



Knights of Columbus

Ohio State Council

DD VTC Sept 03, 2026



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Reimbursement Updates

Quarterly

April - June

Status: Sent

Checks should have been received. Please verify with your council representatives.

DD Weekend

Updates & Schedule

Status: Delayed

- Delayed due to the Supreme Convention.
- Supreme Office had questions and is changing how we report.
- Checks should be going out next week at the latest.



New Battle Rhythm

Rule: DD Weekends will be reported on DD Mileage Report and included in Quarterly Report

Quarter 1

July - September

Deadline

Due Oct 5

Quarter 2

October - December

Deadline

Due 1 week after DD
Weekend

Quarter 3

January - March

Deadline

Due April 5

Quarter 4

April - June

Deadline

Due 1 week after DD
Weekend

Action

Send to future DDD



State Convention Reimbursement

Funding

Supreme: No Coverage

Supreme does NOT pay for State Convention.

OSC: Covered

OSC will provide reimbursement for the event.

Instructions

No Paperwork

Nothing to fill out. State Staff Director (Andy) has all the information he needs.

Do NOT Sign

Do NOT sign delegate cards, even if you are coming as a delegate.



Social Media Guidelines

Professionalism

Personal Conduct

Always be professional, even on your personal account.

Representation

You Represent the Supreme Knight

Do not bash Supreme. Do not post negative posts on changes to the order.

Support

Support the order.



Form 944

Requirements

Star District Status

Form 944 is required to qualify for Star District. Please ensure all details are fully completed before submission.

Disqualification Risk

Late reports will disqualify your council for Star District. No exceptions are permitted.

Deadline

Due NLT September 15

The deadline for receipt is absolute. Ensure your report is submitted no later than September 15 to maintain active eligibility.



Coats for Kids

 **Reminder: Councils must bring proper vehicles due to the large size of the coat boxes.**

Toledo #1 (Defiance)

Fri, Oct 30, 7 PM

111 Elliott Rd
(KofC Hall)

Toledo #2 (Martin)

Sat, Oct 31, 10 AM

1105 Elliston Rd
(Bono)

Cleveland #1

Sat, Nov 7, 11 AM

29850 Euclid Ave
(Mt. Carmel - Wickliffe)

Cincinnati

Fri, Nov 13, 4 PM

6245 Wilmington Pike
(St. Francis - Dayton)

Columbus

Sat, Nov 14, 9 AM

6300 E Dublin Granville Rd
(New Albany)

Youngstown

Sat, Nov 14, 3 PM

988 Cherry Rd NW
(KofC Hall - Massillon)



Council Officer Changes

i More information will be coming out during the January DD meeting for DDs to take back to their councils.

Financial Secretary

Now Elected Position

The position has transitioned to being elected rather than appointed.

- Provides greater flexibility for the council
- Allows for a much easier process to change the Financial Secretary when necessary

Optional Roles

Flexibility for Councils

Chancellor, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and 2 Trustees are now optional roles.

- **Easier staffing:** Helps smaller or struggling councils focus resources on filling critical roles first.
- **Continued oversight:** The Grand Knight and 1 remaining Trustee still maintain full oversight of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.



Star Council Report

Presented by **Ken Girt**



2026 - 2027

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

STAR COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Ken Girt, PSD



2026-2027 Star Council Award Requirements

01

**Earn the
McGivney
Award**

02

**Earn the
Founders'
Award**

03

**Earn the
Columbian
Award**

04

**Satisfy
Administrative
Requirements**



2026-2027 McGivney Award Requirements

01

Growth Target

Attain **6% intake growth** based on July 1st council membership.

02

Cap Limits

A **minimum of 5** and a **maximum of 15** members are required to qualify.



2026-2027 Founders' Award Requirements

01

Review Target

A number equal to **10% of Associate members** on the July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review.

02

Cap Limits

A **minimum of 5** and a **maximum of 15** members are required to qualify.



2. 2026-2027 Founders' Award Requirement



Meeting Eligibility

To qualify, meetings must be conducted with
new or associate members.



2. 2026-2027 Founders' Award: PROCEDURE

01

Submit Names

Council submits list of names, membership numbers, and phone numbers of **Associate or new Members** to the Field Agent or General Agent.

02

Report Progress

Field Agents report the names of members who were **contacted** back to the Council.



2. 2026-2027 Founders' Award: PROCEDURE

03

Submit Form 11077

Grand Knight submits **Form 11077**
(Member/Agent Meeting Report) to Supreme.
Reports can be submitted as received from the
Field Agent or in groups.



Council Number *

Characters used: 3 out of 5.

Jurisdiction *

Select General Agent - Ohio *

Grand Knight Name *

Grand Knight Email *

Number of Members Reporting: *

Reporting Date: *

Please enter the names of New or Associate Members and their meeting dates below:

*

Member Name

Meeting Date:



*

Member Name

Meeting Date:



**SAMPLE of
Form 11077**

Grand Knights: Your Help is Needed!



Request for Council Communications

Please add a note in your **council newsletter**, **email blasts**, or any **member communications**:

Suggested Message to Members:

"Please consider meeting with our council's field agent for a financial review when he calls."



3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements



Honoring Council Excellence

The Columbian Award recognizes council excellence in programs and activities aligned with the vision of our Founder, **Blessed Michael McGivney**, and the mission of the **Knights of Columbus**.



3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements



To earn the prestigious Columbian Award, councils must complete **all three** of the following core requirements:

01

Requirement #1

Donate at least **\$500** as part of the Faith in Action programs.

02

Requirement #2

Complete **4** Faith in Action programs, **one in each category**.

03

Requirement #3

Complete **3** programs/activities: one for Christ, one for fraternity, and one for community.

COR Satisfies all 3 requirements.



3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements



01

Requirement #1

Donate at least **\$500** as part of one of the following eligible Faith in Action programs:

ASAP

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (dollars or item value)

Food for Families

Nutrition support (\$ or 1,000# food)

RSVP

Refund Support Vocations Program

Coats for Kids

Providing warm winter coats to children



3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements



To satisfy **Requirement #2**, councils must complete 4 Faith in Action programs, with **one program** in each of the following core categories:



Faith

1 Required Program



Family

1 Required Program



Community

1 Required Program



Life

1 Required Program



3. 2026-2027 Colombian Award Requirements



Requirement #2 Rules & Qualifications

Program Exclusivity

You **cannot claim** a program that has already been submitted to satisfy **Requirement #1**.



Program Guidelines

To qualify as Faith in Action programs, the council must run programs **similar to those described** in the official **Faith in Action Program Guidebook**.

Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

FAITH		COMMUNITY	
RSVP		Coats for Kids	
Into the Breach		Global Wheelchair Mission	
¡Viva Cristo Rey!		Bright Futures	
Imitating Saint Juan Diego		Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage	
Pilgrim Icon Program		Disaster Preparedness	
Rosary Program		Free Throw Championship	
Spiritual Reflection		Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	
Holy Hour		Soccer/Hockey Challenge	
Sacramental Gifts		Helping Hands	
FAMILY		LIFE	
Build-a-Bed		ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)	
Food for Families		March for Life	
Family of the Month/Year		Special Olympics	
Remembering Our Faithful Departed		Ultrasound Initiative	
Quinceañera Support		Gospel of Life	
Keep Christ in Christmas		Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk		Christian Refugee Relief	
Consecration to the Holy Family		Silver Rose	
Family Prayer Night		Mass for People with Special Needs	



FAITH

RSVP

Into the Breach

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Imitating Saint Juan Diego

Pilgrim Icon Program

Rosary Program

Spiritual Reflection

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COMMUNITY

Coats for Kids

Global Wheelchair Mission

Bright Futures

Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage

Disaster Preparedness

Free Throw Championship

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Soccer/Hockey Challenge

Helping Hands

FAMILY

Build-a-Bed

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year

Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Quinceañera Support

Keep Christ in Christmas

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Consecration to the Holy Family

Family Prayer Night

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3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements

Requirement #3

Must complete either:

Option A

OR

Option B



3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements

Requirement #3: Option A

Complete 3 programs or activities (one from each category below):

A

Spiritual Focus

One program to bring men closer to Christ.

B

Fraternal Focus

One program to build brotherhood and fraternity.

C

Service Focus

One program to support your parish or community.



Requirement #3: Option A Guidelines



Council-Specific Programs

These programs or activities can be completely unique to your council and do not need to be official Faith in Action programs.



No Duplicate Claims

You cannot claim programs that have already been submitted for Requirements #1 and #2.

3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements

Requirement #3: Option B (Cor)

Conducting Cor satisfies all three program criteria. Councils must offer gatherings featuring prayer, formation, and fraternity at least 12 times a year to all parish men.



Prayer Focus

Incorporate intentional times of prayer in every gathering to bring men closer to Christ.



Formation Focus

Deliver spiritual and moral formation to build strong, character-driven Catholic men.



Fraternal Focus

Foster genuine brotherhood, mutual support, and lasting fraternity among parish men.



Requirement #3: Option B Details



Resources & Support

For additional information on Cor and its structure, visit kofc.org/cor and/or view the Cor Startup Videos, Cor Startup Guide, and the Cor Reference Guide.



Required Form Entry

If you choose this option, you **must** include the name and email address of your council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director on the new SP7.

Columbian Award Worksheet

Part 1: Featured Programs Choose 1 donation (\$500 minimum)

☐ ASAP ☐ Food for Families ☒ RSVP ☐ Coats for Kids

Part 2: Faith in Action Categories One activity for each FIA category (Choose from Supreme list)

☒ Faith ☒ Family ☒ Community ☒ Life

Part 3: Spiritual & Fraternal Requirements Complete all three program criteria OR conduct the Cor sessions

☒ Closer to Christ ☒ Fraternity ☒ Parish/Community or  12 COR Gatherings / Sessions



Cor - Quarterly Report Form



Brother Knights

Thank you for implementing and holding **Cor** this fraternal year for the men of your council and parish. Your dedication brings valuable fruits to our community.



Reporting Scope

Your responses should encapsulate the past **three months of activity**. Please ensure any numerical progress figures are carefully averaged.



Strategic Impact

Sharing your progress is critical to understanding the true impact of **Cor** and will directly shape and support our active efforts across the entire Order.

4. 2026-2027 Administrative Requirements



Submit Form 365

Due July 1



Submit Form 185

Due July 1



Submit Form 1295

Due August 15



Submit Form 1728

Due January 31



Safe Environment
Compliant Status Required



Supreme Council
In Good Standing



4. 2026-2027 Administrative Requirements



Officers
Form 185

ONLINE ONLY



Directors
Form 365

ONLINE ONLY



AUDIT 1295
(NEW)

ONLINE ONLY



Fraternal Survey
Form 1728

ONLINE ONLY



All Submissions are ON-LINE

Strictly no paper forms will be accepted or submitted!



Monthly Status Tracking

Use the Star Council Report to Track Progress

Ohio State Council - Star Council Status Report

Co#	Insur Agency	Dis #	District Deputy	Dioc	#365 submit? 4/1	Frat Surv #1728 submit? 5/1	Col Awrd #SP7 submit? 5/1	Fr McG Award % Mem Quota 5/1	# of new Mem this Year?	Enders Award Attain Quota? 5/1	Council Safe Envir Compli? 5/1	Form #185 submit? 4/1	EFF Dir? 5/1	Last Audit Rec'd (Blank is Current) 4/1	5/1 2025 Mem	Mem Quota 2025-2026	2026 SCB Tkts 1st Ph	2025 Measure Up Final	2025 Match Funds Final	2025 Fball Final	2025-26 SOS Final	2025-26 OSC PIC Paid?	Attnd 2025 State Conv Yes?	25-26 State Prog Pts 800 Max Final
1592	Staas	1	NicholYess Kiel	CINN			No	40	6		Yes		Yes		248	15			\$100	188			Yes	620
1800	Staas	1	NicholYess Kiel	CINN			No	67	10		Yes		Yes		270	15		\$2,602	\$50		\$286	Yes	426	
1991	Staas	1	Nicholas Kiel	CINN			No	53	8		Yes				552	15			\$250	313	\$196	Yes	348	
2640	Staas	1	Nicholas Kiel	CINN			No	27	4						297	15							176	
3324	Staas	1	Nicholas Kiel	CINN			No	127	19	YES	Yes		Yes		368	15		\$2,350	\$200		\$400	Yes	680	
659	Staas	2	Michael Vondenhuevel	CINN			No	7	1					12/31/2020	227	14							107	
1272	Staas	2	Michael Vondenhuevel	CINN	NO	NO	No	0	0					12/31/2023	271	15				142			50	
2158	Staas	2	Michael Vondenhuevel	CINN			No	93	14	YES					340	15				336	\$1,500	Yes	768	
4378	Staas	2	Michael Vondenhuevel	CINN			No	33	2						106	6		\$300		9			183	
5239	Staas	2	Michael Vondenhuevel	CINN			No	27	4						266	15			\$500		\$500		221	
1756	Staas	3	Benjamin J. Tobe	CINN			No	93	14						328	15		\$1,235	\$200				238	
1796	Staas	3	Benjamin J. Tobe	CINN			No	29	2						116	7		\$2,786	\$100	92	\$250		223	
3890	Staas	3	Benjamin J. Tobe	CINN			No	186	13		Yes			12/31/2024	124	7							225	
624	Staas	4	Position Not Filled	CINN		NO	No	13	2						285	15				54			138	
1727	Staas	4	Position Not Filled	CINN	NO	NO	No	0	0					06/30/2023	133	8						NO	25	
1782	Staas	4	Position Not Filled	CINN	NO	NO	No	20	1						78	5							120	
1801	Staas	5	Jeremy Begines	CINN			No	67	6	YES	Yes		Yes		141	9		\$2,600		8		Yes	721	
3724	Staas	5	Jeremy Begines	CINN			No	100	15	YES	Yes				242	15		\$5,000	\$150	316		Yes	800	



Ohio Star Council

OSCAR Awards

We will continue the prestigious **OSCAR Awards** for all Grand Knights whose council achieves the **Star Council Requirements** by **May 1, 2027**.



State Convention Presentation

OSCARS will be officially presented to recipients



Acronym Recognition

Ohio
Star
Council
Award
Recognition



Thank You!

Contact me anytime...

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State Star Council Director

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Star District

Membership Growth

70% Target

The district reaches 70% of combined council membership goals.

- Track real-time district membership progress on Officers Online.

Insurance & Benefits

Founders Award

Promotion of insurance and fraternal benefits is key to overall council strength.

- Award must be earned by at least 50% of the councils within the district.

District Excellence

Star District Award

- **Star Council:** At least two councils must earn the Star Council Award.
- **Report #944:** Submit Annual Report on Council Status by 9/15.
- **Required Forms:** Each council must submit #1728, #185, #365, and #1295.



Open Floor

Questions & Discussion



Closing Remarks

Presented by **Gary McKeone, Regional Growth Specialist**



Closing Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that You glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present... (make your request here). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Guiding Our Districts to Excellence in Fraternal Service



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