



Maine State Council
Surge With Service Program
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My Brother Knights:

Now is the time to start next year's Surge with Service Program since the program year runs from March 1 to March 1. Reports have already been submitted from around the State for next year's program. There were 1287 reports submitted by March 1 this year and of those there were 236 received in the last 2 weeks. This is better than in the past where there were so many last minute reports received in the final days making it very hard for the Directors to fairly judge each report.

The Grand Knights and Program Directors have done a tremendous job maintaining a successful program throughout the State. This year there were many truly wonderful projects undertaken and reported. Thank you to everyone that has been involved with the program.

Supreme has provided some very good tips to promote the Surge with Service Program. Following is a few of them:

1. **You can't win if you do not enter.** Local Councils work extremely hard on their volunteer efforts and deserve the recognition the awards the program offers.
2. **Entries in the wrong category risk being disqualified.** The easiest way to determine which category is to ask the question "Who benefits from this program?". Please contact your District Deputy or me if you are unsure of what category to submit under.
3. **The report should be legible and preferably typewritten and submitted on a form that at least resembles the form that is supplied by the Maine State Council.** If we can't read the report or if information is not provided it will not score well.
4. **Clear and concise is your best bet.** The judges must be able to easily identify what each program is intended to accomplish and how it is carried out.

Remember the deadline for submittal of reports to Supreme for the Columbian Award is June 30th. If anyone needs any assistance feel free to contact me at any time.

Fraternally yours,
Tony Levesque, State Program Director