

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

The Star Council Award is the highest award a council can achieve for the fraternal year. The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. Star Councils are the most vibrant and energetic councils in the Order, and are well-recognized in their parishes and communities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian awards, as well as submit the following forms: Report of Directors (365), and Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728).

Columbian Award- Application Due to Supreme by June 30-send as early as April 1st

If this is not due until June 30 (end of fraternal year), why is it mentioned first? Simply put, the Columbian Award Application (SP7) is a great tool for the council to use to plan its activities for the upcoming fraternal year. Grand Knights can work with each Program Director to plan the four required activities for each of the six categories (Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth), enter them on the form, then the application is ready to submit once the final activity is completed (don't need to wait until June to submit). Supreme Council also has 'Featured Programs' for each of the categories where, by meeting all requirements for a featured program activity in a particular category, a council fulfills all requirements for that category. See the Columbian Award Application for more details on the Featured Programs.

Father McGivney Award

Achieve membership quota. The quota for councils is 7 percent increase of the council's membership as of July 1. The minimum quota is 4 and the maximum is 35. Councils that attain Star Council status and achieve 200 percent of their net gain goal will receive the Double Star Council Award. Form 100's for new members must be processed by the Supreme Council office by June 30 to count toward the Father McGivney Award. District Deputies report on the councils' hosting and participation in the First Degrees by submitting Form 450 (no other forms are necessary to submit to qualify).

Founder's Award

Achieve insurance membership quota. The quota for councils is a 2.5% net increase in insurance membership as of July 1 for the fraternal year. Councils should monitor their status of their quota throughout the year, and work with their Field Agent to promote the wonderful benefits of the KC Insurance Programs.

Star Council Award Checklist and Due Dates

- ___ Submit Report of Directors (Form 365)- Supreme Council due date is August 1st.
- ___ Submit Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)- Supreme Council due date is January 31st.
- ___ Qualify for Father McGivney award by achieving your membership quota.
- ___ Qualify for Founders award by achieving your insurance membership quota from July 1st - June 30th.
- ___ Qualify for Columbian Award by completing the Columbian Award Application (SP-7) and submitting by June 30th – send as early as April 1st.