



Nebraska Jurisdiction

Knights of Columbus
Awards Program

2015-2017

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Purpose

The Nebraska State Council ICC Awards Program is designed to encourage service to the Order, the Church, Communities, Families, Youth and Pro-life organizations through the presentation of awards. Recognition itself is secondary to the service or services provided and intended to encourage more service. This manual sets forth the requirements and procedures for possible recognition at the state and supreme levels.

Summary

The Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Awards Program recognizes achievements in Individual Awards, Achievement Awards and the Inter-Council Competition (ICC) Program. The Individual Awards are presented to worthy Knights and their families for their contributions. The Achievement Awards are presented to the best council activities as identified below. The ICC Award is given to the council chosen by its peers.

Award List

Category	Award name	Divisional?	Place	Total Awards
Publicity	Publicity Award	Yes	1st & 2nd	8
Vocations	Vocation Award	No	up to 2 equal	2
Culture of Life	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Culture of Life	One Rose One Life	Yes	1st & 2nd	8
Culture of Life	Art Contest	No	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	3
Church	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Church	Support of Catholic Education	No	up to 2 equal	2
Council	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Council	Knight of the Year	No	1st & Runner up	2
Youth	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Family	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Family	Family of the Year	No	1st, (2)Runner up	3
Community	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Community	Leonard Freehand Memorial	No	1st	1
Program Director	Ongoing Projects	No	Up to 2 equal	2
Program Director	Special Projects	No	Up to 2 equal	2
Membership Director	Highest Percentage Gain	Yes	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	12
Ceremonials	George Nussrallah	No	1st	1
Insurance	Agent of the Year (3 Agencies)	No	1st	3
State Deputy	Fraternalist of the Year	No	1st	1
State Deputy	District Deputy of the Year	No	1st, Runner up	2
Program Director	ICC Gold Level (old Council of the year)	No	Unlimited	
Program Director	ICC Silver Level (old Council of the year)	No	Unlimited	
Program Director	ICC Bronze Level (old Council of the year)	No	Unlimited	
Program Director	ICC Champion of the Year	No	1st	1

Divisions (4 Total)

Division 1 consists of councils with 1-70 members; Division 2, 71-125 members; Division 3, 126-225 members; and Division 4, 226 and above.

State Awards

Publicity

Councils that effectively use the tools available to make the public aware of what the Council is doing, why it is doing it, the people it serves and how it contributes to the welfare of the community as a whole will be considered for this award.

This is the only award which is given based on points. Possible points to be earned are:

- Featured article/picture in **Columbia** magazine or any other online or printed publication from Supreme – 15
- Rejected article/picture in **Columbia** magazine or any Supreme online/printed publication – 5
- Article/picture in diocesan paper – 10
- Article/picture in local paper – 10
- Extra picture(s) included with article in diocesan/local newspapers – 1 each
- Picture showing your council visible as Knights (shirts, aprons, etc.) serving the community – 1
- Article/Picture sent to Nebraska Knights **Courier** but not used – 5
- Article/Picture in Nebraska Knights **Courier** – 10
- National TV/radio/webpage/social media story – 15
- Local TV/radio/webpage/social media story – 15
- Local Community Calendar spots radio/TV/newspapers/online (other than parish/council website) – 5
- Roadside/billboard signs with Knights of Columbus identified as sponsor of the sign – 15
- Council Family of the Month designated by Supreme – 5
- Council newsletter and/or regular article in parish bulletin/parish newsletter – 5 each with 60 points maximum
- Council brochure describing the good works that your council does – 15
- Council website or page on parish site kept current – 15
- Council social media account (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) monitored and current – 15
- Council recruitment/Mass for shut-ins/other videos – 15
- Each of the other required ICC forms submitted by the deadline(s) – 5 each with 50 points maximum

Entries may be submitted any time during the year, but must be received by March 1 to be considered for the current year's awards. Send entries to:

Ron Goodrich
State Public Relations Chairman
8818 O'Hern St.
Omaha, NE, 68127-2536
402-592-0823 (work)
402-968-6209 (cell)
publicity@nebraskakofc.org

Community State and Supreme Awards

This award embodies the four principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. There is no better way to exemplify these principles than by getting involved in the local community. Picking a project in the community proves the council's commitment to charity. Working as a group shows unity. Fraternity is the celebration when the job is done.

Some organizations councils can get involved with include:

- Habitat for Humanity: This organization utilizes manpower and funds to help build homes for qualified families.
- Brush Up Nebraska Paint-a-Thon: A group that helps get donations of paint and shows councils how to best find a person or family that needs help painting their house.
- Nebraska Adopt-a-Highway: Councils working under this program clean up roadways and get their council name on signs for the public to see. The contact number for this program is 1-402-479-4843.

These are just suggestions. Each Council has its own talents and strengths to offer any existing or new program chosen. Good projects that are working now should be continued.

Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service Award

In memory of PSD Leonard Feehan, the Nebraska State Council presents this award to the council that displays outstanding service alongside other community organizations to improve a specific aspect of the community; or improve the living conditions of members in that community. Applications are available in the annual convention packet provided to the Council Financial Secretaries.

Family State and Supreme Service Awards

The Church recognizes the Family as the foundation of society. The Knights of Columbus provides a variety of resources and activities to strengthen families, helping them to overcome the many challenges they face in today's society. The list of activities to promote and honor families is endless, including family corporate communion, sports outings, picnics and potlucks, movie nights, collect aluminum cans to benefit the parish or a worthy organization, adopt a needy family, baby showers for local pregnancy counseling centers, and more.

Councils nominated for the family awards are judged on the family event sponsored by the council; its success; how the event included all aspects of the family, especially the children; how it reinforced our Catholic faith; and what made it a Catholic Christian event.

Council Awards

Council activities are meant to inform, educate and instill an enjoyable and beneficial atmosphere within the each council. This is where Fraternity really comes to life.

Three Council Awards are handed out at the annual state convention – The Knight of the Year, Council Supreme Service Award and Council State Service Award.

Knight of the Year nominations must be submitted to the state for consideration.

The other two awards are based on activities from the previous year. Council Supreme Service Award recognizes the top activity while the Council State Service Award honors the next best activity in the past year.

Submissions must be received no later than March 1 to be considered.

Church State and Supreme Service Awards

The basic principle of the Order is charity. Knights must set an example of service to their parishes and communities and providing opportunities to grow in the Catholic faith.

Awards are judged on:

- Church projects
- Details descriptions of the projects
- The number of Knights involved and the man hours donated
- The types of fundraisers used to support the project
- The amount needed to finance the project
- How the project benefits the parish

State Vocations Award

Vocations is an opportunity to support Christian living. It is the Knights' way of recognizing and thanking those men and women that have dedicated their lives to the priesthood or postulate.

Two (2) separate awards are given – Commitment to Vocations and Support of Seminarians. Both are judged on:

- A detailed description of the project
- The man hours and number of Knights of participating
- The types of fundraisers conducted to support the project
- The amount contributed to vocations
- The benefit to the recipients, the Church and the Body of Christ – YOU

Inter-Council Competition (ICC) Awards Program

Purpose: To acknowledge the councils that best exemplifies the Mission of the Knights of Columbus through their service to the Church, Council, Communities, Families, Culture of Life, and Youth. The ICC Champion of the Year, a traveling trophy, will be awarded to the council elected by their peers during the Saturday afternoon business meeting at the State convention.

Eligibility: All Gold level qualifiers will be entered on to the ballot according to requirements as cited below. The goal is to award at least 50% of all Nebraska councils with an ICC Gold level, Silver level or Bronze level award.

Due Date: March 1.

	Deadline	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Membership	April 1	75%	50%	25%
State per capita	March 1	Deadline met	Received	Received
Supreme per capita	March 1	Deadline met	Received	Received
Form 365 Service Personnel	Aug. 1	Deadline met	Received	Received
Form 1295-1 Semi Annual Audit	Feb. 15	Deadline met	Received	Received
Form 1295-2 Semi Annual Audit	Aug. 15	Deadline met	Received	Received
Form 1728 Fraternal Activity Annual Survey		Received	Received	Received
Form 185 Report of Officers	July 1	Deadline met	Received	Received
ICC General Council Information	Sept. 1	Deadline met		
ICC Council Activity Planner Info.	Sept. 1	Deadline met		
ICC Columbian Award (Church)	March 1	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 activity
ICC Columbian Award (Council)	March 1	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 activity
ICC Columbian Award (Community)	March 1	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 activity
ICC Columbian Award (Youth)	March 1	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 activity
ICC Columbian Award (Family)	March 1	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 activity
ICC Columbian Award (Pro-Life)	March 1	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 supreme or 2 local activities	1 activity
ICC Ongoing Project Application	March 1			
ICC Special Projects Application	March 1			
ICC Support of Catholic Education Application	March 1			
ICC Support of Vocations Application	March 1			
ICC Columbian Qualifier Application	March 1	Received	Received	
ICC Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service Award	March 1			
ICC Knight of the Year	March 1	Received	Received in lieu of Family of the Year	
ICC Family of the Year	March 1	Received	Received in lieu of the Knight of the Year	

Changes for 2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year

There have been some changes to the ICC program for the upcoming year. Hopefully they will make it easier for the Councils to participate and to win either Bronze, Silver or Gold.

1: We have eliminated the ICC Ceremonial report for this year.

2: We will accept the Supreme Columbian Award submission (SP-7) in place of the ICC Columbian Award Qualifier. The ICC Columbian award DOES NOT qualify as a substitute for the SP-7 to Supreme. If you send the ICC Columbian report to Supreme, they will not count it toward the Columbian Award or Star Council.

3: The ICC General Council Information and ICC Council Activity Planner are both due Sept. 1. If they are not received by that date, your Council will not qualify for ICC Gold. They can still qualify for Silver or Bronze if received after Sept. 1.

4: Starting this year, if a Council achieved their membership quota the previous year, they receive one "Wild Card." The wild card may be used to take the place of one of the qualifiers (except membership, both State and Supreme per capita, and any of the Supreme forms that need to be sent to Supreme). This wild card may be used to either achieve ICC Bronze or to move up a level.

5: This year, there will be three Insurance Agent of the Year awards, one for the East, Northeast and West agencies. There will be one Fraternalist of the Year selected by the State Deputy.

6: The Publicity Awards are the only awards determined by the old point system. The ICC awards have replaced the former "Council of the Year." The ICC awards are not picked by a point system, so councils do not benefit by submitting 25 or 30 entries in each category. Councils should pick their one or two best for submission.

7: If one of your submissions is picked as a Supreme Award qualifier, you must meet with the State Program Director immediately after the Friday night awards dinner so that he can tell you the procedures to submit your program to Supreme. This is very important as there are submissions from all 79 jurisdictions in the running for the Supreme Award.

8: Remember, you don't submit for these awards for the accolades, but to be able to recognize and thank all of the members of your Council and their families that have worked so hard on these projects. It is to them that we owe the thanks. It is also a great recruitment tool when you can show a potential Knight and his family an award for one of your Council's projects.

9: Last but not least, you don't have to wait until the submission dates to send in your entries. We will take them any time you want to send them in. They will all be recorded and kept for the selection process. It's easier to remember who, what, when and how of a project if you write it up as soon as you have completed it.

ICC General Council Information

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Membership as of July 1: Insurance _____

Associate _____

TOTAL: _____

Officers: Form 185 Filed (date): _____

Grand Knight: _____ Deputy Grand Knight: _____

Chancellor: _____ Warden: _____

Recorder: _____ Chaplain: _____

Financial Secretary: _____ Advocate: _____

Inside Guard: _____ Outside Guard: _____

Lecturer: _____ Treasurer: _____

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

Trustee: _____

Directors: Form 365 Filed (date): _____

Program: _____ Family: _____

Public Relations: _____ Membership: _____

Ceremonial: _____ Church: _____

Youth: _____ Pro-Life: _____

Recruitment: _____ Vocations: _____

Community: _____ Council: _____

Health Services: _____ Retention: _____

Sports: _____

DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1

ICC Council Activity Planner

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Activities: (List 3 scheduled activities for each month)

July _____

August _____

September _____

October _____

November _____

December _____

January _____

February _____

March _____

April _____

May _____

June _____

DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1

ICC On-Going Project Application

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Criteria: *Minimum of 5 years in length and not awarded for the same project in the last 5 years. Other suggested factors includes the number of Knights involved and the number of people benefitted.*

Due March 1

ICC Special Project Application

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Criteria: *Projects that don't come under any one specific category.*

Please describe in detail the project to be considered for the Special Project Award. Use additional pages if necessary.

Due March 1

ICC Support of Catholic Education Application

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Criteria: Projects that support the education of youth in the Catholic Faith.

Please describe in detail the project to be considered for the Support of Education Award. Use additional pages if necessary.

Due March 1

ICC Support of Vocations Application

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Criteria: *Projects that support the on-going formation of Clergy and Religious.*

Please describe in detail the project to be considered for the Support of Vocations Award. Use additional pages if necessary.

Due March 1

ICC Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service Award

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Instructions: In memory of PSD Leonard Feehan, the Nebraska State Council has instituted an award in 2007 to be given annually. This award is dedicated to the outstanding service that Leonard provided to his community as well as to the Knights of Columbus. Leonard never felt that doing good stopped with the Knights. He was always looking for ways to better his community and help those who lived there. In this spirit the Nebraska State Council is proud of this award in recognition of a Council that has gone out of its way to work with other community groups to improve a specific aspect of the community or to improve the living conditions of members of that community. The project nominated must include the efforts of **at least one other community organization** (e.g. Lions Clubs, Elks, etc.) within the community.

Complete one cover page for each application that you would like to have considered. Send a separate cover page and report to Program Director and Community Director. Some activities may be placed in different categories for award consideration based on Director's discretion. Attach a detailed description of the activity to be considered, **including such things as number of members involved, number of people attending, why the event was held, who benefited, costs, amount raised, promotion/advertising, etc.**

Should submit in written form (Preferably Microsoft Word Format) for best award opportunity.

1 Award is given in this category at the State Convention.

Send copy to State Program Director & State Community Director — DUE MARCH 1

ICC Youth Major Activity Award Application

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Instructions: Complete one cover page for each activity that you would like to have considered for a Supreme or State Service Award. Send a separate cover page and report to Program Director and Youth Director. Some activities may be placed in different categories for award consideration based on Director's discretion. Attach a detailed description of the activity to be considered, **including such things as number of members involved, number of people attending, why the event was held, who benefited, costs, amount raised, promotion/advertising, etc.**

Should submit in written form (Preferably Microsoft Word Format) for best award opportunity.

2 awards are given in this category at the State Convention.

Send copy to State Program Director & State Youth Director — DUE MARCH 1

ICC Council Major Activity Award Application

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Instructions: Complete one cover page for each activity that you would like to have considered for a Supreme or State Service Award. Send a separate cover page and report to Program Director and Council Director. Some activities may be placed in different categories for award consideration based on Director's discretion. Attach a detailed description of the activity to be considered, **including such things as number of members involved, number of people attending, why the event was held, who benefited, costs, amount raised, promotion/advertising, etc.**

Should submit in written form (Preferably Microsoft Word Format) for best award opportunity.

2 awards are given in this category at the State Convention.

Send copy to State Program Director & State Council Director — DUE MARCH 1

ICC Columbian Award Qualifier

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Must be 1 Supreme sanctioned program or 2 local programs.

Grand Knight's name and phone number:

Church Activities (vocations, parish roundtable, parochial services, Keep Christ in Christmas, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Community Activities (feed the hungry, decency, health services, ecology, poverty, helping the elderly, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Council Activities (public relations, fraternal recognition, blood donors, athletics, socials, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Family Activities (widows/orphans, memorials, family of the month/year, recreation, picnics, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Culture of Life Activities (March for Life, birthright, baby showers, baby bottle campaign, memorials, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Youth Activities (Columbian Squires, CYO, scholarships, scouting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, free throw, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

ICC Family of the Year

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Grand Knight's name and phone number

A. Personal Data

Member's Name _____ Membership Number _____

Wife's Name _____ Home Address _____

Children & Ages

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Parish Name _____ Pastor _____

Parish Address and Phone

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Nominated by council (name & number) _____

City _____

How many years has husband been a Knight? _____ Date Joined _____

Positions (officers/program directorships/ chairmanships/ committee assignments) held:

C. Family Involvement

Along with this form, please submit Family of the Year nomination in written form (Preferably Microsoft Word Document).

IN FULL DETAIL YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR "WRITE UP"

- Explain why this Family was chosen as the "model" Family in your council.
- Why does this Family deserve the distinction of being named State Knights of Columbus Family of the Year?
- Explain entire family's involvement in the church and community.
- A family photo should accompany the Family of the Year nomination.

Please remember to make a copy of the completed form to keep for your files before you send it.

Send copy to State Program Director & State Family Director — DUE MARCH 1.

ICC Knight of the Year

District No. _____ Council No. _____

Council Name _____ City _____

Grand Knight's name and phone number

A. Personal Data

Member's Name _____ Membership Number _____

Wife's Name _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Parish Name _____ Pastor Name _____

Parish Address and Phone

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Nominated by council (name & number) _____

City _____

How many years has husband been a Knight? _____ Date Joined _____

Positions (officers/program directorships/ chairmanships/ committee assignments) held:

C. Knights Activities and Qualification Data

Along with this form, please submit Knight of the Year nomination in written form (Preferably Microsoft Word Document).

IN FULL DETAIL YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR "WRITE UP"

- Explain why this Knight was chosen as the "model" Knight in your council.
- Why does this Knight deserve the distinction of being named State Knights of Columbus Knight of the Year?
- Explain the Knights involvement in Council, Church, and Community.
- A photo should accompany the Knight of the Year nomination.

Please remember to make a copy of the completed form to keep for your files before you send it.

Send copy to State Program Director & State Council Director — DUE MARCH 1.