

Shining Armor Award Program

This Columbian Year we would like to place particular emphasis on the Shining Armor Award program. It is one of the most important recruitment tools we have at our disposal. As a condition of the award, new members are requested to recruit one (1) new member. Existing members are eligible if they recruit two (2) new members. Think about it. The program is kind of like that old proverb of doubling a penny every day. Pretty soon you have a fortune!

The Shining Armor Award Program is a voluntary program for newly initiated and existing members. It is designed to provide recognition and get members involved in the activities of the Council, including membership recruitment.

Your District Deputy or Field Agent should present a Shining Armor Award tracking card (available in English and Spanish) to the new members at the conclusion of their First Degree. Existing members should also be informed that they, too, can earn the Shining Armor Award. To be eligible for the award they must accomplish the same tasks listed on the back of the card as the new members, except they must recruit two (2) new members.

The four requirements listed on the back of the card are as follows:

1. Work on three council projects
(Church, Community, Council, Family, Vocations, Culture of Life or Youth)
2. Receive the Third Degree
3. Meet with the Council Insurance Representative
4. Recruit one (1) new member
(existing Brothers of the Order must recruit two (2) new members)

These activities need to be accomplished within one year from the date of the First Degree (or within a single Columbian Year for existing members). A certificate, signed by the State Deputy and Membership Director, and a specially designed lapel pin will then be presented to the Shining Armor Award recipient, preferably at the conclusion of a First Degree in front of other brand new members of our Order as an example (or at the next regularly scheduled council meeting).

Looking over the required activities, it is apparent how both the member and council benefit from this program. The Brother is more likely to become an involved member, one who will stay a member after completing his Third Degree. He has an opportunity to become an insured member, and will have helped with council recruitment by bringing in at least one (1) or two (2) new members.

During Columbian Year 2011-2012, we would like to stress that the Shining Armor Award Program is open and available to existing council members as well. The existing member will need to have accomplished requirements 1-3 on the back of the Shining Armor Award card just like the new member, and sponsor two (2) new members into the Order, between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Appropriate recognition will be made at the State Convention in May, 2012 for the council that has the most Shining Armor Award qualifiers in their council between July 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012.

Once all requirements have been completed, a **Shining Armor Award Program Qualification Submittal Form** should be submitted to the State Shining Armor Awards Program Chairman for processing of the award. The Qualification Submittal Form is located on the page following this section. Shining Armor cards can be obtained by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460, or via e-mail to state.office@californiaknights.org.

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Shining Armor Award Program Qualification Submittal Form COLUMBIAN YEAR 2011 - 2012

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

First Degree Date: _____

Third Degree Date: _____

New Member's Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Date of First Degree: _____

If the Shining Armor Award qualifier is qualifying under the Existing Member Program (sponsoring two new members), please provide the following information for the second new member sponsored:

New Member's Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Date of First Degree: _____

The following information is required in order to be eligible for appropriate recognition at the State Convention:

Council Number: _____

District Number: _____

Chapter: _____

Supreme Insurance Field Agent: _____

Supreme Insurance General Agent: _____

Grand Knight's Printed Name & Signature: _____

Date Submitted/Received/Presented: _____ / _____ / _____

Submit completed form to:
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