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Fraternal Operations

Is your council on track to receive Star Council?

As of this morning, 197 councils qualify for Star Council! Will your council join their ranks? [Review the revised criteria for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year here.](#)



COVID Recovery Program (CRP)

The [COVID Recovery Program](#) provides a detailed, customizable blueprint for bringing your council out of the pandemic and back to full activity. As your council works to plan and execute programs to make life better in your parish and community, invite prospects and let them be part of your council putting your Faith in Action. They'll be much more receptive to an invitation to join once they see first-hand the

[COVID Recovery Program Webinar](#)

benefits for them and their families. In addition to the Fraternal Training Webinar, [Regional Training Directors](#) are hosting CRP training as well.

2021-2022 Council Officer Elections & Reporting

Section 128 of the Laws of the Order requires that officers be elected by ballot at a regular council meeting held between May 1 and June 15. Refer to [Volume 27 of the Fraternal Leader Advisory](#) for more information.

2021-22 Fraternal Leader Success Planner

The English-language [2021-2022 Fraternal Planner](#) is now available **as a PDF download**. In the coming weeks, the French and Spanish editions of this resource will also be released as downloadable PDFs. Copies of the *Fraternal Planner* will be mailed to each council beginning in June.



Stay Connected

If you are leaving an officer position, but would still like to receive the Fraternal Leader Advisory on the first and third Thursday of each month, be sure to add yourself to the subscription list. [Click here to subscribe](#).

Webcasts

KnightCast

Thurs., May 27, 2021 | 8:00 p.m. EDT

This episode will explore how to strengthen marriages by embracing God's plan, examine the history of Native American Catholicism and the Order's work with Native American communities, and look at the hope and healing of the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage.



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Blessed Michael McGivney: *Model for 21st Century Priests*

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 | 2 p.m. EDT

Though he lived more than a century ago, Blessed Michael McGivney serves as an example for seminarians in formation today. Sulpician Father Phillip Brown is president and rector of Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, the institution from which Father McGivney completed his studies for the priesthood in 1877. He will share insights about Father McGivney's life and ministry that inspire young priests and seminarians today and how Saint Mary's has observed the beatification of its alumnus.

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Evangelization and Faith Formation

New Family of the Month Award

A new resource is now available for councils running the Family of the Month Program. This 4"x6" icon of the Holy Family is a perfect gift to present to your council's Family of the Month in recognition of all the good work they do. This new resource is for council use only. International winners will continue to receive an award from the Supreme Council. These icons are available on Supplies Online under Family of the Month. Visit Webb Mason [here](#) to order.*



[Supplies Online](#)

**Grand knights, financial secretaries, and program directors have access.*

Community: Habitat for Humanity

As the weather gets warmer, Knights of Columbus councils will continue to work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes for families in need at substantially reduced costs. Each year, councils throughout the Order donate a considerable number of volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause.



Contact your local Habitat for Humanity office, by visiting [habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org), to learn about Habitat for Humanity build near you. For more information visit [kofc.org/habitat](https://www.kofc.org/habitat).

Family: Family Week

This past year has been difficult on families and communities of faith. Family Week is a perfect way to bring people together in faith and community and joyfully welcome families back to parish life. Click [here](#) to see how your council can engage in Family Week activities to joyfully bring families back to parish life. And for help on how to bring families and your community together virtually, click [here](#).

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

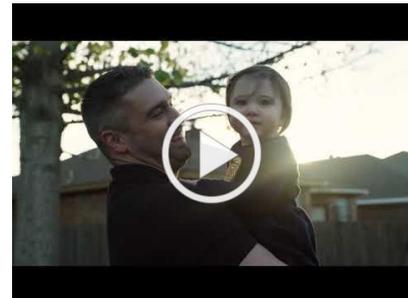
Membership Growth

Continue to Promote MCGIVNEY2020

Prospects are able to join the Order online free of charge until June 30. Please continue to promote this in your parish bulletin and through other communication tools at your disposal. Don't forget about the 20,000 men who have joined the Order online this fraternal year. Work with your district deputy to identify who they are and bring them into your council through an [in-person or virtual](#) Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity.

Be Active and Visible on Social Media

It is critical to be in touch with brother Knights and prospects. Utilize your council social media accounts to promote the Knights of Columbus and membership in your council. The KofC [YouTube page](#) has a number of videos that are great for posting and sharing. [Click here](#) for a guide to setting up social media accounts and a FAQ on using social media.



District Deputy Corner

- Remind your councils of the revised [Star Council requirements](#) and encourage them to finish the year strong and earn this award by utilizing the [Remote Programming Supplement](#), [Online Exemplification](#) and Fraternal Benefits Seminar [double credit incentive](#).
- Plan to hold the Installation of Council Officers as close to the start of the new fraternal year as practical. Guidelines for in-person and virtual installations can be found [here](#).
- Review your progress toward earning [Star District](#). Remember that new this year are the requirements that each council in the district earn the [Founder's Award](#) and two [Semiannual Report on Council Status](#) (#944) forms are submitted for each council.

Council Officer Corner

Grand Knight

- Ensure timely processing of your [RSVP](#) and [Food for Families](#) refund applications by gathering the necessary supporting documentation and submitting the forms early.
- Continue to work with your pastor and district deputy on the [COVID Recovery Plan](#) for your council and parish community.
- If local authorities permit, consider holding an in-person [Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity](#) before the end of the fraternal year. This is a great way to bring the community together and add new members to your council.

Financial Secretary

- If your council's annual accounting period ends Dec. 31, then May 15 was the deadline to submit the proper [IRS form 990](#) (US Councils only). Ensure that this paperwork was filed.
- Immediately after council elections the *Report of Officers Chosen for the Term* (#185) and *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) should be submitted via the Member Management portal of [Officers Online](#). This method immediately updates the Supreme Council system at the start of the new fraternal year with the name and contact information for all officers and directors of your council. Watch this short [video tutorial](#) to walk you through the easy process.

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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