Faith in Action Programs (Faith)

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Why we do this

For ourselves

- Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith and to draw us closer to God in a tangible and meaningful way
- The focus on this streamlined program is quality, not quantity
- Our goal is for men to lead their family in service - not leave their family for service

For our Council and Community

- To strengthen our brotherhood by partaking in these programs
- To inspire men who are not Knights to join the Order
- To enrich the faith of our families and parishioners by engaging them in spiritual activities
- To inspire your Council to put their faith into action
- Councils that participate in these programs are eligible for the Columbian Award



Programs

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

- Councils are required to donate at least \$500 to an individual seminarian or religious aspirant
- For every \$500 donated, Supreme will refund the Council or Assembly \$100, with a maximum refund of \$400 per individual supported
- Report activity using the RSVP Refund Application (<u>#2863</u>)

Into the Breach

- Councils are required to hold either eight sessions to discuss the content
 of the original <u>Into the Breach</u> video series or by reading An Apostolic
 Exhortation to Catholic Men (<u>#340</u>) or five sessions of <u>Into the Breach: The</u>
 <u>Mission of the Family</u> video series
- Work with your Evangelization and Faith Formation director to incorporate these video series or readings into your Cor Gatherings
- Report activity using the Program Report Form (<u>#10784</u>)

Spiritual Reflection

- Councils are required to host or attend a retreat as part of a Spiritual Reflection for the men of the Council and the parish, which is at least a day long and is attended by 10 men or 10% of the Council, whichever is fewer
- If Councils are unable to organize these events themselves, they could attend an existing retreat as a group.
 - Retreat centers in South Carolina:
 https://directory.charlestondiocese.org/directories/retreat-center-directory/
- Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784)

Holy Hour

- Councils are required to hold at least four Holy Hours (quarterly) or organize and support two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession
- Discuss with your pastor the possibility of organizing an Eucharistic Procession for your community to witness the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity within the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784)



How it works

Throughout the fraternal year...

- Have your Faith Director work with your Grand Knight to organize these programs
- Upon completing a program, submit the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)
 - o **Important:** You can only submit this form online
 - You can submit this form multiple times throughout the fraternal year
- Supreme reviews each submission of your Fraternal Programs Report Form
 - Your Council will receive two credits for each submission that satisfies the associated requirements
 - The **minimum** requirement is to earn four credits in the **Faith** category

Things to remember

- Stay focused on our goal
 - While the Supreme Council awards your Council with two credits per successful program, it is essential to remember our goal, which is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith and to draw us closer to God in a tangible and meaningful way
- Keep your volunteers motivated
 - Recognition for a job well done can go a long way to keeping morale high
 - Publish the Council's works in the parish and community media forums
 - Be sure that each Knight gets full credit and recognition for his work
 - Consider presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the directors, chairmen, and other individuals who were instrumental in the program's success
- Fraternal Programs Report
 - Always submit your <u>Fraternal Programs Report</u> after completing any of the Faith programs: RSVP, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, Holy Hour

Resources

Supreme provides a collection of valuable resources, including FAQs and guides, to ensure your Faith in Action programs are a success. Visit <u>kofc.org/fiaresources</u> for a complete list of resources, or click one of the links below.

- Faith in Action Guidebook
- Faith in Action Minimum Requirements
- Faith in Action FAQs
- <u>Faith in Action Program Forms Reference Guide</u>
- [Video]: How to submit your Fraternal Programs Report
- [Video]: Recording of this presentation

A final message...

Brother Knights,

Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Every time you volunteer, every time you help someone in need, every time you pray, you are exemplifying the embodiment of fulfilling a Christ-like life. Your leading by example gives hope to those in need and inspires others. Never give up on fulfilling your mission, and always remain focused on what Blessed Michael McGivney calls us to be - practical Catholics.

Vivat Jesus!

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Supreme-recommended programs?

 For the Faith program, the options include RSVP, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, and Holy Hour.

Are there required programs?

 No. Councils are encouraged to participate in a variety of programs that best fit the needs of the men in their council and parish.