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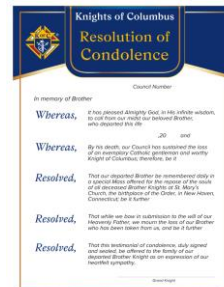
NEW Revised Criteria for Council, District and Assembly Awards

The criteria for council, district and assembly awards have been eased to make the awards more achievable for councils that continued to operate under pandemic restrictions. [Click here to see the new requirements](#) for the current year only.



Updated Resolution of Condolence Certificates

Councils and Assemblies should adopt resolutions of condolence for the families of deceased knights. These resolutions should be entered into the formal records of the council and delivered to the families upon the death of a member. The [Council Resolution of Condolence Certificate](#) (#1450) and [Assembly Resolution of Condolence Certificate](#) (#1494) have been redesigned in English, French, and Spanish. These certificates will soon be available in downloadable form on KofC.Org and can be purchased through [Supplies Online](#).



Emails Needed for Safe Environment Compliance

Email addresses unique to each member will be mandatory for a council's safe environment compliance for Fraternal Year End 2020-21. Generic emails, e.g., gkcouncil1@gmail.com, will no longer work. Personal emails are required as user ids to earn full credit for completing training and background checks.

Webcasts

Fraternal Training Webinar: Adjusted Council Award Criteria

TONIGHT, March 18, 2021 | 8:00 p.m. EDT

We will review revised criteria for 2020-2021 council awards and discuss how to achieve these awards. We will also discuss methods to engage members under current pandemic restrictions.

[Register for the Training Webinar Now!](#)

Visit kofc.org/webinar to view past Fraternal Training Webinars.

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center: "The Canada Years"

Wed., March 24, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. EDT

Michael McGivney attended two seminaries in Canada: St-Hyacinthe (1868-1870) and Sainte-Marie (1872-1873). These formation years not only prepared him for the priesthood but contributed to his personal and spiritual development as well. Knights of Columbus Supreme Director Dennis Duchesne lives in the region where Father McGivney studied. He'll reflect on the history of the Church in the area and share insights on the experiences of the Knights of Columbus' founder during his time in Canada.

[Register for "The Canada Years" Now!](#)

KnightCast Episode 2

Thurs., March 25 at 8:00 p.m. EDT

Episode 2 of the new KnightCast series will air next week! Tune in for an interview with the President of the March for Life, Jeanne Mancini, and Daniel Schachle, father of Mikey Schachle who was the recipient of the miracle leading to the beatification of our Founder. If you missed Episode 1, watch it now on-demand! [Sign-up here](#)

with your membership number to receive the link to watch! Members who are already signed up for KnightCast will receive the link to watch Episode 2 on March 25.



Membership Growth

Free Online Membership

In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, men can join as online members for free at kofc.org/joinus using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**.

Conduct a Church Drive

With the exciting announcement of reductions to council intake goals, and with parishes beginning to open up as more people get vaccinated, this may be the perfect time to plan a Church Drive. Watch "[How To Run a Successful Open House](#)" here. If it's too early for your council to conduct an in-person Church drive, the same steps apply to conducting a virtual drive.

Fraternal Benefits Seminars Present Great Opportunities

Educate each prospective Knight about the [benefits](#) offered to him and his family when he joins. Build your partnership with your [Field Agent](#) and schedule a Fraternal Benefits Seminar. Extend the invitation to prospective members, so they learn more about the Order's top-rated insurance products. These events help your council achieve the [Founders Award](#) and promote the good of the Order.

Invite a Man to Join the Order to Honor our Founder

Founder's Day is March 29! Honor our newly beatified founder by sharing the [story of his life and legacy](#) with those around you. This is a great opportunity to welcome online members to council participation.



Invite Men Who Join Online to Your Council

Nearly 15,000 men have joined the Order online since July 2020. Work with your district deputy to identify the online members in your community and invite them to join your council through an [in-person or virtual exemplification](#).

Evangelization and Faith Formation

Prayer Resources for You and Your Council

Grow in your devotion to our Founder using the new Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour program option, and reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph; seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed Michael McGivney did. Learn more by clicking the buttons below.



[Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour](#)

[St. Joseph Resources](#)

NEW Resource: Faith in Action Program Forms Reference Guide

As councils prepare to submit state program award entries and end-of-year program reporting, we have a new resource to help simplify and clarify these processes. Please reference the new [Program Forms Reference Guide](#). This resource lists all existing program forms and processes while providing links to the most current forms and online submission links.

Form Due Date Extension

[Free Throw Winner Score Sheets](#) are now due by May 7 to the Supreme Council. Extending the due date of jurisdictional winners will allow more councils to participate in the program. Our hopes are that once the weather improves, more will be able to hold the competitions outdoors.

Faith: Holy Hour

As we continue through Lent in preparation for Easter, let us consider spending time 'watching and praying' with our Eucharistic Lord. To learn more about leading a Holy Hour at your parish, visit kofc.org/holyhour.



Family: Good Friday Family Promotion

As we approach Holy Week, your council should encourage families to attend the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. This is a perfect way to spiritually enter into the passion and death of Jesus as well as an opportunity to support Christians in the Holy Land through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. To learn more about the importance of this collection, [click HERE](#).

For more information about this month's highlighted programs [click here](#).

District Deputy Corner

- Contact your councils to review the adjusted [Star Council requirements](#) and offer your support to help them earn the award.
- Coordinate a district [Fraternal Benefit Seminar](#) (virtual or in person) so every council has the opportunity to earn the Founder's Award.
- It is vital to the health of our Order that we keep accurate records of our charitable donations and good works. Your diligence is crucial to our success in gathering this information. Contact all your councils to ensure they complete the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728). The best method for submitting this form is online via [Officers' Online](#).

Council Officer Corner

Grand Knight

- Review the adjusted [Star Council requirements](#) and submit the [Columbian Award application](#) (#SP-7) as soon as your council earns 10 [program credits](#). Continue to file the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) for all additional programs conducted.
- Submit the [Semi-Annual Council Audit](#) (#1295). This form was due Feb. 15 and is required to maintain the bonding on your Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
- If your council participated in an approved [Fraternal Benefits Seminar](#), confirm with your field agent that the proper report was submitted to the Supreme Council.

Thank you for your service to the Order. If you have any questions or suggestions during your term, please email fraternalmission@kofc.org

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