

FAMILY of the YEAR



Entry Form

Jurisdiction: Mississippi Date: 03/27/2011

Instructions

Local Councils: To enter your "Family of the Year" into state/provincial competition, complete this form and forward it to the state deputy. Additional paper may be used if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special exhibits may be included. **Note: individual jurisdictions set their own deadlines for state/provincial competitions, so watch for deadline dates or contact the state deputy.**

State Council: Select **one** entry to honor as state/provincial "Family of the Year." Submit that entry form, with the state deputy's signature and all collateral material, to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services by **June** for consideration in the International "Family of the Year" competition.

A. Personal Data

Member's Name: MALCOLM SMITH 3426376
Membership Number

Wife's Name: NICOLE SMITH

Children/Ages:	Children/Ages:
<u>EVAN\12</u>	<u></u>
<u>RYAN ELIZABETH\8</u>	<u></u>
<u>ADEN\6</u>	<u></u>
<u>DALE\3</u>	<u></u>

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Parish: OUR LADY OF FATIMA Pastor: REV. PADDY MOCKLER

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B. Knights of Columbus Data

Family nominated by Council 9409 in WEST BILOXI, MS
(Number) (Location)

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus?

13

Positions (offices/program directorships/chairmanships/committee assignments) held:

MALCOLM ACTIVELY SUPPORTS AND PARTICIPATES IN THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED (I.E. TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE) AND THE COUNCIL'S TWO (2) YEARLY BLOOD DRIVES.

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

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C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

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Explain the entire family's involvement within the community:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

Explain why this family was chosen as the "model" family in your jurisdiction. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being named "Knights of Columbus Family of the Year"?

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For State Council Use Only:

This family has been chosen state/provincial "Family of the Year."

Attest: PETER SUKANEK
(State Deputy)

NOTE: Submit winning entry to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. All entries must reach the Supreme Council office by June 10 to qualify.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRY – MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION – COUNCIL 9409 – MALCOLM SMITH

Explain the entire family's involvement with the Knights of Columbus:

The Smith Family supports the Knights of Columbus in many ways. Through their support they have provided in the council's two (2) yearly blood drives, their direct participation in this event has allowed for the goals in the number of pints of blood donated to be reached as set by the American Red Cross. The Smith family also actively participates in the yearly campaign to raise funds for the intellectually challenged. This is another event which council 9409 excels at, due to the direct help and participation of the Smith family.

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

The entire Smith family is very involved with the church at Our Lady of Fatima. The older children participate in the mass in the choir and as altar servers, and Malcolm and Nicole are Eucharistic ministers. Nicole is in charge of P.L.A.Y. program which stands for Play and Learn with Yahweh. This program provides a fun and worthwhile experience for younger children between the ages of 3 and to 10 to play games that teaches them the Catholic faith and important lessons in life, such as decision making, sharing and caring for one another. Nicole Smith (Malcolm's wife) was selected by Father Paddy Mockler to lead this program. The P.L.A.Y. program is extremely successful and is averaging between 10 to 1t young children who attend each Wednesday evening for 2 hours. This program is also important because it allows parents to spend some quality time together to go out and see either a movie or to go out to a restaurant for an evening meal. Both Malcolm and Nicole are also active in the masses at Our Lady of Fatima *OLF_ church as Eucharistic ministers. Nicole also takes the Holy Eucharist to elderly shut ins. The Smith family also takes a leadership role each year at the International Spring Festival at OLF at the South African Food Booth where they proudly represent their native culture's cuisine.

Additionally, both Malcolm and Nicole have participated in several retreats with the A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) ministry at OLF where each has fully participated with exceptional heartfelt service talks and about the importance of having a strong faith and of being proud to be a Catholic, and how this is vitally important in order for the Catholic faith to be passed on to future generations.

And finally, because the Catholic School is an extension of the church, the Smith family, though it is of tremendous financial sacrifice, continue to send all of their school aged children (3 of the 5) to the OLF elementary school and to St. Patrick's High School, only because Malcolm and Nicole Smith know the great importance and benefits that a good Catholic education will have on their children.

Explain the entire family's involvement with the community:

The Smith family is very involved with their community. Malcolm was recently awarded Father of the Year by the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce. Father Paddy Mockler nominated Malcolm for this award for his outstanding involvement with his 5 children, for taking the time to be their soccer coach, and for being a great role model for his and other's children.

Explain why the family was chosen as the "model" family in your jurisdiction:

Council 9409, of West Biloxi, MS believes that Malcolm and Nicole Smith are most deserving of the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year because of their total involvement with the church, their community and the exemplary way they are raising their five (5) children. Given all the constraints in time with having five (5) active children between the ages of 1 year old up to 12 years old, and having very busy work schedules, the Smiths always make time for the church, with active participation in the masses, making the A.C.T.S. retreats, and heading up special programs such as P.L.A.Y. It is not easy for a single person to make these choices let alone a hard working family with five (5) children. Please give your highest consideration for this family as Family of the Year.