



# Family



## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Continuing the Orders emphasis on "family" the Supreme Council office and the Wisconsin State Council annually encourage councils to promote a variety of enriching programs for the family. Since its inception in 1977, the "Family of the Month" program has proven to be just one successful way of honoring council families.

The "Family of the Month" program booklet (#1993, this booklet is included in the "Surge...with Service" program packets mailed in June to each financial secretary, of record for presentation to the grand knight.) contains information on getting this program started on a local council level. Among the more important considerations to keep in mind are:

1. A three man council committee should be appointed to interview parish priests, neighbors, other council members, etc. in order to determine likely candidates.
  
2. A variety of factors should be considered before a selection is made. The following ideas should be kept uppermost in the committee's decision-making process: contributions to Church, community, and council: nature of time spent together, family communication and prayer.
  
3. After the selection has been made, the "Family of the Month" certificate (Item #1843. EFS available from the Supreme Council Supply Department at \$.25 each) should be presented to the family by the Grand Knight at an appropriate council function.
  
4. Finally, the monthly report form found in the "Family of the Month" booklet (#1993) should be mailed to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services for entry in the monthly drawing. One hundred reporting forms are picked at random and the winners receive a Holy Family statuette along with a personal letter of congratulations from the supreme knight.
  
5. A copy of the monthly report or the form provided by the Wisconsin State Council should be forwarded to the State Family Coordinator. You can find the name and address listed in the Wisconsin State Council and Fourth Degree Directory, which are distributed to each Grand Knight and Financial Secretary.
  
6. Entries in the Wisconsin program are based on merit rather than a random drawing. Five families (one in each diocese) are selected as "Family of the Month" each month.

## **FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

A fitting conclusion to a year of monthly winners is the selection of a "Family of the Year". It is suggested that the entire sound membership vote for their choice, keeping in mind that the family they choose should be a model family in every respect: devoted to their faith, their community, and to each other.

Family of the Year" recipients can be honored at a special function and awarded the "Family of the Year certificate (#1843A. EFS, available from the Supreme Council Supply Department at \$.35 each.)

Councils should submit the name of their winning family to the state council for entry in the state provincial "Family of the Year" competition. A "Family of the Year" nomination form can be found at the end of this section. Please make a copy of the form to use to submit the name and qualifying information of your council's "Family of the Year" to the State Council. The nomination should be mailed to the State Office no later than February 15th.

A State Family Committee which is composed of three Past State Deputies, will apply an impartial and standardized system to select, from the many exemplary families that receive the "Family of the Year" award from their local councils, one winner from each diocese, and out of the five diocesan winners, one family will be selected as the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus Family of the Year.

Each winner will be personally notified and the State Family winner will be invited to attend the State Convention Banquet for purposes of receiving this Award. Their nomination form will also be forwarded to the Supreme Council for consideration as Supreme Family of the Year.

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

Each statewide "Family of the Year" is eligible to compete in the Supreme Council's International "Family of the Year" contest for the current fraternal year. The appropriate entry form #FY1 must be completed and submitted to the Supreme Council office by June 10th in order to be entered in the contest. Support materials in the form of scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, testimonials, etc. are acceptable.

A judging team appointed by the supreme knight will determine the International "Family of the Year." The winning family, (those members still residing at home), will receive an all expense paid trip to the Supreme Council meeting. They will be awarded proper acknowledgment for their honor.



# Wisconsin State Council "Family of the Year"



## Nomination Form

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print all information. Include a picture of the family suitable for publication in the Convention Book. Additional paper can be used if space allocations are not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special reports or attachments can be included. Grand Knight must attest to information included on nomination form. All entries for the State Council's "Family of the Year" contest must be forwarded by February 15th.

### A. PERSONAL DATA

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### B. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DATA

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus? \_\_\_\_\_

Positions held within the organization:

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Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

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