

Requirement Checklist

- File Service Program Personnel Report Form (#365)
- Not be suspended by Supreme Council for non-payment of Per Capita, Catholic Advertising or Supply Charges
- File the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report Form (#1728)
- Submit a completed Columbian Award Application form (#SP-7) by COB June 30
- Ensure all membership and insurance documents are received, processed and released at the Supreme Council office by COB June 30



Any questions or comments, feel free
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Shoot for the Stars

The Star Council Award

**Aim for the
most prestigious
award that a
council can
achieve.**



The Star Council Award is the attainment of the *Father McGivney Award* for membership growth, the *Founders' Award* for insurance membership growth and the *Columbian Award* for service programs.



Father McGivney Award

Awarded to councils that achieve a seven percent net gain in membership and the council must host or participate in four first degrees during the fraternal year. The four first degrees must be reported on Form 450C and filed with the Supreme Office by close of business of the last reporting day of June. The key to achieving this award is to begin recruitment activities early in the fraternal year. Start by implementing the Order's membership "Action Plan", or come up with your own ideas. **To qualify, membership transactions and ceremonial reports must be received, processed and recorded by the Supreme Council office by close of business of the last working day of June (EST).**



Founders' Award

Presented when a council meets or exceeds a 2.5 percent net gain of insurance members for the fraternal year (councils under 100 members need a net gain insurance quota of 3 new members). The council's field agent and financial secretary play key roles in attaining the Founders' Award. The field agent should be included in all council recruitment and membership promotional events, to promote the Order's insurance program and the benefits of membership. Councils should work with the agent to conduct fraternal benefit nights throughout the year. Financial secretaries should forward the Membership Documents (#100) of each new member promptly to the agent after a First Degree, so he can arrange a personal visit with the new member and his family, to discuss the benefits of membership. Finally, councils should work to reactivate inactive insurance members, (these members count as a membership and an insurance gain towards council quotas). **To qualify, insurance additions must be received, processed and released at the Supreme Council office by close of business of the last working day of June (EST).**



Columbian Award

Awarded to councils that conduct at least four activities in the areas of Church, community, council, culture of life, family and youth. The Order has designated several Featured Programs that once completed would fulfill the requirement of each of the above activity areas. You can review these key programs by visiting the Knights of Columbus website. A copy can also be found in your Surge with Service kit. Councils should also establish committees to organize the service programs to be conducted throughout the entire fraternal year. A well organized plan is the key to success. **The Columbian Award Application can be found in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) or on the Orders website at www.kofc.org/forms. These forms must be received and recorded at the Supreme Council office by close of business of the last working day of June (EST).**

