

## **New Fraternal Year Book FAQ(rev 2)**

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Update Jan 26th

I've heard recently that the State guidance on council history books has been changing. Can you offer guidance on the following questions?

Is there documentation anywhere that is the official state guidance on council history books? (PDF/web page/etc.)

**As the submissions are not judged on a point system the only guidance is to author on your theme, what does the Council consider important to share with Membership of future and past. I will have suggestions but only to trigger authorship creativity.**

**For the 2025 book (Jan 1st - Dec 31st) nothing is really changed, you can use same format as past but also can create any format the Council has talent for. You are going to need to add the first 6 moths of 2026 to this book to get aligned with Fraternal year.**

**What data goes in the record is what your Council wishes to reflect in works of the time frame. Of course, 10784 forms are easy to use to reflect FIA, many other forms can used as well.**

**You should have an easily readable page of Activity and Charitable listings in the submission, use for quick evaluation summary by the DD's when at the Convention.**

Is the history book for a calendar year (January 1 - December 31) or fraternal year?

**As my timeline in the posted message on State Webpage states, we are moving to Fraternal as ask from Membership survey results. The 2025-26 book shall be data from Jan 1st 2025 to June 31st, 2026. Books are not sent around the State for any judging, they will be asked to be shared at the Spring Convention 2026 (hardcopy or digital, and yes they will be short a couple months of fraternal data) all books in any format will be awarded for submitting. Books authored and not at Convention will be recognized by DD at local level.**

Is the deadline for council history books February 15?

**No, see timeline. Have your book at 2026 Spring Convention.**

Is it preferred to submit the council history book in printed or PDF format?

**There is no preference, the State just asks the Councils to record History and leverage data for a proud and successful Council. Digital books will have a shared space for posting to membership, guidance on secure data in the books shall be given. See Training #2 on Website.**

Is there a preferred format the history book should follow?

Sections, suggested contents, order, etc.

**No, but there will be suggestive creative guidance on the State Website in January, I believe if Council has no idea what they see as a reflection of good works and FIA to author in a book, then they should use the same form as last year. FYI, from survey results Councils wanted ad-hoc books, structure and content is what the Council has ability to create. (Website now has this data)**

What Happened to 10 Year supplement

**Gone**

Where's my Trophy

**Gone**

Who should be on the Historian staff in my Council.

**Start here:** (and see Website, training Guide #1)

**The member who authors the Monthly News and Minutes. They have all the data.**

**The member who takes all the pictures**

**The Member who submits all the Council Admin Forms**

**Program Director**

In the State Directory it says the 2025 Books are Due Feb 15<sup>th</sup> not at Convention

**The Directory is wrong, I was not consulted and they have the wrong information**

Books and Digital publications are welcome at the 2026 convention. Do Councils just bring them, or is there an application or form to complete beforehand?

**No Forms, Councils hate forms and I am listening, just bring in a box or on a thumb drive.**

How are the history books "shared" at the State convention?

**Hard submissions will be set out on Diocese separated Tables, Digital PDF Books will have QR for attendees to scan and view from the upload site. FIA Books that are only Web Based HTML's I will need to have a link provided to me at Convention from there web host.**

All books will be awarded for submitting. Is that those at the convention? Is this a State award?

**Recognition Ribbons will be provided at Convention time to DD's for the Councils not at Convention. Councils without DD's and not at Convention but have published a Hard Book or Digital Book will be provided Recognition, I need to figure out an Honor System for that for only they will know what they did. A Council Digital Book will be provided with place to upload.**

**There will be 1 Diocese level award (Metal) for 1 book per Diocese. I have made communications of this in Guide #1, paragraph two. I will provide a guide to the DD's at Convention on how they will evaluate each book in their Diocese. 5 winners total for State**