

8.1 Drug Awareness / Mental Health Program

At the start of his term, each Grand Knight should appoint a Drug Awareness / Mental Health Program Chairman for the council. It will be his responsibility to determine what human resources are available to the council – members who are experts in this field, or are affiliated with law enforcement or education. Your programs should be ones of education, making information available to as many groups and individuals as possible. Many programs and organizations such as **DARE**, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and the National Crime Prevention Council can provide information that can be of valuable assistance to your programs.

Your council is also encouraged to participate in the “Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.” START PLANNING YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Get your school principals involved; ask them at the beginning of the school year if you can somehow involve this program in their curriculum. BUT START PLANNING EARLY!

The contest’s goal is to encourage the creation of thought-provoking slogans and visuals by young people for their peers to promote awareness of the dangers of substance abuse. You can review the details of this contest in your “Surge with Service” manual.

Posters must be turned in to the state chairman by NOVEMBER 15, 2017 at the latest. Grand Knights and District Deputies will also receive details in the state mailings, and reminder timelines for all youth activities will be published in the Cavalcade.

Also, for those councils with a Squires Circle, please get our young men involved. For ideas on this, contact the chairman below, or the Columbian Squires Chairman.

Each council is encouraged to file reports with the state chairman detailing the programs run by each council. It is by sharing information about successful programs that we might guarantee the future success of all such programs in the future.

Supreme has Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest that are free of charge less shipping. The kit contains enough materials for 75 participants. Order through Supreme Council.

Questions regarding the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest should be directed to:

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