

Greetings Fraternal Leader

A New Model—A New Age

In case you are not aware of yet, our programming has gone through a transformation beginning with the new fraternal year. **Faith In Action**, our new program model, will allow us to focus our programming activities toward a deeper growth in our Faith and draw families closer together by making them the focal point of all programming we do. The **Faith In Action** model has integrated the *Building the Domestic Church* as its foundation that allow us to put our Faith into Action. **Quality, not Quantity**

Illinois's Faith in Action



Chosen To go And Bear Fruit That Will Remain

Our Order started in a church basement by a priest helping those families in need; therefore, we now get back to our roots of connecting with our parish priest to become church based where we can harness our energies to build Faith in our parish and community. Today's men are interested in activities that help them connect spiritually and keep their family together instead of taking them away from the family.

Let's face it, our image is **not clear** as to who we are, we have our work cut out for us. Folks think of us as a group of older men, not fully integrated into the parish who do not focus on building Faith. Current leadership not willing to change—resistant to getting out of the comfort zone.

With the new year, as a leader in our order, it's time for you to take the lead and forge your council forward to embrace **Faith In Action** model that will allow you to focus on family spirituality, to build relationships with clergy, to bring young adults together, and to make the change necessary to infuse life back into your council. The future of your council is dependent upon that happening NOW.

Be on the lookout for the new Faith In Action program guide to arrive over the next few weeks from Supreme. It will have all the information you need to implement the new program model. Here are a few highlights:

REVISED CATEGORIES

Family, Community, and Life. Council and Youth categories no longer exist. Youth has been merged with community and council has been merged with Faith and Family



New Programs

FAITH

Spiritual Reflection Program
Holy Hour
Sacramental Gifts

FAMILY

Family Prayer Night
Good Friday Family Promotion

COMMUNITY

Helping Hands

LIFE

Mass for People with Special Needs
Pregnancy Center Support
Novena for Life

Program Resources

www.kofc.org/faithinaction

www.illinoisknights.org

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Required Programs

FAITH	COMMUNITY
Spiritual Reflection Program	Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Consecration to the Holy Family	Novena for Life

You must complete one required program in each category to earn Columbian and Star Council Awards

Featured Programs

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families	Marches for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program

Featured program will be worth two credit points. You can no longer do one to fulfill the category. Four credit points are required for each category.

ROLES	TRAINING	BACKGROUND CHECK	ARMATUS ADMINISTRATION
State Council			
State Deputy	✓		✓
State Advocate	✓		✓
State Program Director	✓		✓
State Youth Director	✓	✓	✓
State Family Director	✓	✓	✓
State Community Director	✓	✓	✓
State Squire/Chairman	✓	✓	✓
Subordinate Council			
Grand Knight	✓		✓
Faithful Navigator	✓		
Program Director	✓		✓
Family Director	✓		
Community Director	✓	✓	
Chief Counsellor	✓	✓	
Adult Counsellor	✓	✓	

The chart to the left shows required Safe Environment training for key officers/directors. A trained leader must be present at all youth activities. Watch for an email inviting you to take the training over the next few weeks. You have 30 days to complete. Training is mandated to earn all Supreme awards.

Key reminders:

- ✓ State Form Dir 1 due now
- ✓ Form 165 due June 30
- ✓ Form 365 due July 31
- ✓ Safe Environment due within 30 days upon email receipt
- ✓ Conduct council program planning meetings in July
- ✓ Order program material for soccer and Catholic Citizenship essay contest In July
- ✓ Family week during August
- ✓ K of C National Softball tournament. Register by August 18. Fly Attached.
- ✓ Finalize and Promote Program Calendar

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CLINTON MUDD

Council 12152, Red Bud Brother Clinton assisted in securing funding for Ultrasound machines for his local Pregnancy Support center in Southwestern Illinois.

Quick Resources

State Program Team

General Program

Director—

Lloyd Reinkensmeier

Faith Director

Bill Doody

Family Director

Rich Koerkenmeier

Community director

Mark Halper

Life Director

Gerry Mattix-Wand

Programing Fruit for
Thought editor

Lloyd Reinkensmeier

Council Action Pictures needed

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K of C National Softball Tournament

Did you know the 2018 K of C National Softball Tournament will be held on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1st and 2nd at Highland Council 1580 ? Illinois K of C council teams can register to compete in this national tournament but ***the deadline to register your team is 8/18/2018.***

Your team will be allowed to compete without any pre-tournament qualifications but remember that all players must be brother knights in good standing.

Please see the flyer attached to this message for further information and go to www.nationalkofcsoftball.org to register! For additional info contact State Family Athletic Events Chairman Matt Piescinski at 217-348-0033 or piescinski@hotmail.com

“Consecration to the Holy Family” and “Family Week” Information

To attain the Columbian Award and Star Council, the Supreme Council has designated four “Required Programs” as part of the new “*Faith in Action*” initiative which has replaced the prior “Surge...with Service” we have known for years.

In the “*Family*” category of “*Faith in Action*” the Required Program is the “*Consecration to the Holy Family*” Program which is designed to enrich the spiritual life of the family by coming together in prayer to consecrate themselves to the “Holy Family”. Councils should work together with parish pastors and council chaplains to schedule, plan and present this program which could also be integrated with the suggestions for the “*Family Week*” program. These and all the other recommended Supreme Council programs are outlined in the Faith in Action Guidebook available online at:

[https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/programs/10590-
%20Faith%20in%20Action%20Guidebook.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/programs/10590-%20Faith%20in%20Action%20Guidebook.pdf)

Knight of the Month and Family of the Month

Please remember to honor your council Knight of the Month and Family of the Month and submit these selections to the Illinois State Council each month using the forms at the Illinois

NEW SUPREME ESSAY TIMETABLE 2018 *See Attached flyer for more details*

July/August: Councils, assemblies order Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Kits from the Supreme Council Office.

August/September: Councils, assemblies contact schools to secure cooperation. At this time the date, place and means of recognizing winners should be determined.

September: Students write essays. Essays should be submitted to judges by **September 30.**

October: Judges review essays for council level.

November: Judges review essays for regional and or state level.

December: State champion essays submitted to Supreme for international judging by **December 15**

January: International Essay Contest Winners announced by the Supreme Council Office

Spelling Bee—see attachment

[See Attachments and Website for all additional Program details](#)