



MASSACHUSETTS STATE COUNCIL

FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Family Fraternal organization. In order to recognize and foster strong vibrant families, the Supreme Council introduced the Family of the Month Program in 1978. Since that time it has become one of the order's most successful Programs.

In Massachusetts each Council is expected to participate in the Family of the Month Program to the full extent possible, given the size of the Council's membership and territory. It is expected that each Council will nominate a Family of the Month at least once during each Fraternal Year. In addition, each District is expected to have at least one Council that participates in the program eight out of the twelve months of the year.

The **SURGE WITH SERVICE** kit, which is distributed to each Grand Knight through his Financial Secretary, contains the Family of the Month booklet. The booklet outlines the goals of the program, provides instruction on how to nominate a family and contains the twelve monthly nominating ballots. Ballots are also available on line from the Supreme Council Web site. Grand Knights should sign the ballot and mail the original to the Supreme Council and a copy to the State Family of the Month Coordinator for their Diocese.

Every three months the State Coordinators review the ballots, submitted by the Councils, and select a State Family of the Quarter for each Diocese. Those families selected as Family of the Quarter receive a commemorative plaque from the State Deputy.

In selecting a Family of the Quarter, the coordinators look for a family that has contributed to their Church, Council, and Community. The following pages contain sample ballots that Grand Knights may want to use as guides.

In early April, the State Family of the Month Committee again reviews all ballots submitted by the Councils, in order to recommend a State Family of the Year to the State Deputy. **The deadline for submission of a ballot to be included in the State Family of the Year selection process is March 15th.**

Questions concerning the program may be directed to the State Director of Family Activities or the Diocesan Family Representative.