

Non-Competitive State Council Awards

Program Achievement Awards are based on merit, participation, and numbers accumulated at the Supreme Office and the Minnesota Office.

1. **Plaquettes** are awarded to recognize council achievement in Programs
 - White** - Participant Award
 - Red** - State Program Director Award
 - Blue** - State Officers Award of Excellence
2. **Certificates** are presented to each grand knight denoting his council's achievement in receiving one of these three program awards.
3. **Certificates** are presented to a district deputy when 100% of the councils in his district achieve at least the Participant Award.
4. **Plaques** are presented to the district deputy if 100% of the councils in his district achieve the State Officers' Award of Excellence.

Participant Award Requirements

1. File Form 185 (newly elected officers) by July 1st
2. File Form 365 (list of appointed directors and committee chairs) by August 1st
3. File Form 1728 (fraternal year survey) by January 31st
4. All State and Supreme bills paid
5. All Intellectual Disability (Tootsie Roll) funds and reports filed from previous year
6. Show evidence of membership recruitment
7. Conduct at least one program in each of the six major categories
(Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)
8. File Midyear Audit by January 31st
9. File End of Year Audit for previous council year

Director Award

Council must fulfill all 9 of the requirements for the Participant Award, plus:

1. Show positive membership intake
2. Conduct at least two programs in each of the six major categories
(Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)

State Officers Award of Excellence

Council must fulfill all 9 of the requirements for the Participant Award, plus:

1. Show positive membership increase
2. Conduct at least four programs in each of the six major categories
(Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)

State Fund Contribution Awards

Pennies for Seminarians

Participant Awards

1. Plaque or adhesive year plate given to each council that contributes at least \$2 per active member**
(new plaque given when plaque is filled with year plates)
2. Councils may qualify through June 30th (last day of fraternal year)

Jim Campbell Religious Scholarship Fund

Participant Awards

1. Plaque or adhesive year plate given to each council that contributes at least \$2 per active member**
(new plaque given when plaque is filled with year plates)
2. Councils may qualify through June 30th (last day of fraternal year)

**active membership is based on total membership reported by the Supreme Council on July 1st minus inactive members and honorary life members listed on the same report

Competitive State Awards

The council must qualify for the State Officers Award of Excellence to be eligible for Overall Program judging. All other areas of competitive judging require a minimum qualification of Participant Award.

Submission are judged by committees composed of grand knights, district deputies, and state team members.

Councils may submit ONLY ONE program in each of the six categories for judging in that category -- only one program for Church, one program for Council, one program for Community, etc.

Overall Program Award Requirements

Council must fulfill all 9 of these requirements to be eligible of consideration for this award:

1. File Form 185 (newly elected officers) by July 1st
2. File Form 365 (list of appointed directors and committee chairs) by August 1st
3. File Form 1728 (fraternal year survey) by January 31st
4. All State and Supreme bills paid
5. All Intellectual Disability (Tootsie Roll) funds and reports filed from previous year
6. Show membership increase
7. Conduct list at least four programs in each of the six major categories
(Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)
8. File Midyear Audit by January 31st
9. File End of Year Audit for previous council year

Best Overall Program Awards - Two plaques are awarded

1. First place Outstanding Overall Program
2. Second place Excellent Overall Program

Family of the Year (plaque provided by State)

1. Selected from entries received with End of Year Reports
2. Plaque presented at State Convention Banquet
3. Winning entry sent to Supreme and entered into the Supreme Council Competition

Knight of the Year (plaque provided by State)

1. Selected from entries received with End of Year Reports
2. Plaque presented at State Convention Banquet

Individual Competitive Program Awards

Submissions in the six major categories of Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth will be judged for content and presentation based on:

1. Nature of Activity: Does it demonstrate the objectives of the service program?
2. Participation of Membership: How many members and what percentage participated?
3. Results: What benefits were derived from sponsorship of this project/program?
4. Program Originality: Was the program something new?
5. Committee Planning: How effectively was the program organized? How detailed was the planning?
6. Delegation of Responsibility: How many members served as planners, chairpersons, workers, etc.?
7. Publicity: How effectively was the program publicized? How was it publicized?
8. Program submitted last year may NOT be submitted again unless there have been notable changes or major enhancements to the program.

Supreme Service Awards (plaques provided by Supreme)

1. One presented for each of the six major categories (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth) to the council with the single most outstanding program in that area
2. The six winning entries are sent to Supreme and entered into the Supreme Council Competition

State Service Awards (plaques provided by State)

1. Two presented for each of the six major categories (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth) to the council with the second (and third) most outstanding project in that area
2. The Supreme Service Award winner is not eligible for either of the plaques in that category

Scrapbook Award (plaque provided by State)

1. One award given for outstanding scrapbook present at the State Convention

Supreme Council Awards

Every fraternal year, thousands of council qualify for one or more of the awards given out by the Supreme Council for outstanding achievement in programming, membership, recruitment, retention, and promotion of the Order's insurance program.

Each and every council should strive to achieve these Supreme Council Awards.

Star Council Award Requirements

1. File Form 365 (list of appointed directors and committee chairs) by August 1st
2. File Form 1728 (fraternal year survey) by January 31st
3. Achieve **Father McGivney Award**
4. Achieve **Founder's Award**
5. Achieve **Columbian Award (SP-7)**
6. All State and Supreme bills paid

Fr. McGivney Award Requirements

Achieve membership quota (7% of base, minimum 4, maximum 35)

- Additions: new members, reinstatement, readmissions, and reapplications processed by June 30th
- Deductions: suspensions and withdrawals
- Transfers and deaths do not count for or against

Founders' Award Requirements

Achieve insurance quota (2 1/2% of base, minimum 3, maximum 18)

- Insurance additions: new, reinstatement, readmissions, and reapplications processed by June 30th
- Insurance deductions: suspensions and withdrawals
- Transfers and deaths do not count for or against

Columbian Award (SP-7) Requirements

Conduct at least four programs in each of the six major categories

(Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)

- Sponsorship of a parish roundtable fulfills all four Church Activity requirements
- Sponsorship of a Columbian Squires circle fulfills all four Youth Activity requirements
- Featured Programs also fulfill all four activity requirements for the category they are listed under

Century Award Requirements

Membership increase of 100+ additions over deductions processed by June 30th

- Additions: new members, reinstatement, readmissions, and reapplications processed by June 30th
- Deductions: suspensions and withdrawals
- Transfers and deaths do not count for or against

Contest of Champions Awards - Presented to 2 councils in each jurisdiction

- One award given to the council showing highest percentage of membership quota attained based on additions over deductions processed by June 30th (must have attained membership quota)
- One award given to the council showing highest number of membership additions over deductions processed by June 30th

Insurance Promotion Awards - Presented to 2 councils in each jurisdiction:

- One award given to the council showing highest percentage of insurance membership quota attained based on additions over deductions processed by June 30th (must have attained insurance quota)
- One award given to the council showing highest number of insurance additions over deductions processed by June 30th

Service Program Awards

Chosen from winning entries are sent to Supreme from each State Council and entered into the Supreme Council Competition. The grand knight and his wife from each winning council in each of the six major categories (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth) is invited to the Supreme Convention as guests of the Supreme Council.

District Deputy Awards

1. Star District Award - DD with District gain of 3.5% membership and 1.75% insurance
2. New Council Plaque - DD who achieves a new council in his District
3. Best Percentage Gain Plaque - best gain in membership over quota