



Spirit of Illinois

“Programming

Your Path to the Stars”

“Building the Domestic Church”

Church,

Community

Council, Family

Culture of Life

Youth

Membership

SPIRIT OF ILLINOIS

Mission Statement:

The "Spirit of Illinois" program is designed as a tool for our councils to "be all that they can be" in the area of programming. Each council is encouraged to use the Surge with Service ideas on the Supreme Website, REQUIREMENTS FROM "BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH" and other tools available to have a successful and enjoyable fraternal year. THE SPIRIT PROGRAM IS A GUIDE TO THE COLUMBIAN AWARD (SP-7), which is a requirement for the Star Council award.

Purpose:

The "Spirit of Illinois" program:

1. Provides an opportunity to all members to practice Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
2. Provides an opportunity for recruitment at every event.
3. Recognizes councils, with positive membership, for outstanding efforts in programming.
4. Promotes fun in the councils
5. Encourages councils and council leadership to compete for state awards.

Process:

1. Councils can use the "Spirit of Illinois" Tally Sheet to plan for events throughout the year and also registered with the District Deputy by **September 15, 2017**. These are just suggested programs, you can add your own that your council will complete by **June 15, 2018**. Send a copy of your planned events to your members and encourage them to participate in them with their families.
2. The District Deputy, Grand Knight and council program director will meet quarterly to review the progress of each council towards the completion of the year in programming. The District Deputy will monitor your progress and bring this form with him to the Mid-Winter meeting for review of his district councils' progress.
3. This program planning and tracking guide is a record of your programs and can be used to help your council complete the Supreme SP7, Columbian Application form that is to arrive at Supreme by June 30, 2018. It is also helpful in completing your Program of the month applications.
4. As you complete your programs it will also assist in telling potential new members all the things you do with your members, and for Church and community
5. To qualify for the "Spirit of Illinois" award, the COUNCIL must be positive in membership, send a copy of the Council Columbian Award Application (SP-7) and send a copy of the 2 page Spirit application, signed by the District Deputy, to the State Office in Kankakee no later than **June 15, 2018**.

College councils are encouraged to compete for the "Spirit of Illinois" program award.

The IL SP7 planning and tracking guide is intended to be used to help the councils plan Programming activities for the fraternal year of 2017-2018.

- Send a copy of this form to your DD by **September 15th, 2017**.
- The District Deputy, Grand Knight and council program director should meet quarterly to review and verify the completed programs and add new ones as needed.
- The District Deputy should sign the IL SP7 application. It must arrive, completed, signed by the District Deputy and Grand Knight, with a copy of the Supreme SP7 – Columbian report - at state office by June 15, 2018.
- Send to Illinois State Council, PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901.

SPIRIT OF ILLINOIS 2017-2018 ILSP7 PLANNING & TRACKING GUIDE

FOR THE AWARDS – COUNCILS MUST HAVE POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP BY JUNE 15, 2018

HOST AT LEAST FOUR ADMISSION DEGREES DURING THE FRATERNAL YEAR

Admission Degree: Date _____ # new members _____

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PROGRAM PLANNING SUGGESTIONS

PROGRAM AREA

CHURCH	DATE PLANNED/ COMPLETED
1. Participate in the Building the Domestic Church while strengthening our Parish initiative Go to Supreme WEB site for exact details and programs- KOC.org	
2. Sponsor a parish family retreat or Eucharistic Adoration program	
3. Prioritize family activities to support the needs of the Pastor. Assist the people of a Catholic mission, or a Catholic religious community.	
4. Support a seminarian and support his education with needed funds, card and letters of encouragement. Complete the RSVP application and send to Supreme.	
5. Sponsor a parish family prayer service - Stations of the cross, Rosary, Hour of Prayer	
6. Participate in or sponsor a Priesthood Sunday Event	
7. Have a Parish roundtable. Councils with more than one Parish MUST complete the Parish Roundtable Coordinator Form and send to Supreme	
8. Conduct a Memorial service/Mass for deceased brother knights	
9. Participate in the Family Rosary program- <i>A Domestic Church Program</i>	
10 Participate in a Priest Recognition Service Program	
11. Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, maintaining or improvements of Parish, etc.	

PROGRAM AREA

COMMUNITY	DATE PLANNED/ COMPLETED
1. Participate in Coats for Kids program and send in order before February 15.	
2. Participate in a community assistance/ betterment project (disaster relief, adopt-a-highway, Habitat for Humanity, food pantry)	
3. Sponsor a Blood Drive	
4. Food for Families food drive – this is a <i>Domestic Church program</i> if the Food for Families report is sent to supreme	
5. Assist at a soup kitchen or similar event	
5. Participate as a council in visiting the sick, elderly shut-ins or conduct hospital visits.	
6. The council participates in leadership roles in the communities, civic or park districts	
7. Participate in the Wheelchair foundation program	
8. Honor your local first responders, invite one to speak at an open meeting	
9. Others	

PROGRAM AREA	DATE PLANNED/ COMPLETED
FAMILY	
1. Sponsor a KC Family " Corporate Communion" at least quarterly	
2. Participate in the Supreme <i>Family of the Month</i> program (submit at least 6 entries to Supreme during the Fraternal year)	
3. Sponsor a family fun event, social or outing, i.e., holiday party, game night, movie night etc. before 12/31/2017.	
4. Participate in the KC Kamporee, baseball outing, etc., before June 30, 2018	
5. Assist a needy family in your council or community	
6. Submit a "State Family of the Year" entry	
7. Easter egg hunt, pumpkin carving, ice cream social, music night	
8. Promote the Family Fully Alive program put monthly meditations in your church bulletin	
9. Sponsor a "Renewal of Marriage vows" with a reception afterwards	
10. Others	

PROGRAM AREA	DATE PLANNED/ COMPLETED
COUNCIL	
1. Complete and submit council officer report - form 185 - to Supreme, State and DD	
2. Submit council program directors report- form 365 - to Supreme, State and DD	
3. Submit DIR 1 FORM to State and District Deputy	
4. Conduct a "Welcome Back Brother Program" during the months of July, August or Sept.	
5. Publish a quarterly or monthly council newsletter, host a council website.	
6. Publish a council tri-fold (template available from the State Council)	
7. Participate in a State sanctioned KC athletic event (bowling, golf, softball.)	
8. Participation by council officers in the KC Academy during the 2017-2018 fraternal year	
9. Submit a "State Knight of the Year" entry	
10. Submit at least 6 "Knight of the Month" entries	
11. Participate as a council in a Special Olympics program (Volunteer hours and/or Financial assistance), especially during the Spring Games events.	
12. Participate in a Charity Fund Raising Cause other than the K of C.	
13. Other activities -- Pancake breakfast, dinners, pasta party, raffle, etc.	

PROGRAM AREA	DATE PLANNED/ COMPLETED
CULTURE OF LIFE - Pro-Life	
1. Hold Day of the Unborn Child, Pro-Life Prayer Service around March 25,	
2. Assist students to attend Pro Life Rally in Washington, D.C.	
3. Assist in establishing an Ultrasound Program in community	
4. Assist with March or Walk/Run for Life to be held in community	
5. Hold a Baby Shower with items collected going to pregnancy center	
6. Submit the Pro-Life Chair couple form.	
7. Using baby bottles as theme, present new parents in Council with baby supplies	
8. Order the Pro-Life puzzles from state office at Christmas, and Easter	
9. Support other programs to assist the elderly and/or unborn	
10. Other	

PROGRAM AREA	DATE/PLANNED COMPLETED
YOUTH	
1. Provide manpower or Support for a Parish youth program	
2. Conduct a program to recognize and/or encourage youth liturgical participation (alter servers, youth choir, youth lectors, participation in Children's Mass)	
3. Actively participate in community youth programs (coaching athletics, youth leadership, Religious education programs)	
4. Sponsor a Drug Awareness Poster Contest submit winners as directed	
5. Sponsor a local KC Free Throw contest	
6. Sponsor a KC International Soccer Challenge event	
7. Participate in the State sanctioned KC Spelling Bee	
8. Participate in the Essay contest	
9. Sponsor a Program for the youth of the Parish, i.e, Christmas party, teen dance, movie	
10. Conduct a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest	
11. Other	
MEMBERSHIP	
1. Sponsor and maintain a council Admission degree team	
2. Hold insurance night-fraternal benefits night- between July 1 2017 and June. 30, 2018	
3. Hold Fall membership drive - check with Pastor	
4. Schedule and host FOUR (4) Admission degrees during the year	
5. Submit Knight of the Month to state office and publicize your winner	
6. Have membership table at all council events	
7. Host an information night for potential members in Spring 2018	
8. Complete and submit fraternal survey - Form 1728 - to Supreme and State.	
9. Other membership activities and events Bring 1 st degree members to 2 nd and 3 rd Degrees	
10. Other programs	

POINT TARGETS FOR AWARDS

GOLD – 350 or more points; **SILVER** - 240-349 points; **BRONZE**-150-239 points; **HONORABLE MENTION** = 70-149

Councils receive up to 10 points for activities listed in each program section of IL SP 7.

(1 pt. for 1st, 2 for 2nd. 3 for 3rd. 4 for 4th.)

Councils receive 20 points for any activity chosen as "Program of the Month"

Councils receive 10 points for each new member recruited and reported by June 15, 2018

Councils receive 5 points for each entry in Programs of the month

Councils receive 10 points for reaching their Goal in any of the 5 charities,
with a 30 point bonus for reaching their goal in all 5 charities.

Councils receive 50 points for meeting "McGivney Award" criteria (Supreme member goal)

Councils receive 50 points for meeting "Founders Award" criteria (Supreme Insurance goal)

Council receives 200 points for establishing and maintaining an Admission Degree Team and hosting FOUR Admission Degrees during the fraternal year.

Councils receive 50 points for establishing/maintaining a Squires Circle

Councils receive 50 points for establishing/maintaining an active Ladies Auxiliary

Councils receive 10 points each for filing DIR 1, 185, 365, 1728 with State Office

Councils receive 25 points for filing Special Olympics form 4584 with State and Supreme

Spirit of Illinois Award Application
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For Fraternal Year Ending June 30,
2018

Council # _____ Name _____ Location _____

District Deputy and Grand Knight must sign before submitting by:
Noon June 15, 2018, with attached Columbian application Supreme SP7

DD & Date: _____ GK & Date: _____

- Form 185 - Report of Council Officers Filed at Supreme & State
- Form 365 - Report of Personnel Filed at Supreme & State
- Form 1728 - Report of Fraternal Survey Filed at Supreme & State
- Form 4584- Special Olympics participation report filed at Supreme
- Form 1295 - Semi Annual Audits Filed at Supreme & to State August 15 February 15
- Total State Per Capita payment made by 6/15/2018 to Illinois State Council
- Conduct At Least 4 Admission Degrees During the Fraternal Year
- Admission Degree: Date _____ # new members _____
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Participate in all five (5) charitable activities and achieve goals in at least 3:

	PARTICIPATED	MET GOAL
General Assistance (GAF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Culture of Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vocations Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- Councils receive 10 points for each new member recruited and recorded by June 15, 2018
- Councils receive 5 points for each entry in Programs of the month
- Councils receive 10 points for reaching their Goal in any of the 5 charities, plus 30 points for reaching all 5 goals.
- Councils receive 10 points for each Roundtable Coordinator listed on Form 2629 and sent to Supreme by 3/1/2018.
- Councils receive 50 points for meeting "McGivney Award" criteria (Supreme Membership goal)
- Councils receive 50 points for meeting "Founders Award" criteria (Supreme Insurance goal)
- Council receives 200 points for establishing and maintaining an Admission Degree Team and hosting FOUR Admission Degrees in the fraternal year.
- Councils receive 50 points for establishing/maintaining a Squires Circle
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- Councils receive 10 points each for filing DIR 1, 185, 365, 1728 with State and Supreme
- Councils receive 25 points for filing Special Olympics form 4584 with State and Supreme

Copies to: District Deputy, Council File, State Email - illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org US Mail - Illinois KofC, PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60190

Do not send this form to Supreme

COUNCIL # _____ **NAME** _____ **LOCATION** _____

To be considered for the Spirit of Illinois Award, **the council must be positive in membership and** submit a fully completed Supreme Form SP-7 to the Supreme Council before **June 15, 2018 and** then attach a copy of the Supreme Form SP-7 to this IL-SP7 form, page 1 and page 2; and submit all three, to the State Office **Postmarked no later than June 15, 2018**. The District Deputy and Grand Knight should verify and sign the bottom of this page - page 2 before submitting.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

CULTURE OF LIFE- PRO LIFE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

(Degree Team, Fall and Spring Membership Drives, Admission Degrees, Church Drive, Information Night)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Grand Knight signature _____ District Deputy signature _____