



BISHOP FULCHER COUNCIL #12387, CARMEL, IN

## **Santa Maria Awards Program for Member Service and Involvement**

**Purpose** – The purpose of this program is to promote increased member participation in Council activities and service programs, by not just recognizing members who are already engaged but by also encouraging more and different members to become more involved, and rewarding members for their personal contributions towards this goal as noted below. The Council's service program shall follow the general outline and guidelines established in Supreme Council's *Faith In Action* program.

**Awards and Levels** – Program awards and levels shall be as follows:

**Santa Maria Level Winners:** The top five (5) point earners will each receive:

- K of C logo golf shirt
- \$25 SCRIP card of his choice
- Council donation of \$100 to his favorite charity as approved by the Council
- Framed K of C Certificate of Appreciation

**Nina Level Winners:** The sixth through tenth place point earners will receive:

- K of C logo T-shirt
- \$25 SCRIP card of his choice
- Framed K of C Certificate of Appreciation

**Pinta Level Winners:** The eleventh through fifteenth place point earners will receive:

- K of C logo hat
- \$10 SCRIP card of his choice
- Framed K of C Certificate of Appreciation

Point Leaders each month will be among the nominees for that month's Knight of the Month Award. Prize Winners at the end of the year will be among the nominees for that year's Knight of the Year Award.

Member service hours will be captured at each meeting or event by the applicable Officers or Event Chairmen. Members who work or attend qualifying events are responsible for signing-in to document their participation. Total member participation will be tracked in a database to determine award winners and to also document our service program hours for Supreme's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (#1728).

**Participation Activities and Points** – Points will be awarded to any member who attains or completes any of the following activities up through and no later than June 30 of the current year:

1. Serve as the Council's Membership Director or Program Director in accordance with the duties and responsibilities outlined by the Supreme Council (25 points).

2. Serve as one of the Council's Activities Directors (Faith, Community, Family, or Life) or Assistant Director in accordance with the duties and responsibilities outlined in the *Faith In Action* program (20 points).
3. Serve as the Chairman or Co-Chairman of one of the Council's official service programs or activities (15 points).
4. As a New Member's Proposer or Mentor you should continue with those duties after his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree to orient him to the Council and get him engaged. If that New Member then qualifies for his Shining Armor Award the Proposer or Mentor gets 15 points.
5. New Members qualifying for the Shining Armor Award get 15 points.
6. Supreme's Shining Armor Award is only earned by activities in a Knight's first year of membership. However, our Council would also like to encourage increased participation by Knights who are officially past their first year but still relative newcomers. Therefore, any member who joined our Council within the past 24-months prior to the June 30 end of the current year and completes the qualifications for a Shining Armor Award no later than that June 30 date, shall also receive 15 points.
7. Members who advance from one degree to the next will earn 10 points for each advancement. Thus, a new 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight who advances to say, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, would earn 30 points.
8. Members who attend any Business Meeting, Social Meeting, or Degree Ceremony get 5 points each time.
9. Members who work or otherwise volunteer service hours at an official Council program or activity earn 1 point for each hour worked.
10. A member gets 10 points for every ten (10) Form 1842 Member Interest Surveys or ten (10) Member Satisfaction Questionnaires that he distributes, collects and forwards to the Membership Director and Program Director. These will help evaluate our members' opinions of our current service programs, as well as provide new ideas for additional programs.
11. Submit one of our service projects to the *Columbia Magazine's* "Knights In Action" section and the member will receive 20 points for any project that is published there. Draft must be approved by the Grand Knight prior to submission.
12. Serve as the Council's official Webmaster. Successfully implement and promote the effective use of our UKnight Interactive website. Investigate relevant features and capabilities of the site and assist Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen as well as the general membership in adopting and utilizing those features to their full potential (20 points).
13. Serve as the Council's official Newsletter Editor and/or Public Relations Chairman. Issue (quarterly?) (monthly?) newsletters by email. Search out and collect relevant news and information and distribute it in a useful and interesting format. Encourage and remind Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen as well as the general membership to use it as a tool and submit topics, announcements, and general information. Assist them in publishing relevant Council business in the Church bulletin, local newspapers, radio announcements, etc. (20 points).

14. Serve as the Council's official Photographer/Graphic Designer. Take photos at Council activities or obtain same from other members. Collect, organize, and archive photographs for future use and reference, and post on website as appropriate. Distribute photographs and prepare slides or foam core posters for general promotion of Council information and activities. Assist Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen as well as the general membership in photo or promotional type graphics and projects as requested (20 points).

15. **Supreme's Columbian Award for Programming:** If the Council qualifies for this award, then all Directors and Committee Chairmen will receive an additional 20 points. In addition all Santa Maria Awards Program participants, including Directors, Chairmen, and member point earners, will receive one ticket for every 10 points earned for entry into an end-of-year prize drawing (number and type of prizes to be determined).