

FAMILY OF THE MONTH / YEAR

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To promote the family life that is so important to our children and to recognize the outstanding families in the Order, councils are encouraged to participate in the Order's "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" program. Participation is not only an outstanding sign of support for family life, but also a chance for a brother Knight and his family to receive local honors and the opportunity to be one of the selected Supreme Council "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" recipients.

To participate in the program and choose the most deserving family for this honor, your council must follow the guidelines explained in the *Family of the Month* booklet (#1993) provided to each council in its annual "Surge...with Service" packet. As your council selects each *Family of the Month* the appropriate reporting form should be completed and signed by the Grand Knight. Guidelines can also be found on our Supreme Councils web-site – www.kofc.org. Click the link For Officers, then the link to Forms, and finally the link to Councils – this will take you to a list of forms where you will find the *Family of the Month* form 1993A. You can then print a hard copy that can only be mailed or you can submit the online version. Please send a copy to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326 (fax #1-203-752-4108), the State copy to Peter O'Sullivan, 1909 Brightwood Court, Eldersburg, MD 21784 or email the form to Peter @ Lnfpro@verizon.net, a copy to your District Deputy and keep a copy for your council files.

Your *Family of the Month* need not be the family of a council member. Your council can choose a family from your local community or your parish. When selecting a family consider the following:

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Does the family enjoy one another?
- Does the family share experiences?
- Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- Does the family pray and attend Mass together?

Completed council forms must reach the Supreme Council office by the 15th day of the month following the month designated on each individual report form. A good rule of thumb is to select a chairman for this activity then make it a common practice for your council to select a family during the first week of the month to ensure the forms are filled-out, signed and delivered in time.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR forms will be mailed out by the State Council in December. To be nominated *Family of the Year* the family must be that of a Brother Knight from Maryland. A selection committee will review your council's nomination for *Family of the Year* and the family selected as *Maryland State Council Family of the Year* will be recognized at our Founders Day Mass, Dinner and Reception.