

Subject Line: Supreme Council Notice Regarding Youth Protection Training and Background Checks



Dear Knights of Columbus Officers and Youth Leaders,

You are receiving this notification because your official position in Knights of Columbus has been identified as key in ensuring that Knights of Columbus continues to maintain its strong commitment to youth protection and providing one of the safest environments for young people today.

The Board of Directors of Knights of Columbus has designated the following official positions in Knights of Columbus to receive mandatory *Praesidium Armatus* online safe environment training: State Deputies, State Squires Chairmen, State Youth Directors, Grand Knights, Youth Directors, Columbian Squires Chairmen, Chief Counselors, Committee Counselors, and Faithful Navigators (if their assembly sponsors a Circle).

Beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, *Praesidium*, the organization Knights of Columbus has partnered with to maintain our strong commitment to youth protection and safe environment will be sending out email invitations with your user name and password to enable you to take the mandatory *Praesidium Armatus* online safe environment training. If you have not previously shared your email with us, please send it to [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org) immediately.

Additionally, when applicable, *Praesidium* will send a second email to request your authorization to undergo a background check.

You must complete the *Praesidium Armatus* online training and background check authorization within 30 days of receipt of each email. Your failure to do so within 30 days may render you ineligible to hold your official position in Knights of Columbus. Your cooperation and participation in these essential components of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program ensure that you are doing your part to keep children safe in Knights of Columbus programs and activities.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Hanna".

George Hanna,  
Senior Vice President for Fraternal Services