



Nebraska Knights

Evangelize Our Family & Community



State Meeting Reminders

Registration instructions and links for all State Meetings will be disseminated through the Semi-Weekly updates

- Be sure to read through each issue to find this information
- Shortly after this comes out, it will be posted to the State Website
- Look for this approximately 2 months prior to each meeting
 - Mid-Year (DDs): December 4 – 6 – out in early October
 - Convention: April 23 – 25 – out in late February
 - Leadership Seminar: July 9 – 11 – out in early May





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Changes to the Faith in Action Programs are meant to:

- Focus on the BEST program
- Streamline the resources that Supreme provides

Programs that were removed this year:

- Family Week
- Good Friday Family Promotion
- Habitat for Humanity

You can still run these programs, if you want (especially if you have in the past). They are just not “Faith In Action” programs at Supreme. They now fall in the “Other” category.





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Programs that were combined this year:

- Family Fully Alive → Family Prayer Night
- Novena for Life → Gospel of Life
- Pregnancy Center Support → ASAP

Continue to use these great programs but be aware of the correct name.

Other changes being implemented this year:

- New Program: Build-a-Bed – added to the Family pillar
- Moved Program: Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
 - *Moved from Faith to Family pillar*





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Also remember the New Programs implemented last year:

- Quinceañera Support (Family)
- Remembering Our Faithful Departed (Family)
- Imitating Saint Juan Diego (Faith)
- ¡Viva Cristo Rey! (Faith)
- Bright Futures (Community)
- Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage (Community)
- Gospel of Life (Life)
- Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe (Life)





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Plan now to run the best program(s) for your council:

- Review all of the “Faith In Action” Programs details
 - Make sure that you know what a program is before listing it on the SP-7 or Form #10784
- Discuss which ones you are currently doing, or could successfully implement this year
 - See if any of your current programs fit into a “Faith in Action” programs (even if you call it by a different name).
- The new SP-7 “Columbian Award Application” will be asking for one of these programs in each category.





Supreme Program Changes for 2026-27

Use the resources that Supreme provides for these programs:

- “Faith In Action” Guidebook – #10907 in Supplies online
- “Faith In Action” resources on Supreme website:
 - <https://www.kofc.org/resources/officer-resources/engagement/faith-in-action-programs/resources/>
 - Use the ‘Guide Sheets’ for each program to understand the program and how you can implement it.

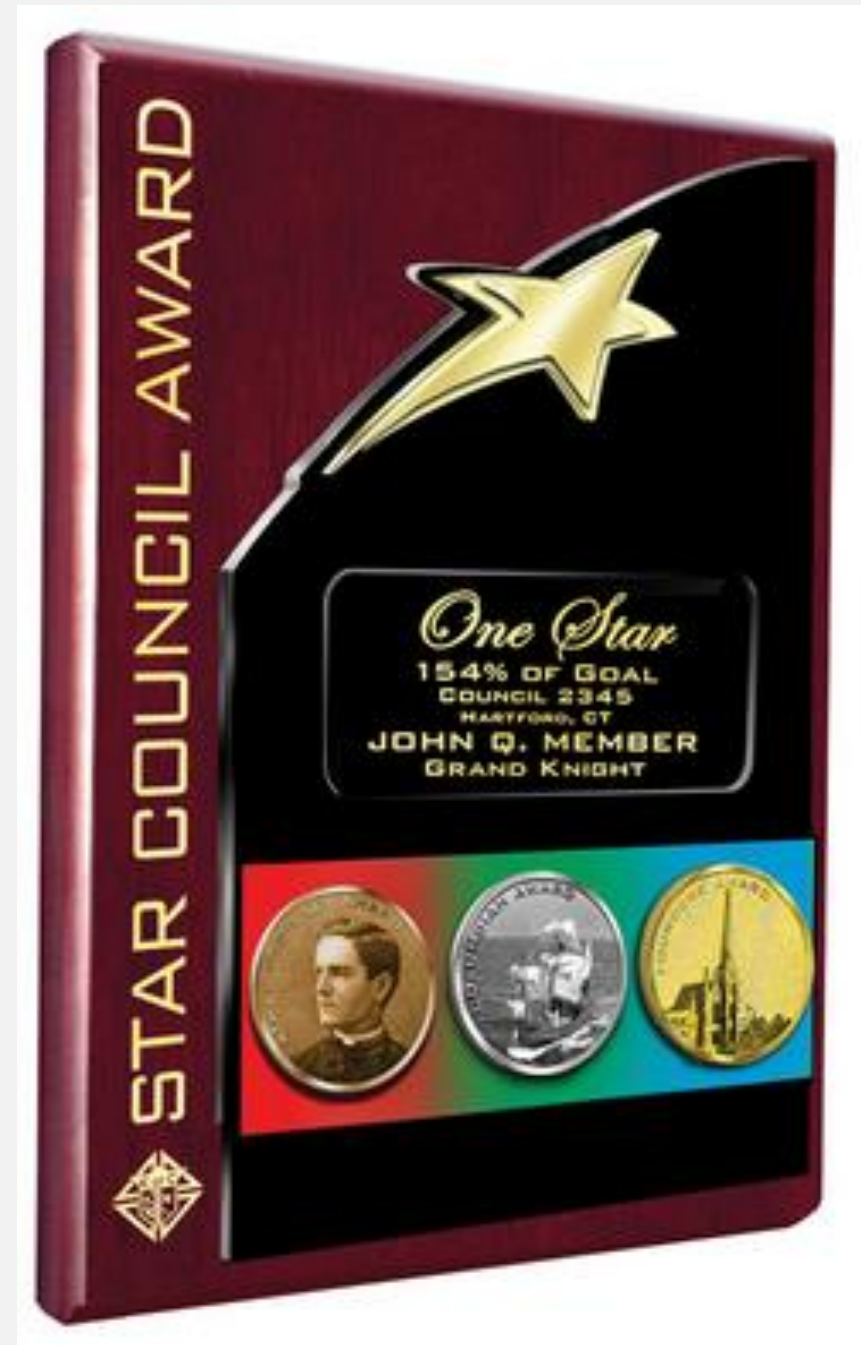
Family of the Month – New form #FOM (No longer #10784)





Star Council Award

- Star Council Award is the culmination of all the work that a council does:
 - *Programs*
 - *Growth*
 - *Insurance Promotion*
 - *Reporting*
- Page 11 of the Growth Book





Star Council Award

To achieve the Star Council Award, a council must:

- Submit all required forms
- Be in good standing with Supreme Council
 - Pay all assessments
- Be Compliant with Safe Environment Training & Background Checks
- Earn the Father McGivney Award
- Earn the Founders Award
- Earn the Columbian Award





Star Council Award

Required Forms:

- Submit *Report of Officers Chosen for the Term* (#185)
 - Due 30 June
- Submit *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365)
 - Due 30 June
- Submit *Annual Council Audit* (#1295)
 - Due 15 August
 - This is a new requirement
- Submit *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728)
 - Due 31 January





Star Council Award - Safe Environment

Why do we do it?

- It is now required for Star Council
- It is now required for ICC Gold, Silver & Bronze
- Do it to protect the order
- Do it to protect your council
- Do it to protect yourself

But the main reason...

DO IT TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN





Star Council Award - Safe Environment

Every Council has 4 required positions that **MUST** take the Safe Environment Training

- *Grand Knight*
- *Program Director*
- *Family Director**
- *Community Director**

* - Family & Community Directors will also need to complete a Background Check





It all starts with Form #185 & Form #365 Service Program Personnel Report



Service Program Personnel Report

July 1, 20__ through June 30, 20__

Council # _____ Jurisdiction: _____

Due By: July 1

The *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) must be received by the Supreme Council by **July 1** for the council to be eligible to earn the Star Council Award. Please complete and submit the report with the council's appointed personnel.

- Strongly consider submitting this report through Member Management for expedited processing. This is the preferred method.
- If filling out this report on paper, be sure to include the accurate membership number for each role.
- **Required roles to be appointed have been designated – Program Director, Family Director, Community Director, Membership Director, Retention Chairman.**
- Changes during the fraternal year should be made using Member Management to update the roles accordingly. If your council uses the paper form, only complete and submit that information which has changed.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REQUIRED	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
FAITH DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
FAMILY DIRECTOR REQUIRED	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR REQUIRED	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
LIFE DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REQUIRED	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
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RETENTION CHAIRMAN REQUIRED	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
INSURANCE PROMOTION	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
HEALTH SERVICES	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		
PUBLIC RELATIONS	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
		EMAIL		

SEND ORIGINAL TO: Department of Fraternal Mission (email: fraternaimission@kofc.org)

SEND COPIES TO: State Deputy, District Deputy, Council File

Grand Knight

Date





Star Council Award - Safe Environment

Members receive emails from: **Praesidium Do Not Reply**

- **1st Email Subject:** You're Invited to Praesidium Academy/ Estás invitado a Praesidium Academy
- **2nd Email Subject:** Welcome to KofC Safe Environment Initial Training
- **Family & Community Directors** will also receive an email for their background check from: backgroundcheck@praesidiuminc.com

Follow the link in these emails to access the training.

- You will be prompted to set your password if this is your 1st time taking this training.
- A Grand Knight is the only person who can hold multiple council roles.
- The Program Directors cannot also be the Family / Community Director.





Star Council Award - Safe Environment

PRAESIDIUM
ACADEMY

Sign In

Asterisks (*) indicate required fields.

Email Address

Password

[Given a code to create an account?](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Sign In](#)

[Need assistance? Access Support Resources](#)

You will need 3 Pieces of information to sign in:

- The position in your council.
- Your Membership Number:
- Your Council Number.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

BROTHER John Doe

MEMBER NO. 234567 IS A **3rd** DEGREE MEMBER OF

COUNCIL NO. 112345 CITY NEW HAVEN STATE CT

DUES PAID TO December 31 **2023**

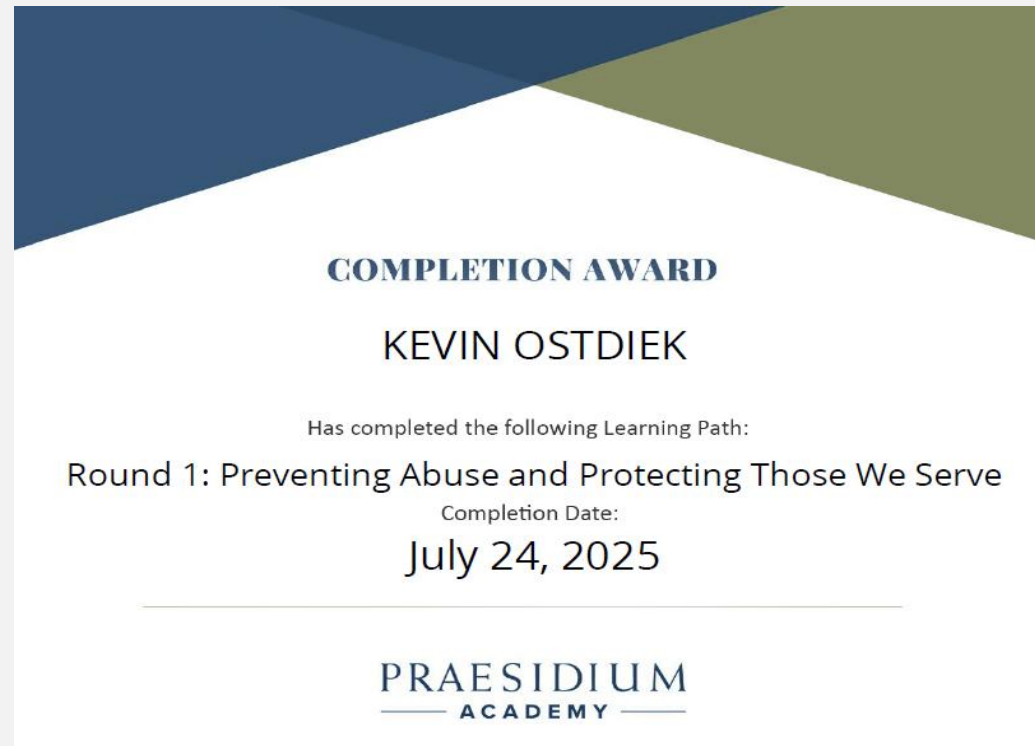
 *Patrick E. Kelly*
SUPREME KNIGHT





Star Council Award - Safe Environment

- Members that are not compliant within 30 days of Safe Environment Training notification can be removed from position(s)
- If members are removed for not being compliant submit another Form 365.





Star Council Award – McGivney Award

Given to councils that achieve their **Membership Quota** for the Fraternal Year

No Changes this year:

- Council must achieve 6% intake growth (new members) of the Council's total roster
 - *Minimum of 5*
 - *Maximum of 15*
 - *Based on the Council roster on July 1st, 2026*





Star Council Award – Founders Award

Given to councils that meet the requirements for **Promotion of Insurance** and Fraternal Benefits

The requirements have changed – Not based on FBEs:

- 10% of Associate (non-Insurance) Members must meet with the Council's Field Agent for a Financial Review
 - *Minimum of 5*
 - *Maximum of 15*
 - *Based on the number of Associate Members on the Council's roster on July 1st, 2026*
 - *Reported on Form #11077*





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Given to councils that report **Excellence in Council Programs** and charitable outreach

Reported on the *Columbian Award Application* (Form SP-7), due June 30th - changed since last year:

- It is simpler, online form only, and eliminates subjectivity
- No longer need to list 4 programs in all 4 Categories:
 - *Community, Faith, Family & Life*
- Now based on only 3 requirements





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 1

Donate \$500 toward any of the following:

- ASAP (cash or item value)
- Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)
- Coats for Kids
- RSVP

Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- ☐ Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- ☐ RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- ☐ Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 2

Complete 4 “Faith in Action” programs:

- 1 Program in each Category:
 - *Faith, Family, Community, Life*

Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 3

Conduct Cor monthly, starting no later than April

- *Include name and email of EFF Director on SP-7*

OR

Conduct 3 unique programs/activities within the year that:

- *Build fraternity*
- *Bring men closer to Christ*
- *Serve parish or community*





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 3

Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.





Inter-Council Competition (ICC)



Reigning Champions

Council #8010 – Msgr. Hubert Campo, Aurora / Giltner

Grand Knight: Andrew Ostdiek





ICC Program Goals

ICC stands for “**Inter-Council Competition**”. It is Nebraska’s program for reporting council activities & rewarding excellence.

It is designed to:

- Reward every council in Nebraska for the great work that they do in their parishes & communities
- Recognize the councils that are excelling in all phases of council activities: Programs, Growth & reporting
- The ICC Champion is determined by a vote of the delegates at the Nebraska State Convention: April 23rd – 25th, 2027





ICC Requirement Changes for 2026

Supreme moved to 1 Audit, so we removed the 2nd Audit requirement and replaced it with **Safe Environment Training:**

- Gold – SET Compliant by December 31st, 2026
- Silver – SET Compliant by March 1st, 2027
- Bronze – SET Compliant by April 1st, 2027

Updated the ICC Columbian Qualifier Application (*Required for Gold, Silver & Bronze*) to be closer to Supreme's new SP-7

- Removed 1 Program in each Section (12 are needed instead of 16)
- Required that the 1st Program in each Section be a 'Faith In Action' program





ICC Requirements

- Page 21 of the Program Book
- Downloadable from the State website: www.nebraskakofc.org
- Included in your packet
- Spells out Each Level of Achievement:
 - Forms must be submitted
 - Submission deadlines
 - Growth goal and possible adjustments



2026-2027 ICC AWARDS PROGRAM CHECKLIST									
There are 11 items required for ICC Bronze There are 16 items required for ICC Silver There are 18 items required for ICC Gold									
	Gold Requirements Receive by Date		Silver Requirements Receive by Date		Bronze Requirements Receive by Date				
Form 185 Report of Officers	JUN 30		MAR 1		MAR 1				
Form 365 Service Personnel	JUN 30		MAR 1		MAR 1				
Form 1295 Annual Audit	AUG 15		MAR 1		MAR 1				
ICC Council Activity Planner	SEP 1								
State Per Capita	SEP 1		SEP 1		MAR 1				
Supreme Per Capita	SEP 1		SEP 1		MAR 1				
Safe Environment Compliance	DEC 31		MAR 1		APR 1				
Form 1728 Fraternal Activity Annual Survey	JAN 31		MAR 1		MAR 1				
State Per Capita	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1				
Supreme Per Capita	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1				
ICC Columbian Qualifier Application	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1				
ICC Knight of the Year Or ICC Rookie Knight of the Year	MAR 1		Turn in one of these applications by MAR 1						
ICC Family of the Year	MAR 1								
ICC Faith Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
ICC Family Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
ICC Community Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
ICC Life Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1						
Membership (April 1)	75% of Quota*		50% of Quota*		25% of Quota*				

*Completion of two (2) of the Keystone Projects laid out in the State Program Book will result in a reduction of 10% of your ICC Membership Quota for the Year. Completion of all eight (8) Keystone Projects can reduce your ICC Membership Quota by a total of 40%. A minimum of +1 new member is required for Membership for ICC Awards.

This will not change your Membership Quota for Star Council.

2025-2026 Star Councils may use a "Wild Card" to take the place of one of the ICC Program Requirements.

The "Wild Card" cannot be used on

Membership, State Per Capita, Supreme Per Capita, or any of the Supreme Reports (forms listed in **bold text**).



ICC Requirements

Required Supreme Forms:

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report
- #1295 – Annual Audit
- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

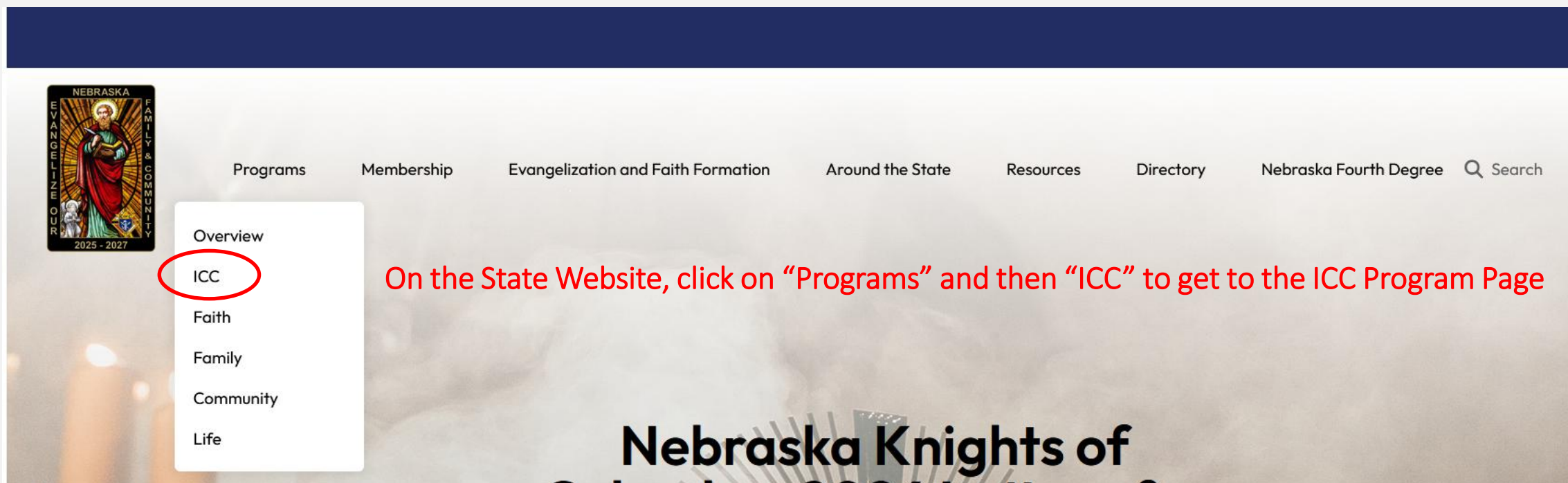
Required State Forms:

- ICC Columbian Qualifier Application (*Gold, Silver & Bronze*)
- ICC Knight of the Year or Rookie Knight of the Year (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Family of the Year (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Family / Faith / Community / Life Award Application (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Council Activity Planner (*Gold*)





ICC Reporting



On the State Website, click on “Programs” and then “ICC” to get to the ICC Program Page





ICC Requirements— Keystone Projects

Councils can conduct up to 8 "Keystone Projects" to reduce their **ICC Membership Quota**

- *This will not reduce your Membership Quota for Star Council.*

Keystone Projects are picked by State Directors.

Every 2 Keystone Projects, reduces ICC Mem. Quota by 10%

- *Completing all 8 Keystone Projects will reduce your ICC Membership Quota 40%.*
- *Example: A council completes 7 Keystone Projects would need:*
 - 45% of their Membership Quota for ICC Gold
 - 20% of their Membership Quota for ICC Silver
 - 1 new member for ICC Bronze (Minimum requirement is 1 new member)





ICC Requirements— Keystone Projects

ICC Keystone Projects for 2026-2027:

- Faith - Council Holy Hour
- Family - Family of the Month – use the New #FOM form
- Community - Coats for Kids
- Life - ASAP
- Youth - Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Intellectual Disabilities - Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- Vocations - RSVP
- Publicity / Social Media - "Around the State" and State Social Media presence





ICC Requirements— Keystone Projects

Reporting Keystone Projects:

Most Keystone Projects must be reported using the ICC Reports:

- *Activity Award Submission Forms*
 - Good for reporting: Faith, Community, Life, Youth & Vocations

The Exceptions to this are:

- *Family of the Month – Reported to Supreme on new Form #FOM*
- *Intellectual Disabilities – Reported on the ID Report Form (in your packet & downloadable from website). All donations must be included.*
- *Publicity / Social Media – Pulled from State's social media accounts and State website's 'Around the State' page*





Reporting Success

What does successful reporting look like?

- Anticipate the Deadlines – don't wait for them
- Fill out the Activity Reports (#10784 & ICC) right after the activity is completed
- Know the requirements for the required reports
 - The SP-7's new requirements SHOULD cause a review of your activities
 - *You need to plan at least 5 'Faith In Action' programs, plus COR or 3 other programs*
 - *Identify these programs early to ensure that you have them scheduled and completed so that your SP-7 will be accepted by Supreme*





Reporting Success

Start planning your reporting now

- If you have your activities planned, plan the reporting, too
- Identify the project leaders and ensure they know how to complete the reports, or who to send this information to

Delegate

- The Grand Knight and / or FS don't have to do all of the paperwork!
- Any council member can submit activity reports (ICC and #10784)
 - *Designate one or more members to handle the reporting (DGK – Program Dir.)*
 - *Use reporting as a way to mentor new Council Officers and Directors*
 - *Get more members to understand reporting needs and Supreme / State websites*





Reporting Success – Month by Month

July

- Plan your Council Schedule
 - New SP-7 requires 5 'Faith In Action' programs
 - *Also COR or 3 other programs*
- Plan your Council Audit & Schedule it – due Aug. 15
- #FOM – Family of the Month (July is due 8-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Reporting Success – Month by Month

August

- #1295 – Annual Audit – due Aug. 15
- ICC Council Activity Planner – due Sep. 1
- #FOM – Family of the Month (August is due 9-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Reporting Success – Month by Month

September

- #FOM – Family of the Month (September is due 10-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Planning your Intellectual Disabilities Drive?
 - Find the Intellectual Disabilities Report Form





Reporting Success – Month by Month

October

- #FOM – Family of the Month (October is due 11-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

November

- #FOM – Family of the Month (November is due 12-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

December

- #FOM – Family of the Month (December is due 1-15-27)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31
- Schedule your meeting to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

January

- Select 'Of The Year' winners & begin info gathering:
 - Knight / Rookie Knight / Family / Chaplain
- Review your projects for other ICC Awards:
 - Leonard Feehan, Special / On-Going Projects, Support of Catholic Education and Vocations
- #FOM – Family of the Month (January is due 2-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31
- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – due 1-31
- #10784 – Special Olympics – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

February

- #FOM – Family of the Month (February is due 3-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC Reports – due 3-1
 - ICC Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
 - ICC Knight of the Year & Rookie Knight of the Year
 - ICC Family of the Year & Chaplain of the Year
 - ICC Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service
 - ICC Special & On-going Projects
 - ICC Support of Catholic Education & Support of Vocations
 - ICC Publicity





Reporting Success – Month by Month

March

- #FOM – Family of the Month (March is due 4-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
 - Submit early to avoid problems, and resubmit if rejected
- Review Supreme Refunds that the Council needs to apply for:
 - #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
 - #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
 - Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30





Reporting Success – Month by Month

April

- #FOM – Family of the Month (April is due 5-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
- Review Supreme Refunds that the Council needs to apply for:
 - #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
 - #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
 - Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30





Reporting Success – Month by Month

May

- Hold Election & Submit #185 – Officers Chosen – due 6-30
 - Identify Directors & Chairmen for #365 – Service Program Personnel
- #FOM – Family of the Month (May is due 6-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
- Review Supreme Refunds that the Council needs to apply for:
 - #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
 - #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
 - Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30





Reporting Success – Month by Month

June

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term – due 6-30
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report – due 6-30
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
- #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
- #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
- Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30
- #FOM – Family of the Month (June is due 7-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Reporting Success

Council growth is not seasonal

Council programs are not seasonal

Don't make reporting seasonal / occasional / only at deadlines

- Make reporting part of you council activities or meetings
- Get reports done as soon as you can instead of as late as possible

EARLY IS EASY





Closing – Prayer to St. Matthew

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant.

Obtain for us the Grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teaching in our lives on Earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven.

Amen

