

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (SEP)

Our Safe Environment Program safeguards children and other vulnerable persons, assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment for all those whom we serve, protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings and appearances of impropriety, builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes, and protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus. Our program is operated in conjunction with our strategic partner in youth protection and safe environments – PRAESIDIUM, Inc. Praesidium specializes in providing safe environment training to help prevent sexual abuse in organizations that serve youth and vulnerable adults. For more information, go to www.praesidiuminc.com

Under Faith in Action, members serving in the key leadership positions listed below are **required** to complete three training modules designed to teach members about abuse prevention best practices, either online or via workbook self-study guides. Members serving in the following leadership roles must make sure that all Knights of Columbus safe environment policies and procedures are followed at activities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus:

Roles	Training	Background Check	ARMATUS Administration
State Council			
State Deputy	✓		✓
State Advocate	✓		✓
State Program Director	✓		✓
State Youth Director	✓	✓	✓
State Family Director	✓	✓	✓
State Community Director	✓	✓	✓
State Squire Chairman	✓	✓	✓
Subordinate Council			
Grand Knight Timothy Dahm	✓		✓
Faithful Navigator *only if assembly sponsors a circle	✓		
Program Director Phonse Delaney	✓		✓
Family Director David Venini	✓	✓	
Community Director Alberto Remolano	✓	✓	
Chief Counsellor	✓	✓	
Adult Counsellor	✓	✓	

Additionally, state **youth directors**, state family directors, state community directors, state squire chairmen (*if any*), council family directors, community directors, as well as all chief and adult counselors, must provide consent for a background check. Members serving in roles that require a background check may fulfill this requirement by giving consent to the Knights of Columbus to obtain and pay for it on their behalf through its partner *Praesidium*. As shown, some roles also have access to Praesidium’s ARMATUS Administration dashboard to monitor member compliance within their council or jurisdiction. If members in certain roles are not compliant within thirty (30) days of notification, they are subject to removal from those roles.

MEMBERS IN THESE ROLES ARE REQUIRED TO RENEW THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS EVERY THREE YEARS.