

# Programs

Service  
Optimism  
Aspire  
Responsibility



Let's SOAR in  
25!

"Those who wait on the Lord shall mount  
up with wings as eagles." - Isaiah 40:31



# We SOAR by putting our Faith in Action





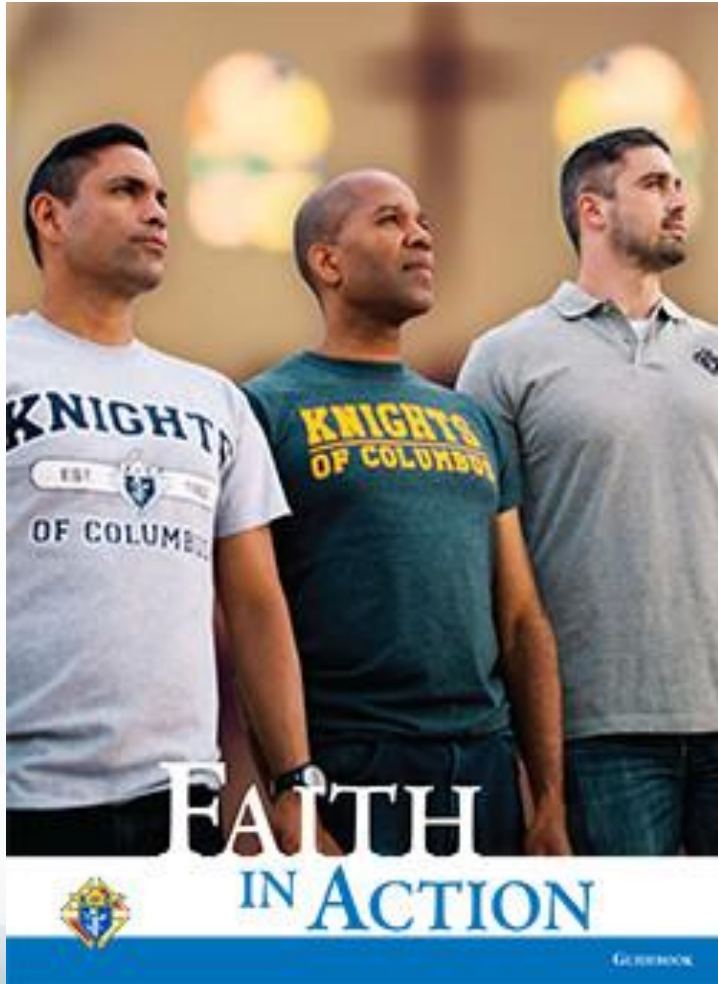
# ***Why We Do Programs***

Our goal is to help men; their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live our faith at home, in our parish, at work and in our community



# These Are Your State Faith in Action Team



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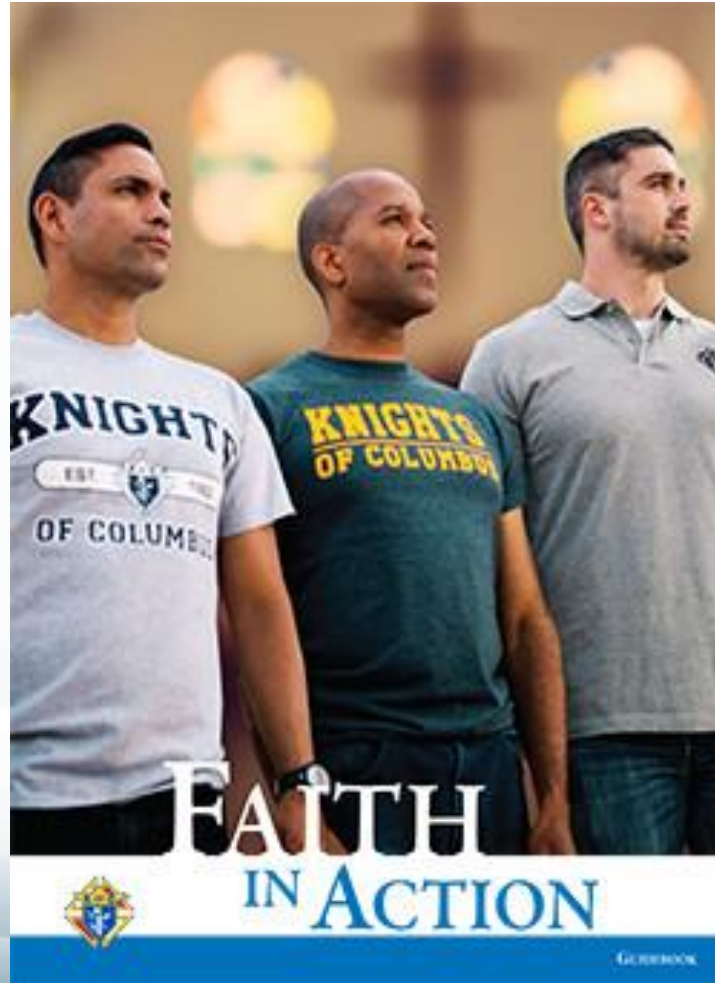
# YOUR State Program Leadership Team



DETROIT	
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GAYLORD	
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KALAMAZOO	
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LANSING	
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Program Director - South:	Kelly Donnelon
MARQUETTE	
Program Director:	Jim Butorac
SAGINAW	
Program Director:	Mark Hebert



# The Faith in Action Categories





# A Review of the Faith in Action Programs

## Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

### FAITH

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)  
INTO THE BREACH  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTION  
HOLY HOUR  
PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM  
BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK  
ROSARY PROGRAM  
SACRAMENTAL GIFTS



### COMMUNITY

COATS FOR KIDS  
GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS  
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP  
CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST  
SOCCER/HOCKEY CHALLENGE  
HELPING HANDS

### FAMILY

FOOD FOR FAMILIES  
FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR  
FAMILY FULLY ALIVE  
FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT  
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS  
FAMILY WEEK  
CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY  
GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



### LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE  
PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT / ASAP (AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY)  
CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF  
SILVER ROSE  
MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
NOVENA FOR LIFE



# NEW! Faith in Action Programs

## Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

Viva Christo Rey  
Imitating Juan Diego



Bright Futures  
Celebrating our Catholic Heritage



Remembering our Faithful Departed  
Quinceanera Support



Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe  
The Gospel of Life





# A Review of the Faith in Action Programs

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# A Review of the Faith in Action Programs

## Featured Programs

The Supreme Council has designated certain programs as featured programs in each of the program categories. When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements, it will receive two credits toward that program category. For a breakdown of program requirements & FAQs visit [kofc.org/fiaresources](http://kofc.org/fiaresources).

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Initiative Pregnancy Center Support / ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)



# Faith in Action Programs

- **To qualify for the Columbian Award (SP-7), you need to fulfill a total of 4 points in each of the 4 categories.**
- **Total of 16 Points total at a minimum**





# A Review of the Faith in Action Programs

## Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

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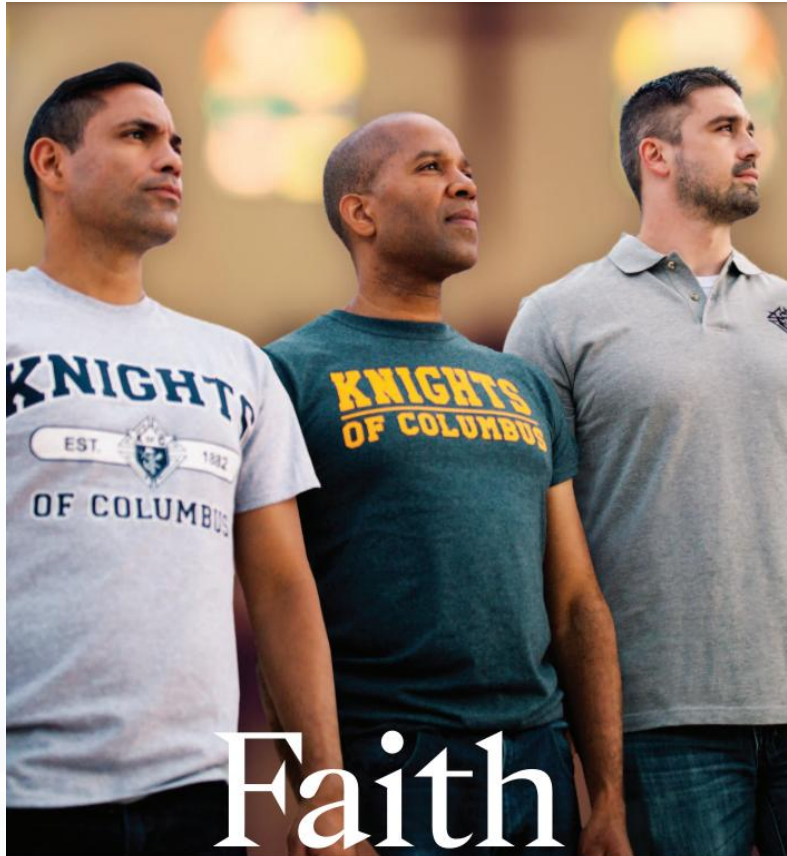
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**Featured Programs (Highlighted in Red) count for 2 points each.**



# ***Download the Faith in Action Guidebook***



Available to download on Supreme's website.  
In search bar on [kofc.org](http://kofc.org), enter "10907"

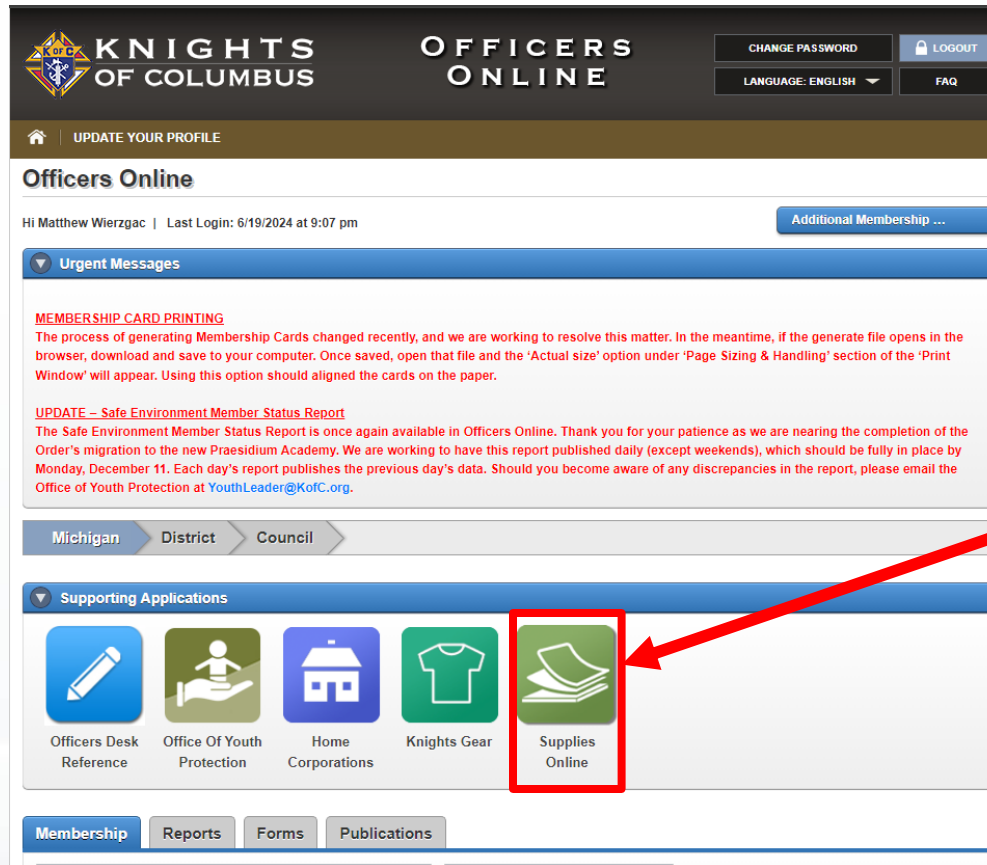
- Keep a copy local on your laptop/tablet.
- Print a copy if you like.
- Printed copies can be ordered through Supplies Online on Supreme's Website.
- Send a copy to council program directors.



**Faith**  
**in Action**



# How to Order the Faith in Action Guidebook



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICERS ONLINE**

CHANGE PASSWORD LOGOUT  
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH FAQ

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

**Officers Online**

Hi Matthew Wierzac | Last Login: 6/19/2024 at 9:07 pm Additional Membership ...

**Urgent Messages**

MEMBERSHIP CARD PRINTING  
The process of generating Membership Cards changed recently, and we are working to resolve this matter. In the meantime, if the generate file opens in the browser, download and save to your computer. Once saved, open that file and the 'Actual size' option under 'Page Sizing & Handling' section of the 'Print Window' will appear. Using this option should align the cards on the paper.

UPDATE – Safe Environment Member Status Report  
The Safe Environment Member Status Report is once again available in Officers Online. Thank you for your patience as we are nearing the completion of the Order's migration to the new Praesidium Academy. We are working to have this report published daily (except weekends), which should be fully in place by Monday, December 11. Each day's report publishes the previous day's data. Should you become aware of any discrepancies in the report, please email the Office of Youth Protection at [YouthLeader@KofC.org](mailto:YouthLeader@KofC.org).

Michigan District Council

**Supporting Applications**

Officers Desk Reference Office Of Youth Protection Home Corporations Knights Gear **Supplies Online**

Membership Reports Forms Publications

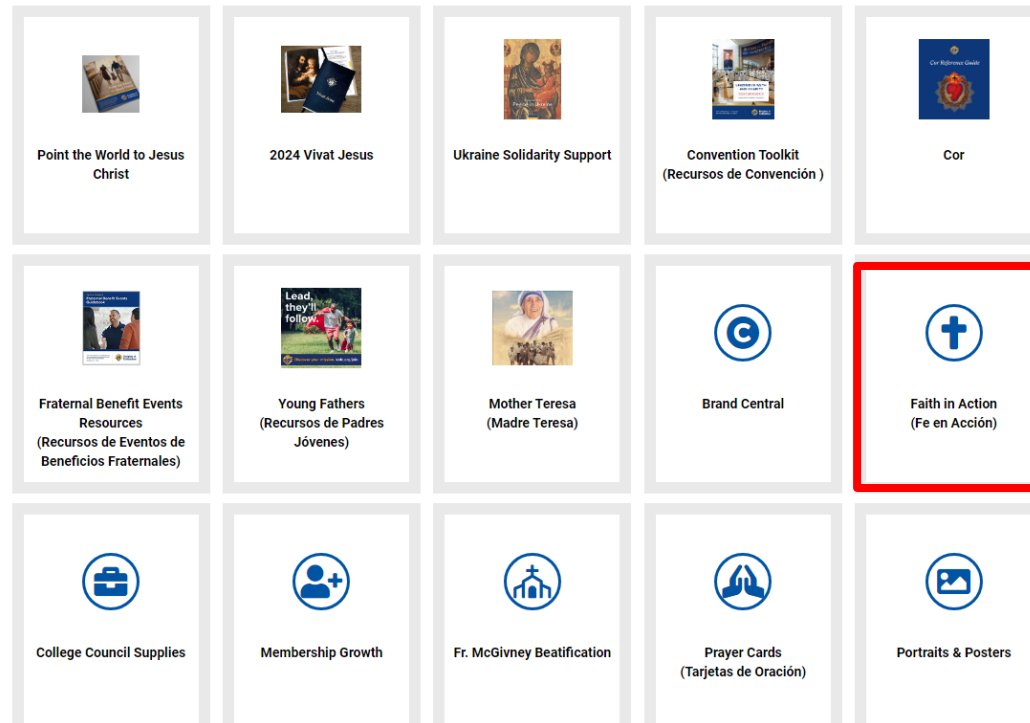
Once logged into Officers Online, locate and click “Supplies Online”





# How to Order the Faith in Action Guidebook

Access all your supply and print products here.



Scroll down and locate “Faith in Action”



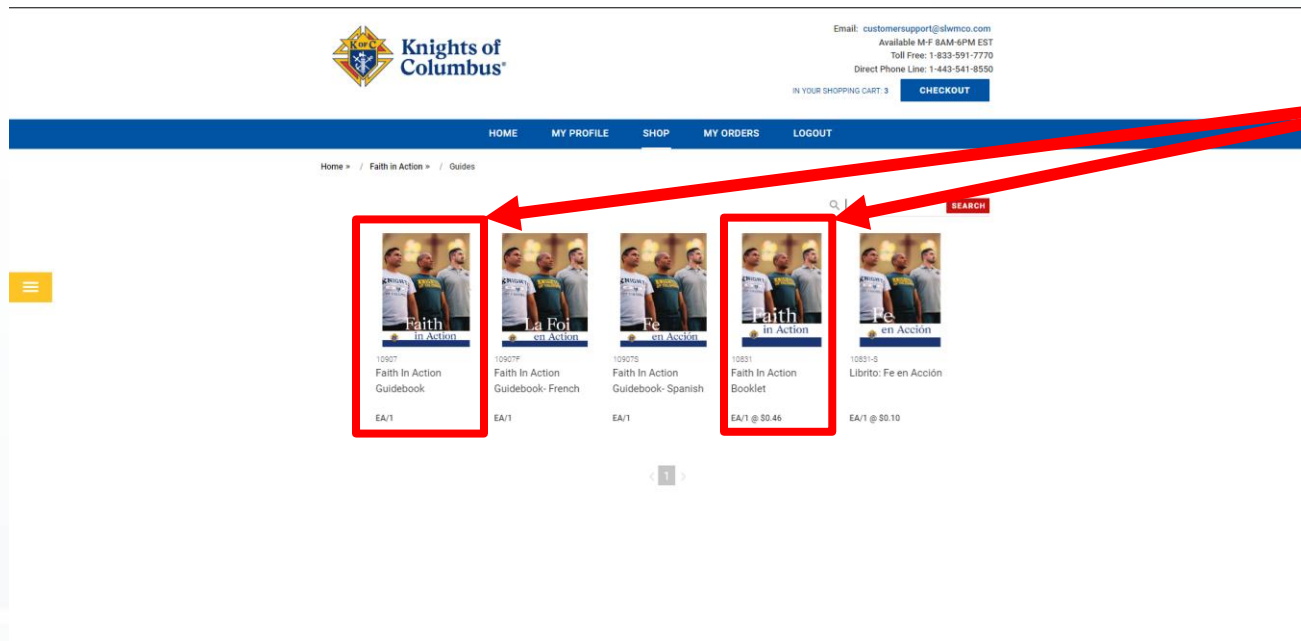
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Click on "Guides"



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Click on "Guidebook"

For the shorter and less detailed version, click "Booklet"

Once you click the box you want, specify the quantity you would like and order.





# ***Other Faith in Action Resources***

Also available on kofc.org website:

## **Faith in Action Resources**

#10907 Faith in Action Guidebook 

#10746 Faith in Action Minimum Requirements 

#10581 Faith in Action FAQs 

#11172 Faith in Action Program Forms Reference Guide  NEW

#11139 Faith in Action Remote Programming Supplement 



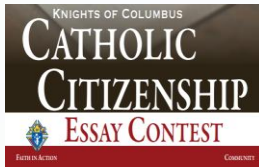
# ***Other Resources***

- Diocesan Program Directors
- State Faith In Action Directors



# ***Council, District & Diocesan Level Programs***

1<sup>st</sup> Half of the fraternal year



PROGRAM	TIMEFRAME
SOCCER CHALLENGE	COUNCIL (JULY/EARLY AUGUST) DISTRICT (EARLY TO MID AUGUST) DIOCESE (LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER)
CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST	COUNCIL (SEPTEMBER) DISTRICT (OCTOBER) DIOCESE (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER)
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST	COUNCIL (NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER) DISTRICT (MID DECEMBER) DIOCESE (LATE DECEMBER)





# ***Council, District & Diocesan Level Programs***

2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the fraternal year



HOCKEY CHALLENGE



SPELLING BEE



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

**PROGRAM**

**TIMEFRAME**

COUNCIL (DECEMBER TO EARLY JANUARY)  
DISTRICT (MID JANUARY/ EARLY FEBRUARY)  
DIOCESE (FEBRUARY)

COUNCIL (EARLY TO MID JANUARY)  
DISTRICT (LATE JANUARY/ EARLY FEBRUARY)  
DIOCESE (LATE FEBRUARY)

COUNCIL (EARLY TO MID JANUARY)  
DISTRICT (LATE JANUARY/ EARLY FEBRUARY)  
DIOCESE (LATE FEBRUARY)



# ***How to order awards for district programs***

Through supplies online on supreme's website, you can order kits for:

## ❖ Soccer Challenge (\$5/ea, max of 3)

❖ Guide Sheet and Play book

❖ Posters

❖ Scoresheets & Certificates

## ❖ Essay Contest (\$5/ea, max of 3)

❖ Guide

❖ Posters

❖ Judging Sheet & Certificates

## ❖ Free Throw Championship (\$0/ea, max of 3)

❖ Guide

❖ Scoresheets

❖ Certificates



# ***How to order awards for district programs***

You can order district metals for winners of district events also through supplies online on supreme's website, you can order kits for:

- ◆ Soccer Challenge
- ◆ Hockey Challenge
- ◆ Free Throw Championship



# ***Upcoming State-Level Programs***



State Soccer Challenge Finals,  
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Registration: 12PM, Competition: 1PM

St John Vianney Church, 4101 Clyde  
Park Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509





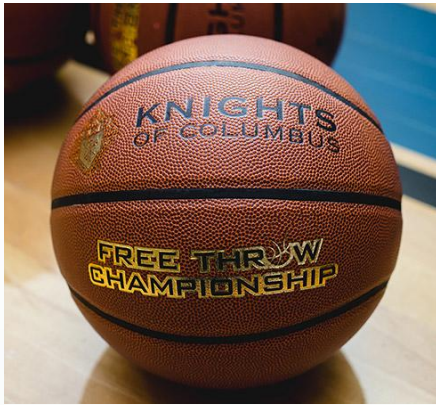
# ***Upcoming State-Level Programs***



State Spelling Bee, Saturday, March 7, 2026  
Registration: 12PM, Competition: 1PM  
Fr. Van Rooy #2740, 1021 Woodside Ave  
Essexville, MI 48732



# ***Upcoming State-Level Programs***



State Free Throw Championship,  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Registration: 12PM, Competition: 1PM  
Sacred Heart Parish, 302 South Kinney,  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



# ***What Goes With Programs?***

## **FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM (#10784)!**

**Question: Who can submit the 10784?**

**Answer: Anyone from your Council Roster with an active email on file.**

**Question: Where do I complete the form?**

**Answer: Form is done online at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) website**

**Question: Is there training available on how to complete this form?**

**Answer: YES!! Your Monthly DD Summary Report will have a link on to access training but can also be found on the supreme website. Search for “Fraternal Programs Report Form Training Video” in the search bar.**



# ***Youth Protection***





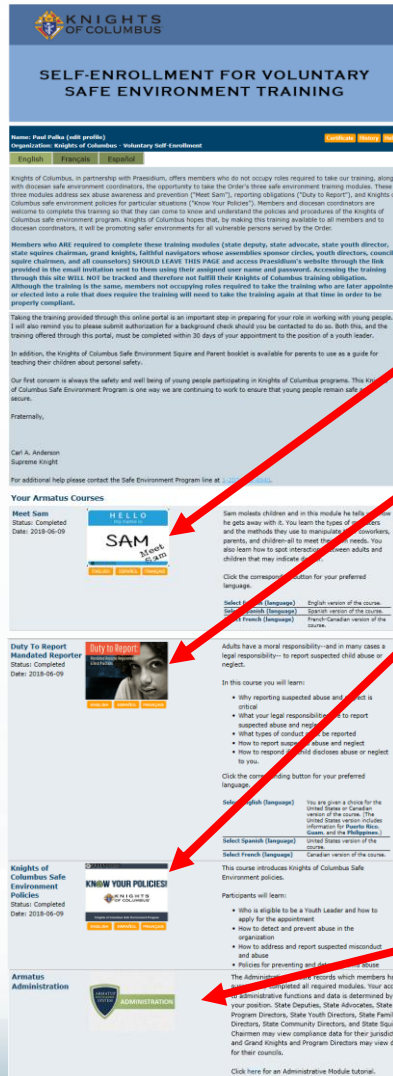
# ***Youth Protection***

## **Who needs Training?**

Position	Meet Sam	Duty to Report Mandated Reporter	KofC Safe Environment Policies	Background Investigation
Grand Knight	Required	Required	Required	
Program Director	Required	Required	Required	
Community Director	Required	Required	Required	Required
Family Director	Required	Required	Required	Required



# Armatus Site



- Please read as this explains why this is so important.
- 1. **Meet Sam** – This is the first (of 3) classes. Click on Meet Sam to take this class.
- 2. **Duty To Report** – This is the second (of 3) classes. Click on Duty To Report to take this class.
- 3. **KofC Save Environment Policy** – This is the third (of 3) classes. Click on KofC Save Environment Policy to take this class.
- 4. **Background Check** (not shown here) must also be selected by all Community Directors & Family Directors.
- **Armatus Administration** is a very useful tool for Grand Knights to use to monitor the training progress of council members.



# Training Certificate

Print or save your  
course completion  
certificate

06/15/2016  
KofC - AB

Print this certificate

**ARMATUS**  
Learn to protect  
SYSTEM

*Your Name Here*  
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED:

Course Name	Date
Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program	11/21/2014
Duty To Report Mandated Reporter	11/20/2014
Meet Sam	11/20/2014

**PRAESIDIUM**  
Our design. Your protection.

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# ***State Council Service Program***

Each year every jurisdiction recognizes the best program in each of the Service Program categories of: **Faith, Family, Community, and Life**. Michigan acknowledges its winners at the State Convention on Mackinac Island in May.





# ***What is Needed to Enter?***

- ❖ A noteworthy program
- ❖ State Service Program Award Form (#STSP) needs to be completed.
- ❖ To have a better chance to win, complete a Booklet
- ❖ The 2024-2025 directories will include information on what is required for the booklet. Look for it in the back. It will also be available in the “Council Forms” section on [mikofc.org](http://mikofc.org)



# ***Family of the Year***

Each year our State Deputy chooses and recognizes a family who stands above the rest in promotion of the principals of our Church and our Order. A family that can best called the “model” family.



# ***What is Needed to Enter?***

- ❖ Family of the Year Form (#10680) needs to be completed.
- ❖ To have a better chance to win, complete a Booklet
- ❖ The 2024-2025 directories will include information on what is required for the booklet. Look for it in the back. It will also be available in the “Council Forms” section on [mikofc.org](http://mikofc.org)



# ***To improve chances to win:***

At the Winter Leadership Meeting each District Deputy will provide at registration their councils rough draft to the State Program Director with a bio of the family and picture. The SPD and SFD will review and return with feedback to the District Deputy at the end of the Winter Diocesan Meeting.





# ***Columbian Award***



To successfully be eligible for the Columbian Award, a council must:

- Successfully submit the form 185, 365, 1728, and SP-7 and be accepted
- Be 100% Youth Compliant with all 4 required positions
- Council be in good standing AND by submitting council audits in September (1295a) and February (1295b).
- Satisfy the Faith in Action credits
  - Must earn at least four (4) program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories.



# ***Expectations***

- ❖ Motivate Your Councils. **Aspire** to make your councils better than you found it!  
(Use Dan Remeika's Talking Points)
- ❖ Keep that smile on your face.
- ❖ Stay positive all the time. Do not be negative!
- ❖ Grow the order by working in tandem with your membership director on integrating membership recruitment in programs.
- ❖ Identify problems/resolve them

***Ask for help if needed***



# ***Expectations***

- ❖ Report your FIA programs for your councils/district on CATs (Council Activity Tracker)
- ❖ Promote FIA Programs, encourage new FIA programs if not already being done.



# Goals

- ❖ Submit the Form 185, Form 365, 1295a, 944, 1728, 1295b, SP-7, etc. on time
- ❖ 100% Compliance with Youth Protection
- ❖ Council Audits submitted and in good standing
- ❖ Leave your councils better than you found them





# Resources

*You don't have to "know" everything.  
You just need to "know" where to find  
the answers*



1. Faith In Action Manual (#10590)
2. Supreme Fraternal Leadership Guide (kofc.org)
3. Supreme Fraternal Leader Advisory (kofc.org)
4. Supreme website (kofc.org)
5. State website ([mikofc.org](http://mikofc.org))
6. Diocesan Directors
7. State Deputy Regional Representative's (SDRR)
8. State Faith in Action Directors
9. Dan Ramika's Talking Points



# ANY QUESTIONS???

