



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: _____ Council Number: _____ Council Size: _____

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

Submitted By: _____ Position: _____

(Attach additional pages as needed)

The council did several programs aimed at the younger population of their Parish. Members coached youth soccer, softball and basketball teams. A member of our council served as a leader for a local Cub Scout troop and encouraged local Cub Scouts to earn their Emblems of Faith and Porvuli Dei badges. Members of the council served as Sunday school teachers for the youth of the Parish. The council also cooked food for the Parish's hayride in the fall and cooked dinner for the Parish's youth group meeting. The council also cooked pancakes for a youth fundraiser. The council sponsored a Parish Marti Gras party and co-sponsored the sale of Keep Christ in Christmas cards for fundraisers to fund the youth of our Parish to attend the Steubenville Mid America retreat this summer. The council honored Parish's Alter servers with a Christmas card containing a coupon for a free catfish dinner during Lent.

The council was also vibrant in their community. Members of the council held leadership roles at the local university. In August when students of a local university moved into their dormitories, members of the council sat at tables and provided them water. That weekend, other members of the council distributed Tootsie Rolls to raise \$1600 for the Knights of Columbus Foundation and the Scott Center, a local school for mentally handicapped children. The council donated money to the Knights of Columbus "Culture of Life" program and the Mississippi Tornado disaster relief. Our council also donated money to the Clayton Stevens fund, a local fund for community assistance. A member of the council was active in the Parish's social concerns committee.

The council donated fish dinners to participants in the Parish's blood drive. The council cooked food and donated supplies once a month to help with a local More-than-a-Meal program. The council donated both time and supplies to a local food pantry. Several members of this council spoke at the local university's Catholic Student Association's meetings and cooked spaghetti for local college students after the student Mass. The night before Thanksgiving, our council held a dinner for local international college students and our local Parish. The council also donated some turkey dinners to some low income families. During Advent our council gave \$200 Wal Mart gift cards to several needy families in our Parish.

A member of our council and his spouse served on the local Pro-Life board of directors. The council also purchased an advertisement for a local SaveALife sponsored dinner. Members also were active in organizing and working this dinner. The council also sponsored a youth fundraiser for this SaveALife organization.

The council also took time to function as a fraternity through prayer and fellowship. The council prayed Rosary before every business meeting and before the early Sunday morning Masses. They also conducted a Silver Rose of the Silver Rose of the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service. They recognized the mothers of their Parish by distributing roses to them on Mother's Day. The council also recognized the widows of form members by giving them a Christmas Basket of Cheer. The council used our funnel cake cooker to raise funds at the public servant family day and Double Decker festival.

The council itself was able add some solid new Knights to our Order's rank. The council initiated the candidates with their certified first degree team and hosted a second and third degree exemplification. Members hosted Poker Knights as a membership recruiting drive. Each Brother Knight that enters our council is mentored by one of the council's officers. The council also honored several deceased Brother Knights this year.

Our council co-hosted the 2011 Mississippi Knights of Columbus state convention. One of our members served as the convention co-chair. Several members of our council worked the convention during that weekend.

The council had a productive year in charity, unity and fraternity. It has benefited the Parish in which it is affiliated and its members and their families. Please consider this council for the best council award.