

Float Rental Process and General Info

The loaning out of the Council Float (“The Santa Maria”) is subject to the discretion of the Grand Knight and is usually based upon whether the Council has a scheduled or potentially scheduled use for it on the day or days surrounding the request for its use by an outside council or Organizations. The float is owned by the council and not the corporation.

Requirements: It should be made known to the people requesting to use the float that we usually get a donation for its use of \$200. Depending upon the organization or circumstance, the Grand Knight has the privilege of setting the rate or waiving the donation. For example, a council painted the float for us; we did not charge them for rental, obviously.

Indemnification Agreement: Any organization or person using the float outside of our own Council, needs to sign the Bishop Peterson Council #4442 Santa Maria Parade Float Indemnity Agreement. Also required is the “KofC Rental Agreement for Use of Santa Maria” that lists the inventory of items in the float rental “package.” These forms are on-line in the council web site and each should be filled out in duplicate, with one copy of each for the renter and one each for the KofC representative.

Included with the float rental package are the following items:

1. The ship, including a large blue cross, a sail mast, a yardarm pole, a ladder, and the trailer.
Accessories (To be returned in the provided garment bag.)
2. White main sail
3. A banner emblazoned with a red cross – to be hung on the large blue cross.
DO NOT WASH OR PLACE BANNER IN CLOTHES DRYER.
4. A 48” banner rod
5. Two gold-colored sash cords for display around the banner rod at the edges of the banner.
6. A small red / white pennant on a rod to be inserted at the top of the mast.
7. Three small bungee cords for securing the bottom of the sail.

Hitches: We have a couple of different size trailer hitch balls and a jack for jacking up the float to get it onto the carrying vehicle. They are located in the basement or in the storage area with the tables.

Pick up/Return: Arrangement should be made to have someone available when the user is picking up and when returning the float to verify the condition of the package, as is listed in the rental agreement.

Registration: The trailer needs to be registered each June. The registration is located in the file cabinet in the GK office in the Float Folder.

The trailer should not be pulled on the highway nor exceed 45mph.

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