

South Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus



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Awards Program

2019-2020

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State Awards Committees Appointments

FY 2019-2020

Committee	Members	Deadline	Copies to be submitted.	Send to:
ICC and Best Council Award	Joe Balotti, FDD – Chair	March 15, 2020	Complete on State Web-site	Joe Balotti, Chair 700 Lancelot Dr. Florence, SC 29505 jabalotti@gmail.com
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	Bill Hooks, PLC			
	Joe Friend, DD # 5			
	Peter D. La Pierre, DD #7			
	James Walters, DD #15			
	Ed Kamenski, DD #1			
Scrap Book Award	Pat Davis SW - Chair	April 27, 2020	1	Bring to State Convention
	Ronald Gilbert, DD#11			
	V. Patrick Eagan, DD #3			
Convention Attendance Award	Pat Davis, SW - Chair	Registration Deadline		Attendance taken based on pre-registration

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 Inter-Council Competition (ICC), Individual Awards, and Achievement Awards. The ICC Program encourages councils to plan and execute well-rounded “Faith in Action” programs. The Individual Awards are presented to worthy Knights and their families to recognize their contributions. The Achievement 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: <https://kofc.org/uns/en/forms/programs/10590-%20Faith%20in%20Action%20Guidebook.pdf>.

In the 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 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 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. Complete the “Supreme Required” program in each of the 4 categories.
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 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 7% or greater of membership, or at least 4 new members, whichever is

greater.

Your council's goal is printed on your monthly statements from Supreme.

Founders' Award

This is 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. Achieve a positive net gain of 2.5% or greater of membership, or at least 3 new members, whichever is greater.

Your council's goal is printed on your monthly statements from Supreme.

Century Award

This is Supreme Council's award for achieving a net gain of 100 new members.

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. 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 booklet. On the 15th of each month 100 Family of the Month reporting forms are randomly selected and the families chosen receive a Holy Family Plaque.

Forms (#1993A) can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html>

State Awards

The South Carolina State Council has established 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. *A listing of committees and deadlines is contained on page 3 of this manual.*

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 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:

- Current and Past State Deputies
- Current State Officers
- Current District Deputies
- Current 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 during the last year, (i.e. from April 16, 2019 until March 15, 2020)

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 15, 2020.**

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 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:

- Current and Past State Deputies
- Current State Officers
- Current District Deputies
- Current 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 a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the distinguished service of the nominated Brother Knight for a period **of at least 10 continuous years.**

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 15, 2020.**

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:

- Current and Past State Deputies
- Current State Officers

- Current District Deputies
- Current 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 2019 thru March 2020).

Entries for the Family of the Year must be submitted on Form 10680 available on Supreme's website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-the-year-form.pdf>. A copy is attached.

The Family of the Year winner's package will be submitted to Supreme for international competition. Be sure and attach any picture, news articles, or other documentation that sets the family above and beyond the other nominees.

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 15, 2020.**

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 2019 thru March 2020).

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 15, 2020.**

Catholicity Award

The South Carolina State Council presents the Catholicity 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.

Eligibility

All Catholics, male or female, residing in South Carolina are eligible for this Award. The individuals do not need to be members of a Knights of Columbus or the Knights of Columbus family. 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 Golden Knights of Year winners
- All Religious Members

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

Basis for Judgment

The South Carolina State Council Catholicity Award will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the contributions of the nominee during the previous year, (i.e. from March 16, 2019 thru March 15, 2020).

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 17, 2020.**

Charity Award

The South Carolina State Council presents the 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 Charity.

Eligibility

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 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 this award.

Basis for Judgment

The South Carolina State Council Charity Award will be selected based on a written nomination submitted by the council detailing the contributions of the nominee during the previous year, (i.e. from March 16, 2019 thru March 15, 2020).

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 15, 2020.**

Suggested Individual Award Format

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

**South Carolina State Council
2019-2020
<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 2019-2020 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.

Fraternally submitted,

(Grand Knight's Signature)
Council Name and Number

State Awards: Achievement

Service Program Awards

The South Carolina State Council annually recognize the best programs conducted by local councils in the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. The South Carolina winners will be submitted to Supreme Council for entry into 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 four program awards.

Basis for Judgment

The South Carolina State Council Service Program Awards will be selected based on written nominations submitted by the council detailing the single program or activity conducted by the council during the previous year, (i.e. from April 2019 to March 2020) as related to each of the four service program areas. The report should contain as much information on the program as possible. The program will be judged on the following basis:

- 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 must be used for each program submitted.

Email the form, along with supporting materials (newspaper articles, photographs, etc.) to the State Service Program Awards Chairman.

Due Date

Written nominations must be **received by the Committee Chairman via E-Mail by March 15, 2020.**

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. *Divisions are based on membership as of the beginning of the fraternal year. See Table 1 on page 16.*

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 scrapbook submitted by the council detailing the programs and activities conducted by the council during the previous year, (i.e. April 2019 thru March 2020). This includes, but is not limited to, how well the contents of the scrapbook reflect the four 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 to the State Warden 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 preregistered 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 best convention participation based on the following formula: **AP = MT x 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].

First Degree Award

The South Carolina State Council presents the First Degree Award annually at the end of the Fraternal Year to those councils who have achieved their quota of First Degrees.

Eligibility

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

Basis for Award

The South Carolina State Council First Degree Award will be given to each council achieving their quota of First Degrees during the Fraternal Year (July 1 through June 30). The District Deputy submits this report to the State Ceremonial Chairman. No submittal by the council is required.

Table 1: Minimum Required Number of First Degrees per Division

Division	Council Members	First Degree Exemplification
Division 1	Less than 100	3
Division 2	100 to 199	4
Division 3	200 or more	5

State Awards: Inter-Council Championship (ICC)

To encourage council activities that provide service to our Faith, Family, Community, and Life programs, the South Carolina State Council presents the Inter-Council Championship Awards (ICC) 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

ICC Reports must be submitted by March 15, 2020. ICC information is submitted by the Grand Knight or designated council officer/member directly into the form located on the state website.

Requirements

The South Carolina State Council ICC Awards will be presented based on ICC Reports submitted by each council detailing the programs and activities conducted by the council during the previous ICC year, (i.e. from April 2019 through March 2020) and includes a minimum set of requirements in the four service program areas as described below.

Explanation of Terms

Divisions

Councils are divided into divisions based on the number of members that they have on the books on July 1st of the fraternal year. Table 2 lists the number of members in each division.

Family of the Month

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 6.) [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.

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, report once on the ICC Report.

Table 2: Minimum Required Number of Entries per Division

Division	Council Members	Knight of Month	Families of Month	Youth of The Month
Division 1	Less than 100	6	6	6
Division 2	100 to 199	9	9	9
Division 3	200 or more	12	12	12

ICC Report

Information for the ICC is imputed directly into the form on the state website at www.kofcsc.org. Information must be received no later than March 15th.

Completing the ICC Report

Complete the ICC Report Form by recording the name of the activity, a brief description, and date in the box next to the appropriate activity. The word “program” is used in the ICC 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 ICC 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.

ICC Awards

In order to be eligible for the “Honor”, “Distinguished” or “Best” Council award, councils must be in good standing and must complete a minimum number of programs **as identified in table 3 below.** For the most part individual programs are left to the discretion of the council; however, there are some required programs councils must complete to qualify for one of these awards. For example, to qualify for “Distinguished” council, the council must complete all the requirements for “Honor” council as well as the programs identified in Table 3 for Distinguished council. To qualify for “Best” council, the council must complete the requirements for Distinguished council as well as required programs for Best council as identified in **table 3.**

Table 3: Minimum Required Programs for ICC Awards

Council ICC Requirements		Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Faith:				
For Honor Council	Memorial Mass	X	X	X
	"Faith" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Faith" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Faith" Service Program			X
For Distinguished Council	Keep Christ in Christmas Program	X	X	X
For Best Council	Spiritual Reflection Program	X	X	X
Family:				
For Honor Council	"Family" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Family" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Family" Service Program			X
For Distinguished Council	Family of the Month Program	X	X	X
For Best Council	Consecration to the Holy Family	X	X	X
Community:				
For Honor Council	State Charity Program	X	X	X
	Columbus Hope Program	X	X	X
	"Community" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Community" Service Program			X
For Distinguished Council	Approved Youth Activity*	X	X	X
For Best Council	Helping Hands Program	X	X	X
Life:				
For Honor Council	"Life" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Life" Service Program	X	X	X
	"Life" Service Program			X
For Distinguished Council	Life Chain or Pro Life March	X	X	X
For Best Council	Novena for Life Program	X	X	X

* Should be one of the programs identified in the Faith in Action program (i.e. soccer challenge, free throw Championship, Essay Contest, etc.)

Best Council Award

One Council in each division is chosen as the "Best" Council based on Service Programs as reported on the ICC. To be eligible, councils must complete all the requirements in table 3 above **and:**

1. Must have a positive growth in membership by March 15, 2020
2. Must submit award nominations for State Awards as follow:
 - a. Knight of the Year
 - b. Family of the Year
 - c. Catholicity of the Year
 - d. Charity of the Year
 - e. At least one service program of the Year

A committee will choose the Best Council based on overall quality and quantity of service programs, promptness of reports, and reports from the Service Program Committee Chairman, and the Individual Award Committee Chair.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

Council/Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____

Instructions

Local Councils: To enter your Family of the Year into jurisdiction competition, complete this form and forward it to the state deputy. Additional paper may be used if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special exhibits may be included. Note: Individual jurisdictions set their own deadlines for state/provincial competitions, so watch for deadline dates or contact the state deputy.

Jurisdictions: Select one entry to honor as Jurisdiction Family of the Year. Submit that entry form, with the state deputy's signature and all collateral material, to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission by June 1 for consideration in the International Family of the Year competition.

A. Personal Data

Member's Name: _____ (Membership Number)

Wife's Name: _____

Children/Ages:

Children/Ages:

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Parish: _____ Pastor: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Family nominated by Council _____ in _____
(Number) (Location)

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus? _____

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

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