

## Columbian Award

Your council can earn the Columbian Award by conducting four programs or activities in each of the six “Surge ... with Service” program categories. Another way to earn the award is by conducting a Supreme Council-designated “Featured Program” that satisfies that category’s requirements. Featured Programs are:

Church — R.S.V.P.

Community — Habitat for Humanity  
Global Wheelchair Mission

Council — Special Olympics

Culture of Life — Ultrasound Initiative  
March for Life

Family — Food for Families

Youth — Coats for Kids



## Founders' Award

The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in your council's promotion of our top-rated and exclusive insurance products. Your council must meet or exceed its yearly insurance quota to be eligible for this award.

Remember:

- ★ Growth is considered to be insurance member increases over losses
- ★ Losses that count against your quota include insurance member suspension, withdrawal, lapse or surrender of a policy
- ★ The loss of an insurance member due to death and transfers into or out of your council does not count against the council quota



### Here are some ideas to help your council ensure insurance growth:

- ★ Develop an action plan early in the fraternal year
- ★ Work closely with your field or general agent
- ★ Promote insurance benefits 12 months per year
- ★ Host at least one Fraternal Benefits Night each year



## Your Council Can Achieve the Star Council Award

In 1882, our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, saw that the needs of his parishioners were too great for him to meet by himself. That is why he brought a handful of parish leaders together to address the urgent needs of his parishioners.

The challenges faced by people in 1882 are primarily the same as those that people still face today. People continue to need food, shelter and clothing. Your council is called to live the vision of our founder and to help provide for the needs of your parish and community.

Councils that are conducting well-rounded programs and activities in the categories of Church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth are providing meaningful help to people and families.

This is why the Supreme Council celebrates the achievements of councils each year by awarding the Star Council Award.

Through earning the Star Council Award, your council is recognized as fulfilling Father McGivney's vision and this is why your council should strive to earn the Star Council Award every year!

For additional tips on how your council can earn the Star Council Award, visit [kofc.org/star](http://kofc.org/star) and the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Training Portal.

## The Star Council Award is Comprised of the:

- ★ Father McGivney Award for membership growth
- ★ Founders' Award for insurance growth
- ★ Columbian Award for well-rounded council service programs and activities

Your council must submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), the Service Program Personnel Report (#365), and remain in good standing with Supreme Council assessments in order to earn the Star Council Award.

The Star Council Award Plaque represents your council's earning of the Father McGivney, Founders' and Columbian Awards.



## Father McGivney Award

The Father McGivney Award recognizes excellence in your council's membership growth. Your council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota to be eligible for this award. Remember:

- ★ Growth is considered to be membership increases over membership losses
- ★ Losses that count against your council's quota include member suspension or withdrawal
- ★ The loss of a member due to death and transfers into and out of your council does not count against the council quota

### Here are some ideas to help your council ensure membership growth:

- ★ Develop an action plan early in the fraternal year
- ★ Keep membership recruitment active 12 months per year
- ★ Host a monthly First Degree exemplification
- ★ Conduct charitable activities throughout the year to attract prospects to join your council

