

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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As Knights of Columbus, we have always been interested in the development of strong, vibrant families. In support of this philosophy and to create an even greater awareness of our many fine Columbian families, the Supreme Council instituted the “Family of the Month” program in 1978.

Since that time the “Family of the Month” program has grown to be one of the Order’s most successful programs. **To participate in the program, your council must first select a member and his family as the “Family of the Month” using the guidelines explained on page two of this booklet. Then complete and submit the corresponding “Family of the Month” report form (printed on pages 3 through 14) to the Supreme Council office. Specify the reasons for the selection on the reverse side of the report. Or copy and use the generic report form (printed on page 15) to fax this information to the Supreme Council office.**

On the fifteenth day of each month — from August through July — 100 “Family of the



HOLY FAMILY

“Family of the Month” Supreme Council Selection Deadlines

July Family — August 15
August Family — September 15
September Family — October 15
October Family — November 15
November Family — December 15
December Family — January 15
January Family — February 15
February Family — March 15
March Family — April 15
April Family — May 15
May Family — June 15
June Family — July 15

Month” reporting forms will be drawn at random from among all entries received at the Supreme Council office for the previous month. **Each of the 100 selected families will receive a beautiful Holy Family gift, along with a personal letter of congratulations from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.** These will be sent directly to the families at their home addresses.

Remember — as your council selects each “Family of the Month,” the appropriate reporting form should be completed and signed by the grand knight. **Completed council forms must reach the Supreme Council office by the 15th day of the month following the month designated on each individual report form.** Dates for reporting are specified at left.

The “Family of the Month” program is an excellent way to recognize and support council families. Participate in the program and each month a brother knight and his family from your council will receive local honors and the chance to be a Supreme Council selection!

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Each council should establish a committee charged with the responsibility of selecting a “Family of the Month” each month. Set up guidelines to help your committee choose the most deserving family for this honor. Listed below are some suggestions that may prove helpful to your committee.

A. Committees should be made up of members who know many of the council families and who want to support family life.

B. Committee members should interview parish priests, neighbors, council members, etc., to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They should also speak directly to the families considered.

C. The committee should consider the following factors in their search for a “Family of the Month:”

- *Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?*
- *Does the family enjoy one another?*
- *Does the family share experiences?*
- *Does the family communicate openly and honestly?*

- *Does the family pray and attend Mass together?*
- *Does the family spend its time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?*

D. The “Family of the Month” committee doesn’t need to seek out a “Super Family” each month. The committee should look for a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.



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Be sure your council honors the family chosen “Family of the Month.” Invite the entire family to a meeting to receive the council’s “Family of the Month” award. The Supreme Council office has a full-color “Family of the Month” certificate (Item #1843) available to councils for presentation to families selected. The certificate is 8½” x 11” and may be obtained from the Supreme Council Supply Department in quantity for 25¢ each.

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Each year, those councils participating in the “Family of the Month” program should also select a “Family of the Year.”

When selecting your council’s “Family of the Year,” follow guidelines similar to those used by the committee in choosing each “Family of the Month.” Usually the “Family of the Year” is chosen from those families named “Family of the Month” in the preceding twelve months. Your judging committee should consider whether each family has continued to exemplify the traits of a solid Knights of Columbus family. Determine which council family stands above the rest in promotion of the principles of our Church and our Order. Which family can best be called the “model” family for all in the council to follow? In every aspect of service to the Church, community and council, as well as to each other, which family most deserves the title, “Family of the Year”?

Your council’s “Family of the Year” should also receive a fitting tribute. To help you honor your “Family of the Year,” the Supreme Council office makes available a

full-color “Family of the Year” certificate (Item #1843A). The certificate measures 8½” x 11” and is signed by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. Single copies of the certificate are available for 25¢ each from the Supreme Council Supply Department.

Individual jurisdictions conduct statewide or provincial “Family of the Year” competitions each year. The Supreme Council’s “International Family of the Year” is chosen from among those state and provincial winners. NOTE: International winners selected may not be employees of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Once your council selects a “Family of the Year,” use the “Family of the Year” Entry Form found on page 17 to enter that family into the state/provincial competition. Each jurisdiction sets its own deadline for entries (usually in time to honor winners at the state convention), so watch for information from your state council and be sure to choose and enter your council winner in time for statewide competition.



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JULY



DUE BY AUGUST 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the July "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
On the reverse side of this report form we have listed the nominee's qualifications.

The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
Grand Knight

Councils may wish to retain a copy of this completed form for their files.

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AUGUST



DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the August "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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The names of the family members are listed below.

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Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

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SEPTEMBER



**DUE BY
OCTOBER 15**

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OCTOBER



**DUE BY
NOVEMBER 15**

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the September "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
Grand Knight
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Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the October "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
On the reverse side of this report form we have listed the nominee's qualifications.

The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
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NOVEMBER



DUE BY DECEMBER 15

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DECEMBER



DUE BY JANUARY 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the November "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
On the reverse side of this report form we have listed the nominee's qualifications.

The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
Grand Knight
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Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the December "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
On the reverse side of this report form we have listed the nominee's qualifications.

The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
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JANUARY



DUE BY FEBRUARY 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the January "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
Grand Knight

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FEBRUARY



DUE BY MARCH 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the February "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
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MARCH



DUE BY APRIL 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the March "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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The names of the family members are listed below.

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Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

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Grand Knight
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APRIL



DUE BY MAY 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the April "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
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MAY



DUE BY JUNE 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the May "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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The names of the family members are listed below.

Member: _____ Membership Number _____
Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____
Grand Knight
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JUNE



DUE BY JULY 15

Date / / The family of Brother _____
(Member's Name - Please Print)
has been selected as the June "Family of the Month" for Council _____
(Number)
in _____
(City - State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" contest.
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The names of the family members are listed below.

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Spouse: _____
Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

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- Does the family share experiences?
- Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
- Does the family spend its time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?

The family of Brother: _____
(Member's Name – Please Print)

has been selected as “Family of the Month” for Council: _____
in _____
(City – State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council “Family of the Month” Contest. We have listed the nominee’s qualifications below.

The names of the family members are:

Member: _____

Membership Number: _____

Spouse: _____

Children/Ages:

Home Address:

Our Council’s “Family of the Month” was selected for the following reasons:

Grand Knight: _____

SELECT ONE

- JULY
Due August 15
- AUGUST
Due September 15
- SEPTEMBER
Due October 15
- OCTOBER
Due November 15
- NOVEMBER
Due December 15
- DECEMBER
Due January 15
- JANUARY
Due February 15
- FEBRUARY
Due March 15
- MARCH
Due April 15
- APRIL
Due May 15
- MAY
Due June 15
- JUNE
Due July 15

REFER TO THE "FAMILY OF THE YEAR" SELECTION GUIDELINES ON PAGE 2. CONTACT YOUR STATE COUNCIL OFFICE OR STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR TO DETERMINE THE DEADLINE FOR ENTERING THE STATE COUNCIL CONTEST.

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Entry Form

Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____

Instructions

Local Councils: To enter your "Family of the Year" into state/provincial 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.**

State Council: Select **one** entry to honor as state/provincial "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 Services by **June 10** 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:

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus: _____

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C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church: _____



Explain the entire family's involvement within the community: _____

Explain why this family was chosen as the “model” family in your jurisdiction. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being named “Knights of Columbus Family of the Year”?

For State Council Use Only:

This family has been chosen state/provincial “Family of the Year.”

Attest: _____
(State Deputy)

NOTE: Submit winning entry to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.
All entries must reach the Supreme Council office by June 10 to qualify.

***USE THIS PAGE TO RECORD THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH
WINNERS FOR COUNCIL RECORDS***

JULY: THE FAMILY OF: _____

AUGUST: THE FAMILY OF: _____

SEPTEMBER: THE FAMILY OF: _____

OCTOBER: THE FAMILY OF: _____

NOVEMBER: THE FAMILY OF: _____

DECEMBER: THE FAMILY OF: _____

JANUARY: THE FAMILY OF: _____

FEBRUARY: THE FAMILY OF: _____

MARCH: THE FAMILY OF: _____

APRIL: THE FAMILY OF: _____

MAY: THE FAMILY OF: _____

JUNE: THE FAMILY OF: _____

