

As we start the 2025-26 Columbian Year, I wanted to take a moment to say hello and ask for prayers for a successful year. I am blessed to have been asked back as Program Director and will do everything I can to help the state of California continue to be a leader in the Order. I'd like to say thank you to Joseph Hill for his work this past year.

Our focus this year is, as always, on our faith. The Supreme Council has been rolling out the Cor Initiative to better evangelize and build our faith formation. The programs you implement can and should be in support of Cor. It is not surprising that, when you go to the Supreme website to research programs, the first Faith in Action category is FAITH. By participating in Cor, we can all become better Catholics, better Knights, better husbands and better men! More importantly, we can share our faith with others.

There are three Supreme forms that will be important regarding our Program vision:

1. Supreme form 365 - Service Program Personnel Report. If you have not submitted this report, please do it as soon as possible. We need this information to target the council and chapter leaders in the many areas for program implementation. This will help us build a formidable force for future programs and leadership.
2. Supreme form SP-7 - Columbian Award Application. It's not too late to build your calendar and a great way to start is to use the SP-7 form as a roadmap of sorts. With the council goal to achieve Star Council, we know that Membership growth and programs will work hand in hand. Plot out the sixteen (16) programs you intend to record on the SP-7 now, it will give you the direction you need for your calendar and keep your focus. Remember, always have someone at each event focused on inviting Catholic men to join or order.
3. Supreme form 10785 - Fraternal Programs Report Form. Anyone can submit this form. It should be submitted for every program activity! This form is how Supreme track council activity; it helps find new programs and it will be REQUIRED for all program award applications. We'll talk about this more as the year progresses.

Finally, we will continue with the Program of the Month calendar. For the month of July, let's focus on the Holy Hour. This program will encourage a deep personal encounter with God. Councils should work with their pastors to organize a regular Holy Hour. Prepared for all members of the parish to help encourage new members, this Holy Hour could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Mother Mary, St. Joseph or our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, or other aspects as decided by the council. As a Supreme program, there is a library of resources here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab1&icon-tabs=1> to help plan and execute.

Our Lady of Miracles, Pray for us.

Vivat Jesus
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