

# South Carolina State Council

## Knights of Columbus



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## Awards Program

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**2020-2021**



## **Purpose**

The South Carolina State Council Awards Program was created to encourage and recognize service by our Knights to their parishes, families and communities.

This purpose statement recognizes two important parts of the State Awards Program. First, the State Awards Program encourages service in the four areas that form the new “Faith in Action” Program of the Knights of Columbus. Service in these areas is how the Knights of Columbus demonstrate their Catholic faith. This leads to strengthening our faith; supporting our Church, bishops, and priests; improvements in our communities; strengthening the faith of our families; and supporting and defending the dignity of life. This in turn brings in new members and retains existing members as well as allowing the Knights of Columbus to serve these areas even more.

Second, the State Awards Program recognizes this service. Recognition is secondary to the service provided. However, when outstanding service is provided, the State Council wants to recognize this service as a way to encourage more service. The purpose of this manual is to set forth the requirements and procedures for recognition of the State Awards and to briefly discuss the Supreme Awards Program.

## **Summary**

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Awards are presented to those councils who have achieved specific requirements in the area of programs, membership, and insurance.

The South Carolina State Council’s State Awards Program recognizes achievements in three areas: the District Deputy’s Recognition Program, the Individual Awards and Achievement Awards. The District Deputy’s Recognition Program (DDRP) encourages councils to plan and execute well-rounded “Faith in Action” programs and councils are considered for recognition by their District Deputy. The Individual Awards are presented to worthy Knights and their families to recognize their contributions. Under the Achievement Awards, the Service Program Awards are presented to the best council activity in the four “Faith in Action” areas (Faith, Family, Community, and Life).

This manual combines the detailed information for all State Awards with a brief description of the awards that are available.

## **Supreme Council Awards**

A brief overview of Supreme Awards is given below. Additional information for these awards can be found in the new “Faith in Action” Guidebook available on the Knights of Columbus website. In event of disagreements between the descriptions below and the Faith in Action guidebook, the Faith in Action guidebook takes precedence.

### **Star Council Award**

This is the highest award a council can achieve from the Supreme Council. Every council should strive to achieve this recognition.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder’s, and Columbian awards.

To qualify for these awards, a council must submit its Survey of Fraternal Activity and its Service Program Personnel Report by their respective deadlines. To be eligible for Star Council, Double Star and Triple Star awards, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements. This means that the Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, & Community Director must complete the Praesidium safe environment training. Additionally, The Family and Community Directors must complete background checks. If the council sponsors a Columbian Squires circle, the council Squires chairman and all circle counselors must complete the training and background checks.

### **Columbian Award**

This is the Supreme Council’s award for completion of faith-filled well-rounded service programs. To qualify you must:

1. Conduct at least four major programs in each of the “Faith in Action” categories of Faith, Family, Community, and life.
2. This fraternal year there are no “Supreme Required” programs.
3. Complete the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) due by June 30
4. Submit your Service Program Personnel Report (#365) by August 1 of the fraternal year.

\*Individual councils do not need to submit reports or applications for the following awards:

### **Father McGivney Award**

This is the Supreme Council's award for achieving the council's goal of net new members. To qualify you must:

1. Submit your Service Program Personnel Report (#365) **by August 1** of the fraternal year.
2. Achieve a net gain of 5% or greater of membership, or at least 3 new members, whichever is greater.

*Your council's goal will be printed on your monthly statements from Supreme.*

### **Founders' Award**

This is the Supreme Council's award for achieving the council's goal of net new insurance members. To qualify you must:

1. Submit your Service Program Personnel Report (#365) **by August 1** of the fraternal year.
2. Plan and conduct 2 Fraternal Benefits Nights.

### **International Service Program Awards**

The International Service Program competitions annually recognize the best programs conducted by local councils in the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life activities. The international winners are selected from the winning entries submitted by each jurisdiction. The South Carolina jurisdiction selects the best activity as part of their State Council Service Program Award.

### **Family of the Month**

The structure of the family is built on strength, faith, and love. Strength comes from a bond of togetherness, experiences and respect for one another. Families build a strong foundation of faith as they pray, attend Mass and spend time together.

The Supreme Council encourages every council to participate in the Order's "Family of the Month" program.

After having chosen a family, complete and submit the corresponding monthly form from the Family of the Month. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month 100 Family of the Month reporting forms are randomly selected and the families chosen receive a Holy Family Plaque.

Forms can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html>

## **State Awards**

The South Carolina State Council has established state awards in three primary areas: Individual Awards; Achievement Awards; and the Inter-Council Championship (ICC). The winners are selected from the entries submitted by each council.

Any council not under suspension is eligible to enter. The State Deputy will appoint committees responsible for reviewing all entries and selecting the overall winner. The decisions of the committee are final.

Each year the winners are honored at the Awards Session at the annual South Carolina State Convention.

### **State Awards: Individual**

#### **Knight of the Year Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Knight of the Year Award annually at the State Convention, to a Brother Knight who best exemplifies the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus, as demonstrated by service to his council during the past year.

#### **Eligibility**

All third degree Knights in good standing that are members of a council in the state of South Carolina are eligible except for the following:

- Present and Past State Deputies
- Present State Officers
- Present District Deputies
- Present Grand Knights
- Past State Knights of Year winners

Each council may submit only one nomination from their council for this award. The nominee shall be selected from those Knights of their council of good Catholic character.

#### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Knight of the Year will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the distinguished service of the nominated Brother Knight to his council during the last year, (i.e. from April 16, 2020 until March 17, 2021)

#### **Due Date**

Written nominations must be **received via E-Mail by March 17, 2021.**

## **Golden Knight of the Year Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Golden Knight of the Year Award annually at the State Convention to a Brother Knight who best exemplifies the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus as demonstrated by continuous service to his council during a period **of at least 10 continuous years.** This award is intended to recognize members who work hard year after year and to give due recognition to men who have shown true devotion over a long period to the Knights of Columbus.

### **Eligibility**

All third degree Knights in good standing that are members of a council in the state of South Carolina are eligible except for the following:

- Present and Past State Deputies
- Present State Officers
- Present District Deputies
- Present Grand Knights
- Past State Golden Knights of Year winners

Each council may submit only one nomination from their council for this award. The nominee shall be selected from those Knights of their council of good Catholic character.

### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Golden Knight of the Year will be selected based on written nomination submitted by the council detailing the distinguished service of the nominated Brother Knight to his council for a period **of at least 10 continuous years.**

### **Due Date**

Written nominations must be **received via E-Mail by March 17, 2021.**

### **Family of the Year Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Family of the Year Award annually at the State Convention, to a Knights of Columbus family that best exemplifies the model Knights of Columbus family in every respect, as demonstrated by their devotion to their Catholic faith, their community, and to each other.

### **Eligibility**

All Knights in good standing that are members of a council in the state of South Carolina are eligible except for the following:

- Present and Past State Deputies
- Present State Officers



- Present District Deputies
- Present Grand Knights
- Past State Family of Year winners

Each council may submit only one nomination from their council for this award. The nominee shall be selected from those Knights of their council of good Catholic character.

#### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Family of the Year will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the distinguished service of the nominated Brother Knight and family to their Church, council, community, and each other during the previous year, (i.e. from April 2020 until March 2021).

#### **Due Date**

Written nominations must be **received via E-Mail by March 17,2021.**

#### **Youth of the Year Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Youth of the Year Award annually at the State Convention, to a Catholic youth that best exemplifies the model Catholic youth in every respect, as demonstrated by their devotion to their Catholic faith, their parish, and their community.

#### **Eligibility**

All Catholic youth, male or female, who are 10-17 years of age on the submission date and are active members of their Catholic parish. Youth do not need to be members of a Knights of Columbus family and may be members of a neighboring parish that does not have a Knights of Columbus Council associated with it. Each council may submit only one nomination for this award.

#### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Youth of the Year will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the distinguished service of the nominated youth to the Catholic Church and community during the previous year, (i.e. from April 2020 until March 2021).

#### **Due Date**

Written nominations must be **received via E-Mail by March 17, 2021.**

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## **Catholicity and Charity Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Catholicity and Charity Award annually at the State Convention, to an individual that best exemplifies the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus in the area of Catholicity and Charity.

### **Eligibility**

All Catholics, male or female, residing in South Carolina are eligible for the Catholicity Award. All South Carolina citizens are eligible for the Charity Award. The individuals do not need to be members of a Knights of Columbus or the Knights of Columbus family. All third degree Knights in good standing that are members of a council in the state of South Carolina are eligible except for the following:

- Present and Past State Deputies
- Present State Officers
- Present District Deputies
- Present Grand Knights
- Past State Golden Knights of Year winners
- All Religious Members

Each council may submit only one (1) nomination for each award.

### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Catholicity and Charity Award will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the contributions of the nominees during the previous year, (i.e. from March 16, 2020 until March 17, 2021) as related to each award.

### **Due Date**

Written nominations must be **received via E-Mail by March 17, 2021.**

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## **Suggested Individual Award Format**

This is the suggested format for the Knight of the Year, Golden Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Youth of the Year, Catholicity, and Charity Awards.

**South Carolina State Council  
2020-2021  
<Name of the Individual Award>  
<Name of Nominee>**

Write an opening paragraph stating your council's name and the name of your council's nominee. While this paragraph can be informative, keep it short, as it will not usually be judged.

Follow this by a listing of accomplishments. Ensure the information is relative. Do not spend time telling the judges what a great guy the nominee is. Describe what the nominee did and the honest magnitude of his accomplishments and involvement. It is this information that will be judged. The following is an example.

The following information is provided to support the St. John's Council's nomination of Brother John Doe for the South Carolina State Council 2020-2021 Knight of the Year:

Brother John Doe is an active communicant of St. John's Catholic Church in some town, SC.

He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 16 years. He is an active member of St. John's Council # 123 and a Fourth Degree Knight of St. John's Assembly # 456. He is a PGK and PFN, *(Interesting, but this is not an accomplishment during the fraternal year and will be disregarded.)*

Installation of Officers: John Doe was chairman of this event that was attended by 58 Knights and their wives. He decorated the hall and prepared all the food for the evening.

Labor Day Picnic: This picnic was attended by 75 people. John was a member of the picnic committee and was responsible for publicity.

Eucharistic Minister: John serves almost every Sunday as a Eucharistic Minister at St. John's Catholic Church. *(He gets no more credit if he has been Eucharistic Minister for 25 years if this nomination is for Knight of the Year.)*

Christmas Party: John and his wife attended the Council Christmas Party.

Continue: Give as many examples as possible.

End the report with a final short paragraph reiterating your council's nomination.

Fraternal submitted,

(Grand Knight's Signature)  
Council Name and Number

## **State Awards: Achievement**

### **Service Program Awards**

The South Carolina State Council annually recognizes the best programs conducted by local councils in the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life activities. The South Carolina winners will be submitted to the Supreme Council for judging the International Service Program Awards.

### **Eligibility**

All councils in the state of South Carolina in good standing are eligible. Each council may submit only one activity nomination for each of the six service program awards.

### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Service Program Awards will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the single program or activity conducted by the council during the previous year, (i.e. from April 2020 to March 2021) as related to each of the six service program areas. The report should contain as much information on the program as possible. The program will be judged on the following five bases:

- Nature of Activity
- Participation
- Benefits
- Planning
- Publicity

To enter a program, complete the State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP) located in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) or on the KofC Supreme website at:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html>

A separate form should be used for each program submitted.

Send the form, along with supporting materials (newspaper articles, photographs, etc.) to the State Service Program Awards Chairman (State Program Director) at the following address:

**Christopher R. Hilditch, DD #2**

**State Program Director**

**SC State Council**

**2757 Powhatan Drive**

**Sumter, SC 29150**

or email to:

[hilditchpi@gmail.com](mailto:hilditchpi@gmail.com)

Entries will be decided by a consensus vote of the State Faith in Action Directors.

#### Due Date

Written nominations must be **received via E-Mail by March 17, 2021.**

#### **Scrapbook Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Scrapbook Awards annually at the State Convention, to the council in **each division** with the best scrapbook of the council's previous year service program.

#### **Eligibility**

All councils in good standing within the state of South Carolina are eligible.

#### **Basis for Judgment**

The South Carolina State Council Scrapbook Awards will be selected based on a scrapbook submitted by the council detailing the programs and activities conducted by the council during the previous year, (i.e. April 2020 to March 2021). This includes, but is not limited to, how well the contents of the scrapbook reflect the five service program areas, the number of activities the council participated in during the year, continuity, and quality of contents.

#### **Due Date**

Scrapbooks must be **submitted on Saturday morning of the State Convention.**

#### **Convention Attendance Award**

The South Carolina State Council presents the Convention Attendance Awards annually at the State Convention to the council achieving the best attendance at the State Convention based upon the distance from the convention site and duly registered attendance as a percentage of council percentage.

#### **Eligibility**

All councils in good standing in the state of South Carolina are eligible.

#### **Basis for Award**

The South Carolina State Council Convention Attendance Awards will be presented to councils having the convention participation based on the following formula:  **$AP = MT \times KR/KRC$**   
[AP: Award Points; MT: Miles traveled to convention; KR: Number of Knights registered at the convention; KRC: Number of members registered with the council].

## **State Awards: District Deputy's Recognition Program (DDRP)**

To encourage council activities that provide service to our Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth, the South Carolina State Council presents the District Deputy's Recognition Program (DDRP) annually at the State Convention, to each council having (and reporting) an active Faith in Action program that meets the requirements below.

### **Eligibility**

All councils in good standing in the state of South Carolina are eligible

### **Due Date**

DDRP nominations must be submitted by March 17, 2021. All reports must be typed via a summary and sent to the respective council's District Deputy. Each District Deputy shall then submit to the State Program Director their determination of which of their councils should be considered for awards.

### **Requirements**

The South Carolina State Council DDRP Awards will be presented based on DDRP Reports submitted by each council detailing the programs and activities conducted by the council during the previous DDRP year, (i.e. from April 2020 through March 2021) and includes a minimum set of requirements in the four service program areas as described below.

## **Explanation of Terms**

### **Family of the Month Program**

This program consists of selecting a Family of the Month. In order for this program to be counted, the council must submit a Family of the Month nomination to The Supreme Council using the forms provided in the *Family of the Month booklet*, (see page 5.) [Note: it is expected that the Family of the Month be honored with a Family of the Month Certificate.] ***The minimum months of participation required is listed in Table 2.*** When the minimum required number of forms has been submitted to the Supreme Council, report once on the ICC Report.

### **Knight of the Month**

This program consists of selecting a Knight of the Month. [Note it is expected that the Knight of the Month is honored with a Knight of the Month Certificate] ***The minimum months of participation required is listed in Table 2.*** When the minimum required number of months of participation has been achieved, report once on the ICC Report.

## **Program**

The word “program” is used in the DDRP Requirements to mean a major involvement program. These are meant to be programs that require a concerted effort of several Knights (and possibly their families.) The Council must sponsor the program. (For example, if the Council assures ushers are at Mass, the Council sponsors it. If some of the Knights happen to be ushers, this is not a Council program.) ***For the purpose of the DDRP Report, each program need only be reported once.*** (For example, if a program involves repeated performance, such as a monthly service activity, the program should only be reported once.)

## **Youth of the Month Program**

This program consists of selecting a Youth of the Month. Youth must be at least 10 years of age, but not have reached his/her 18th birthday. Youth does not have to be related to a Knights of Columbus member or be Catholic. [Note: it is expected that the Youth of the Month be honored with a Certificate.] ***The minimum months of participation required is listed in Table 2.*** When the minimum required number of months of participation has been achieved.