



Knights of Columbus – Mississippi Jurisdiction Award Entry Form – Best Council of the Year

Instructions:

Complete the following areas and submit it to the State Programs Chairman before March 31 of each state year. Additional paper may be used if space is not sufficient. You may also attach photographs, newspaper clippings, and letters of accommodation or other special items for consideration of your council.

Council Name: St Paul Brandon / Flowood Council Number: 10216 Council Size: X-Large

Explain why your council should be selected as this year's Best Council of the Year:

SEE ATTACHED

Submitted By: Dennis Antici Position: Grand Knight

(Attach additional pages as needed)

Best Extra Large Council

We believe that our council is the best extra large council in Mississippi for many reasons. We are extremely active in all program areas. We are one of the top membership councils in the state. We are always willing to volunteer our council for the good of the state and other councils.

We are very active in all areas (church, community, council, family, youth and pro-life) of the council program. We have participated in a minimum of 8 activities in each area. We have sponsored or taken part in over 100 activities in the past year. That calculates to at an average of about 2 per week.

Some of our unique programs are the following:

1. Knights cooked and served free meals every Friday after Stations of the Cross during lent.
2. Remodeled commons area for new church offices.
3. Held our annual Founder's Day/Council Awards Dinner.
4. Host monthly family breakfasts.
5. Donated a computer and high speed internet to Birthright.
6. Held a Priest Appreciation Dinner attended by over 20 priests and 2 bishops.

Although we are an extremely busy council, it is rare for us to have the problem of getting volunteers for our projects. We are so busy because we have many motivated members.

Because we are such an active council we have many members of our parish approach our council members about joining the Knights of Columbus. This year we have added over 20 members and will exceed our membership quota by 200%. This has become the norm for our council. We have also met the requirements to win the Star Council Award from Supreme this year. Besides gaining new 1st degree members for our council, we also hosted several 1st degree ceremonies that helped other councils gain new members and several members received the 2nd and 3rd degrees of our order this year.

Many of our members are active on the State level and one of our members attended Supreme convention this year. We have hosted regional and statewide meetings at our council. Besides the 1st degree ceremonies that we have hosted, we also hosted a 2nd and 3rd degree ceremony this year. In January we hosted the mid winter meeting. As a council we participated in the planning and execution of Grillin' for Life Competition. Our council also participated in the competition and won some awards.

We have tried to lead the way in promoting Pro-Life especially with the new emphasis placed on Pro-Life projects. We led a rosary for our parish on the Day of the Unborn Child that was attended by over 100 people in our parish. We provided snacks for the youth attending the March for Life. We started a prayer chain to pray for specific mothers in crisis and their unborn babies. We participated in the Silver Rose campaign and received tremendous support from our parish. One of our members gave an hour long talk to our youth explaining to them why the death penalty is wrong.

Because of all the reasons that we have included in this report and the many projects and activities that aren't listed, we believe that we are the best extra large council in Mississippi.