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ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.

THE BIG 4

July 3, 2026



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#1 EARLY IS EASY

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185s and 365s – July
SE Compliance – August
All other forms by the
due date

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#2 CULTURE OF INVITATION

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Changing vocabulary – Invite not Recruit

When we invite we evangelize

Where and when can we Invite
anytime - anywhere

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#3 OPPORTUNITIES

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COR

Our Programs

Pending Applications List

Prospect Tab

Market Penetration

Men's Conferences

Parish Events

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#4 PARTNERSHIPS

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4th Degree Districts
Diocese/Archdiocese
Outside Organizations
Our Insurance Agencies

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Award Updates



Star District 2026 – 2027

- **Membership Growth** *(No Change)*
 - Attain 70% of combined council quotas
- **Insurance Promotion** *(No Change)*
 - At least 50% of assigned councils earn the Founders Award



Star District 2026 – 2027

- Overall District Excellence
 - At least two councils in the district earn the Star Council Award
 - Districts with one council are not eligible
- Submit a *District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status* (#944) for each council in district by September 15
- Every council in district must submit forms #185 (officers), #365 (directors), 1728 (annual survey) and #1295 (annual audit)



Star Council 2026 – 2027

Earn the McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards, and satisfy all administrative requirements

2026-2027 Administrative Requirements

- **Be in good standing with Supreme Council (pay assessments)**
- **Safe Environment compliant (U.S. & Canada only)**
- **Submit forms #185 (Report of Officers), #365 (Report of Directors), #1728 (Annual Survey)**
- **NEW: Submit form #1295 (Annual Audit)**



McGivney Award 2026 – 2027

NO CHANGES

- **Attain 6% intake growth based on July 1st council membership**
- **Minimum 5 / Maximum 15**



Founders' Award 2026 – 2027

- A number equal to 10% of Associate members on the July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review
- Minimum 5 / Maximum 15
- To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members



Old Columbian Award

- Time-consuming
- Confusing
- Subjective
- Quantity, not quality



New Columbian Award

- **Fast**
- **Simple**
- **Quality, not quantity**



Requirement 1

- **Donate \$500 toward any of the following:**
 - **ASAP (cash or item value)**
 - **Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)**
 - **Coats for Kids**
 - **RSVP**



Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.



Requirement 2

- Complete 4 programs
 - 1 per category (Faith, Family, Community, Life)



Complete one Faith program: *

- RSVP
- ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- Holy Hour
- Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- Into the Breach
- Pilgrim Icon Program
- Rosary Program
- Sacramental Gifts
- Spiritual Reflection



Requirement 3

- **Conduct *Cor* monthly**
 - **Include name and email of EFF Director**

OR

- **3 unique programs/activities**
 - **Build fraternity**
 - **Bring men closer to Christ**
 - **Serve parish or community**



Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

Yes

No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.



Columbian Award Outcomes

- Improved processing
 - Fewer applications denied
 - Faster approvals
- Mission alignment
 - More council donations
 - More *Cor* participants
 - More fraternal events
- Happier councils, more members



2026-2027 Fraternal Mailing

- Fraternal Planner
- Fraternal Excellence Guide
- Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials Book
- Faith in Action Guidebook
- Officers Online Access Infographic
- Suggested Training By Office Infographic
- Fishers of Men Guidebook
- *Cor* Leader Guide
- *Cor* Formation Content Guide
- Working with Men's Ministries

