

# KNIGHTS CORNER

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## St. Charles Council #2084

Congratulations Council 2084! This week I received the email that we made Star Council this year. As many of you know, it's not an easy task, it takes a lot of participation from the council members, and it's something you should all be very proud of.

For anyone who doesn't know, in order to obtain Star Council, we have to earn all 3 awards in a year. But like all things the Knights do, these awards aren't just achievements to hit, but a way to recognize us for living out the tenets of our order and ultimately our faith.

The 1st is the Founders' award which we earn by hosting and having a certain level of participation at fraternal benefit nights. These nights are how we educate men about the financial protection we offer and continue the legacy Fr. McGivney started when he created the insurance program to protect widows and orphans of his community.

The 2nd is the Father McGivney award. This one is awarded to councils that have recruited a percentage of new members. This is important because we, as all groups, need to replace ourselves (since we're all called home someday) so that our council can continue the Church's work into the future and also so we can welcome more brothers into our fraternity dedicated to being Catholic men, fathers, husbands, and sons.

Lastly there is the Columbian award, awarded to councils that perform 16 more charitable programs that fit into the categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. These are the things Knights stand for. In my short tenure this has been the "easiest" to earn as this council has well over 16 impactful programs and this parish is incredibly supportive.

It takes a lot of exceptional members, a supportive pastor and parish staff, and an army of parish and community volunteers to do all that we've done this fraternal year. We couldn't have done it without you all. **Thank you!**

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St. Charles Council 2084