



# Knights of Columbus

## Maryland State Council

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FY 2025-2026

TO: District Deputies and Grand Knights

RE: Family of the Year

*Worthy All,*

The Maryland State Council annually conducts a ***Family of the Year*** recognition program. The family selected for this award will be honored at the Founder's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

The ***Family of the Year*** is selected from nominations submitted by councils within the Maryland jurisdiction. This program will allow your Council the opportunity to honor families that made significant contributions to Faith, Family, and Community activities. This award is presented to the family that best demonstrates exceptional support of the principles of our Church and our Order and is considered to be a "model" family. Please note that the father of the nominated family ***MUST*** be a Knight of Columbus in good standing with his council.

The nomination form is posted on the Supreme Council website and can be obtained by clicking [10680 Family of Year Form](#).

Completed nomination packets for each council, with all supporting documentation, must be sent electronically no later than Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 10, 2026**. Email your nomination to me at [vhawkinsjr@aol.com](mailto:vhawkinsjr@aol.com) Please cc: State Family Activities Director, Timothy Lynch as well at [fdmdkoc@gmail.com](mailto:fdmdkoc@gmail.com). Please retain hardcopies as they will be required for submission to Supreme Council should your nominee be selected as the Maryland State Council Family of the Year.

Councils are encouraged to honor their selected family locally at a Council meeting or social gathering. We suggest that you invite the recipient's entire family and friends to attend the presentation and share in the celebration. It is appropriate to award a certificate, plaque, or other recognition memento. An appropriate Council Family of the Year certificate is available on the Supreme website by clicking [1843A Family of Year Cert](#), or by ordering Form 1843A through Supplies Online on the Supreme website.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 301-367-1881 or via email at [vhawkinsjr@aol.com](mailto:vhawkinsjr@aol.com).

*Fraternally,*

*Vernon Hawkins Jr.*

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**Family of the Year Chairman**