



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHT

OF THE MONTH/YEAR

GUIDEBOOK



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH INFORMATION



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Knight of the Month/Year fulfills Supreme-recommended program requirements for college councils ONLY. While any council can organize a Knight of the Month/Year program, only college councils will receive Supreme-recommended program credit toward their Columbian Award. **ONLY** college councils should submit Knight of the Month/Year forms to the Supreme Council.

(‘Supreme-recommended programs’ are any programs supported through the Faith in Action model.)

COMMITTEE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each council should establish a committee charged with the responsibility of selecting a Knight of the Month. Program requirements dictate that at least six Knights of the Month be awarded by the council in a given fraternal year.

The committee should consider the following factors in their search for a Knight of the Month:

- Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly mass attendance?
- Has the member made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Is the member active in serving his local community?
- Is the member a true Catholic gentleman? Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?

The Knight of the Month committee doesn’t need to seek out a “Superman” each month. The committee should look for a member that lives traditional Catholic masculine values and deserves recognition for doing so.

Be sure your council honors the chosen Knight of the Month. Ask your pastor for permission to present the award every month at Mass. The Supreme Council office has a full-color *Knight of the Month Certificate* (#1476) available to councils for presentation to members selected. The certificate is 8-1/2” x 11” and may be obtained using a College Council Supply Order Form, found on kofc.org/college.

Knight of the Month Supreme Council Notification Deadlines

July Knight — Due by August 15

August Knight — Due by September 15

September Knight — Due by October 15

October Knight — Due by November 15

November Knight — Due by December 15

December Knight — Due by January 15

January Knight — Due by February 15

February Knight — Due by March 15

March Knight — Due by April 15

April Knight — Due by May 15

May Knight — Due by June 15

June Knight — Due by July 15

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

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

When selecting your council's Knight of the Year, follow guidelines similar to those used by the committee in choosing each Knight of the Month. Eligible Knight of the year recipients must be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Knight of the Year should be chosen from those families named Family of the Month in the preceding months.

Your judging committee should consider whether each knight has continued to exemplify the traits of a solid Catholic man. Determine which council member stands above the rest in promotion of the principles of our Church and our Order. Which knight can best be called the "model" man for all in the parish to follow? In every aspect of service to the Church, community and council, as well as to each other, which member most deserves the title, Knight of the Year?

Your council's Knight of the Year should also receive a fitting tribute. To help you honor your Knight of the Year, the Supreme Council makes available a full-color *Knight of the Year Certificate* (#1545). The certificate measures 8-1/2" x 11". Single copies of the certificate are available using a *College Council Supply Order Form*, found on kofc.org/college.



LIST OF RESOURCES

1. #10791 - *Knight of the Month/Year - Guidebook*
2. #1476 - *Knight of the Month - Certificate*
3. #10764 - *Knight of the Month - Entry Form*
4. #1545 - *Knight of the Year - Certificate*
5. #10765 - *Knight of the Year - Entry Form*



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