

"MINI" SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Brother Knights,

I'm pleased to report that our council regained the Star Council Award for the 2007-2008 year! Congratulations to all of you who contributed to the success of Council 11208 this past year, especially to past Grand Knight Dave Mowery! We were one of only 22 councils in Ohio to receive this award. There were only 1,460 total awards in Supreme Council.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and Service Program activities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for all three other awards.

- 1) **Columbian Award:** Councils must conduct and report at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories: Church, community, council, family and youth. Completed applications must reach the Supreme Council office by June 30.
- 2) **Father McGivney Award:** Achieve associate member quota. The quota for councils with 30-100 members is a net increase of five members for the fraternal year. The quota for councils with 101 or more members is a 5 percent net increase in membership for the fraternal year.
- 3) **Founders' Award:** Achieve insurance member quota. The quota for councils with 30-100 members is a net increase of three members for the fraternal year. The quota for councils with 101 or more members is a 2.5 percent net increase in membership for the fraternal year.

While the award is very significant, it's most important to remember that the activities of helping others in our church, community, and family are the primary goals of our order. It should be noted that less than 7% of the councils in the state of Ohio attained the status of Star Council. Let's now set our goal for two years in a row!

One of the changes that we've made to our general meetings for this current year is to schedule a speaker prior to the start of our meeting. This past month we had Sheri Whelan and Deacon Jim Morris talk about "Inviting Catholics Home". It was a very informative talk. As Knights, we can help Catholics to come home by:

- 1) Praying for their return.
- 2) Ask someone who is Catholic but has turned away from the church to call Sheri or Jim at: 876-1272, ext. 402. They will do the follow-up.
- 3) Present a brochure (from gathering area) to someone to read and offer to return to church with them to a mass so they may be more comfortable.
- 4) Introduce yourself to those around you at the beginning of mass as they may be a new parishioner or someone who is trying to come back into the church.

Frequently the people who have turned away from the church have a misconception of the Church rules or laws. We have the opportunity to make a difference if we follow the above helpful hints.

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