

2025-2026
Organizational Meeting

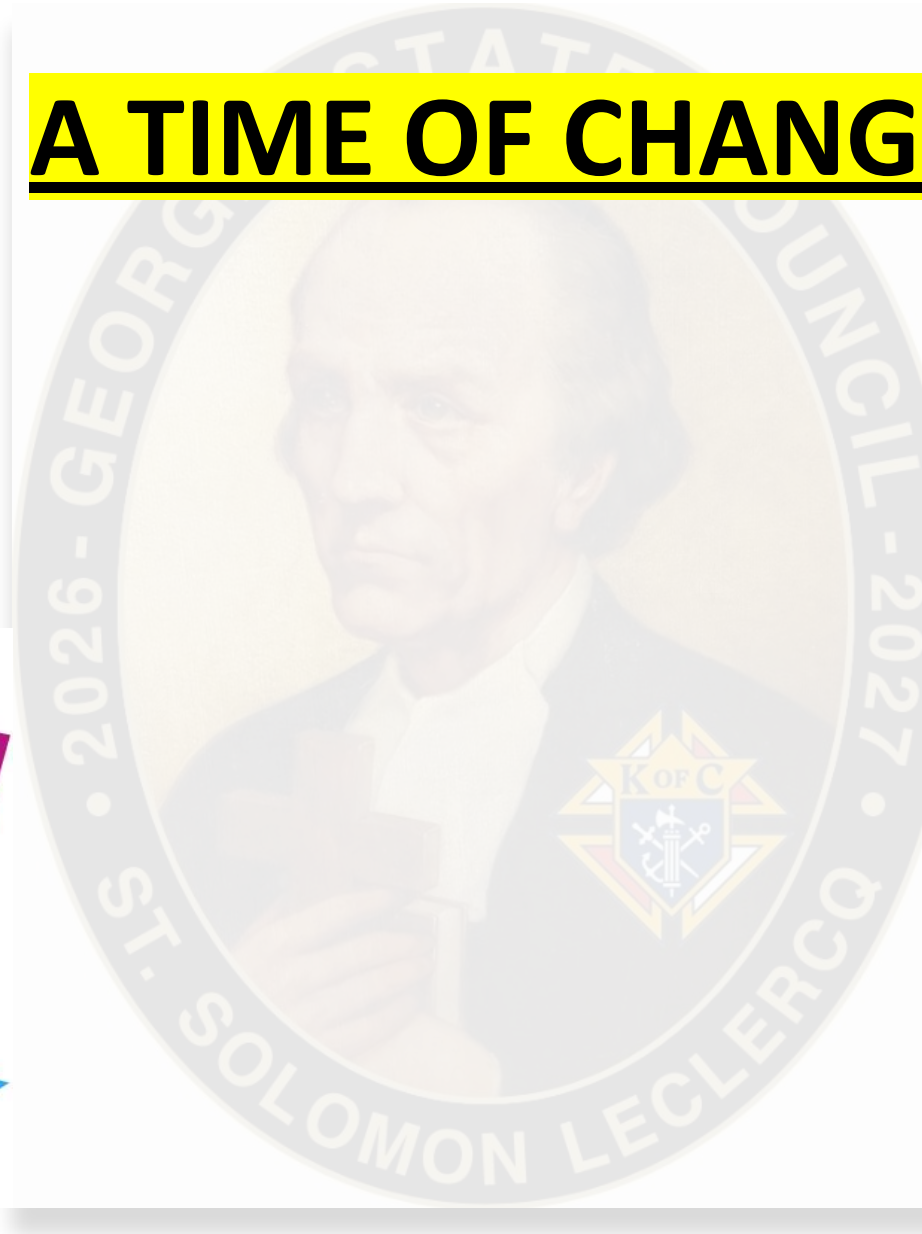
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State Programs Director

**Program Changes for the
2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year**

A TIME OF CHANGE!

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go!



Columbian Award Changes – 2026 - 2027

- 1) New Requirements for the Columbian Award.
- 2) **Online** form for the 2026-2027 fraternal year to submit.
- 3) Changes to all:
 - 1) Faith
 - 2) Family
 - 3) Community
 - 4) Life

The changes will allow councils to focus more of their time on the mission of the Order and the unique needs of their members.

Applications for the Columbian Award will begin on January 1, 2027.

Columbian Award Requirements

- 1) Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the Following Faith In Action programs: ASAP – Food For Families – RSVP – Coats for Kids.
- 2) Complete 4 Faith In Action programs, one in each of the 4 program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life.)
 - 1) To qualify as Faith In Action, the council must run programs similar to those described in the Faith in Action Program Guidebook.
- 3) Complete 3 programs:
 - 1) To bring men closer to Christ.
 - 2) To build fraternity within the council and parish.
 - 3) Support your parish or community.

COR satisfies #3 and all three items below that requirement.

New Faith In Action Program Guidebook and Matrix

Faith In Action Guidebook has been updated with new programs, information about the Columbian Award, and other updates including changes to the Faith In Action portfolio.

Family: Build a Bed – Quinceanera Support – Remembering the Faithful Departed

Faith: Imitating Saint Juan Diego - Viva Cristo Rey

Community: Bright Futures - Celebrating our Catholic Heritage

Life: Gospel of Life – Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe

Programs Combined

- 1) Family Fully Alive is now a resource of Family Prayer Night, not a separate program.
- 2) Novena for Life is now an activity under the Gospel of Life.
- 3) Pregnancy Center Support is now combined with ASAP.

Programs Removed

- 1) Family Week
- 2) Good Friday Family Promotion
- 3) Habitat for Humanity

Other Modifications:

Building the Domestic Church is now in the Family Category

Family Programs - New

Build-a-Bed partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace

KOFC.ORG/build-a-bed

Resources:

#11975 Program Overview

#11978 Flyer

#11965 Trifold

#11977 Bulletin / Pulpit Announcements

#11976 News Release

Community Programs - New

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

- “The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”
- Explain this JFK quote in 500 to 750 words.

Coats for Kids

- Each state will receive an initial cap.
- GA will need to submit it's BOGO order by September 1st
- Unclaimed BOGO from other Jurisdictions will be advertised.
- Prices have not changed.

Summer Soccer Challenge

- Between June 1 and July 31 host a World Cup Soccer watch party
- Winners of the 2026 Soccer Challenge will receive a special edition t-shirt for two members

Faith Programs - New

Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

- Knights and their families are invited to dedicate themselves, their homes and their councils to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Kits available on shopcatholicinfo.com and Supplies on Line.

America 250

- Knights are invited to celebrate the United States 250th anniversary this year with devotion prayer and ser service.
- Encourage the councils to help answer the U.S. Bishops call for parishes and individuals to complete 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy.

Life Programs - New

ASAP + Baby Blankets

- Low-cost “made in the Image of God” baby blankets are now available for order on Knights Gear.
- Inspired by successful campaigns by councils in Michigan, this blanket is perfect for gifting to donating to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, hospitals or newly baptized babies at your parish.
- Donations of these blankets qualify as part of the ASAP Program and count towards the minimum \$500 donation to earn the \$100 grant from Supreme.

To Close!

- 1) Get the new Faith in Action Guidebook.
- 2) Remember the new Columbian Award Form is online January 27
- 3) Even though programs may not be part of Supreme any longer does not mean a council needs to stop their participation.
- 4) Look at adding all the great new programs for this fraternal year.
- 5) Get STARTED NOW!!!!

THANK YOU!