMB

The LAMB Foundation of NC is a 501(c)3 public charity founded in 1999 by the NC Knights of Columbus to assist those with intellectual disabilities

Since it's inception, Councils have raised over \$27 million dollars by handing out Tootsie Rolls, fundraisers, and soliciting donations

Since we are all volunteer, over 95% of the money we raise goes directly to the charities we support – hence our slogan - “All Knights do LAMB”

LAMB, State Director – Richard White



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Questions

Time permitting we can answer them now

We are having round robin sessions tomorrow

We are also available during the rest of the meeting or by phone and email



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THANK YOU!