



Knights of Columbus – Mississippi Jurisdiction Award Entry Form – Knight of the Year

Instructions:

Complete the following areas and submit it to the State Programs Chairman before March 15 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 considering this individual.

Personal Data

Member's Name: RICHARD A. HOLLINGSWORTH Membership Number: 2289296
Parish: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Council Number: 2180 Years as KC: 29

Wife's Name if Applicable: KATHY

Children\Ages: _____

Home Address: 34 HUCKBERRY RD, ELLISVILLE. MS 39440

Positions Held: MOST COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY POSITIONS
DISTRICT DEPUTY

Current Position: LECTURER AND FAITHFUL FRIAR

Explain why this Knight was chosen as your entry for State Knight of the Year:

SEE ATTACHED

NEVER SAYS NO WHEN ASKED TO HELP AND ALWAYS THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER

This Knight is very active in our council's service programs (Parish, Youth, Community, Family, Pro-Life and Membership). His active participation in parish/council activities has motivated others to participate in our programs. He has set a can do atmosphere.

--He organized the building a ramp for a Handicapped Brother Knight. The wife of the Handicapped Knight asked if our Council could help them as they live in a home with steps and he is dependent on a wheel chair. He drew out the plans, worked up the material costs and ordered the things needed to build the ramp after receiving permission from the local authorities. He enlisted the help of his Brother Knights to build the ramp. It will have a large landing and proper slope for ADA requirements. The handicapped Brother Knight would have been able to get in and out of his home safely and on his own with very little help. This could have proved life saving in an emergency. Project was cancelled as the Handicapped Knight passed 19 March

--He provided assistance to another Brother Knight (who had pancreatic cancer and is now deceased) and his wife. He painted the front door and windows; power washed their porch and sidewalks around their house; and relocated cable and TV to the room with the hospital bed in it.

--He is a member of a non-denomination group who provide religious services to the inmates at Leakeville MS Prison. He provides Catholic services to include Masses and Sacraments and administers the Eucharist

--He is Head Chef and organizer for our Gumbo Take Out which supports and provides funds for the Priest Education Fund and participated in Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Due to these efforts we were able provide \$5000 to the Priest Education Fund

--He is an active member of the St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Store Staff. They are open every Friday Morning. Some of his duties are receiving; sorting according clothes to gender, age, and type and placing them in appropriate sections and assisting the needy in their selections to assure they receive the appropriate items for each member of their families.

--He weekly visits the ill in hospitals; Long Care Assisted Living Facilities and Shut-ins often serving Eucharist when requested

--He is very involved in Pro-Life activities and encourages others to become actively involved. This included scheduling members for the Rosaries in May and October as well as the different Pro-Life Masses. He also provided advise for the organization of this year's Life-Chain.

-- He a member of our 1st Degree Exemplification Team (Grand Knight). Performed three or more 1st Degree Exemplifications

--He serves as the local Toastmaster's President, teaches, monitors and evaluates members' speeches. Often gives speeches on our Catholic Faith.

--He is our Spiritual advisor and serves as an ordained Deacon for three parishes... He is one of our humble heroes of the parish and somehow finds free time to commit his talents to support council activities. Our pastor is confident that when called upon, this Knight to do all that is asked of him.

--Besides always striving for the betterment of the Council, he maintains a part-time job, Director of the Parish RCIA and Acolytes programs, Diocese Director for Deacon Candidates Thank God he has an understanding wife which supports him.

-- He can always drum up support for any worthwhile endeavor. Whether it is to ask others for their help or to solicit funds for charitable events, he has that can-do attitude. He is invaluable assets of our parish, council and community. We are Proud to be his Brother Knights.

HE IS OUR NOMINATION FOR THE MISSISSIPPI STATE KNIGHT YEAR!

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