

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

Overview

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. For Family of the Month/Year resources, visit www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth.

Featured Program Requirements

- *For two program credits toward the Columbian Award* – Recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year (one each month) and submit a Family of the Year to the jurisdiction. Report activity using the [Family of the Month Report Form](#) (#10668) each month and a [Family of the Year Entry Form](#) (#10680) by the jurisdiction due date.

Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegates tasks as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with the grand knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.
2. Working with your pastor, put together a committee of council and parish leaders to serve as that year's Family of the Month Committee.
3. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order the *Family of the Month* resources through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).
4. Each month, hold a committee meeting to select the Family of the Month. To be selected as Family of the Month, each family should stand out as an exemplary model to others in the parish. They should meet the following criteria:
 - Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
 - Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
 - Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
 - Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
5. Once the Family of the Month has been selected, formally present the [Family of the Month Certificate](#) (#1843) to them. Make sure that they are duly recognized! This could be after a Mass, at a Knights of Columbus event, or at another parish event. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
6. Use the Family of the Month sample [News Release](#) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.
7. Recognize the Family of the Month in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages



8. At the end of the fraternal year, prior to your state convention, select one of the previous twelve monthly winning families to represent your council and parish as Family of the Year. Use the [*Family of the Year Entry Form*](#) (#10680) to submit your entry to your jurisdiction. Make sure to contact your state family director to stay informed of deadlines and where to send entries.
9. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.
 - By the 15th day of the month following recognition, complete and submit the [*Family of the Month Report Form*](#) (#10668) and the [*Fraternal Programs Report Form*](#) (#10784). For example, the Report Forms for the September Family of the Month should be submitted by October 15.
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [*Columbian Award Application*](#) (#SP-7)

Resources

1. #1993- [*Guidebook*](#)
2. #10668- [*Family of the Month Report Form*](#)
3. #1843- [*Family of the Month Certificate*](#)
4. #10680- [*Family of the Year Entry Form*](#)
5. #1843A- [*Family of the Year Certificate*](#)
6. #10667- [*News Release*](#)

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via [*Officers Online*](#).

Link

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