

Parish Round Table Program

During his first address to the State Deputies, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated that “we have nothing less than a moral obligation to every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order.” He also stated, “We must have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish.” Therefore, councils serving more than one parish are urged to implement the Parish Round Table Program in each of the parishes.

Under the Parish Round Table concept, council members belonging to each parish will become members of the Parish Round Table developed to assist the pastor with any project that he may assign to the group. The Pastor will be asked to recommend a member from the group and the Grand Knight will appoint that member as the Coordinator. Round Tables should also be offered to small parishes or missions within your area. These parishes need a Knights of Columbus presence and can also offer your council additional growth potential.

The Knights of Columbus Parish Round Table Program is available to all multi-parish councils. A multi-parish council is a council that has members from two or more parishes or missions as part of their council.

The Round Table Program is an offer to the Pastor to provide assistance and support to the Parish. Through the Round Table, a council works with the Pastor on projects that he may select. All Knights that belong to that parish, regardless of council affiliation, are a part of the Round Table Program.

Councils with members in only one parish do not need a Round Table Program. The Church Director would handle the Pastor’s assigned projects.

There are no elective offices, no duties or meetings. The Pastor and Grand Knight appoint the coordinator. It is usually a Knight that the Pastor knows and is familiar with as a member of the Parish. The Coordinator meets with the Pastor who then selects a project for the Round Table to work on.

An active Round Table Program counts for all four activities of the Church Category for the Columbian Award.

Only two forms are used for the Round Table Program – Form #2629, Report of the Round Table Coordinator and Form #2630 Annual Report of the Knights of Columbus Round Table. Form #2629 must be prepared yearly, usually by September 1st. Form #2630 is prepared annually by June 30th.

Further information may be obtained from Form #232, The Parish Round Table.