

CITIZEN, CATHOLIC TEACHER, POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER AND EMT OF THE YEAR

These five separate programs allow the State Council to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Catholic education and to the community at large. Nearly every local council will have one or more members or close associates who serves in one of these professions. They all are deserving of our support and recognition, but each year some stand out above the rest.

The Grand Knight should appoint one more chairmen for these programs. Appoint a nomination committee and a panel of independent judges. Then select a council honoree in each category. Make the presentation at an awards ceremony at a council meeting or social gathering or at any other appropriate venue such as the honoree's school or work location. Invite the recipient's family and friends to the presentation. In addition to a certificate, present a plaque or another appropriate award. Be sure to inform your local news media. Finally, submit the resumes of the council honorees to the State Council chairman on a timely basis.

The State Council Awards in each category will be presented at the annual Founder's Day Mass and Reception to individuals selected from entries received from local councils.

Experience has shown than your local service organizations are eager to participate, so that finding nominees and getting the nomination forms completed is very easy. However, remember that you will be dealing with some very busy people, so it may take some time. Please start as early as possible.

The **Citizen of the Year Award** is based on outstanding religious or civic contributions at the local, state or national level. You can find candidates by using many sources within your local community. Look for someone providing exemplary service to youth, to the homeless, to their church, or to pro-life causes. There are no restrictions of the type of service; the key is simply *service*. To qualify for the Citizen of the Year Award the nominee must be a resident of the State of Maryland.

The **Catholic Teacher of the Year Award** is given to a Catholic teacher who has demonstrated exceptional ability and service to the education of our youth. Contact your school principal or the head of your parish CCD for possible candidates.

The **Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year Awards** go to outstanding individuals in each of these professions. Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the jurisdiction have been recognizing public safety personnel for their outstanding service and dedication for many years. It makes no difference whether these individuals are paid employees or volunteers; in many instances, these men and women risk their own lives to protect the citizens and the property of those they serve. Isn't it time to give something back to these brave and courageous public servants? Invite your local police and fire hierarchy to nominate members of their organization who have demonstrated exceptional service to the community. Establish a working relationship with local public safety departments and make them aware of your support and your gratitude for the services they render.

Nomination Form 2009

Citizen, Catholic Teacher, Law Enforcement Officer, Fireman and EMT of the Year

Indicate Program: Catholic Teacher () Citizen () Firefighter ()
EMT () Law Enforcement Officer ()

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Employer (except Citizen): _____

Nominating Council: _____ Council Number: _____

Council Contact Name: _____

Council Contact Phone Number and (If Available) Email Address: _____

Instructions: Please include a narrative describing the contributions of your nominee and explaining why your Council feels that this individual should receive recognition by the Maryland State Council. Include a biography of your nominee. Your narrative cannot exceed four (4) pages using a font no smaller than that displayed here (Times New Roman 12). Submit this form, your narrative, and any photos, newspaper clippings, or other supporting information. Your submission must be postmarked no later than February 13, 2009.

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Questions?? – Please call me at 301-946-2113