

FAMILY of the YEAR



Entry Form

Jurisdiction: Mississippi

Date: Mar 13, 2017

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: Timothy W. Anderson

Wife's Name: Laura

Children/Ages:

[Redacted]	_____	_____
[Redacted]	_____	_____
[Redacted]	_____	_____

Parish: Most Holy Trinity

Pastor: Father Paddy Mockler

Address: 9062 Kiln-Delisle Road Pass Christian, MS 39571

Telephone: 228-255-1294

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Family nominated by Council 11995

(Number)

in Pass Christian, MS

(Location)

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

17 Years

_____ (membership/leadership/committees assignments) held

Inside Guard, Grand Knight

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

See attached form

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C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

See attached form



Explain the entire family's involvement within the community:

See attached form

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"?

See attached form

For State Council Use Only:

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

Attest: _____
(State Deputy)

NOTE: Submit winning entry to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3826.
All entries must reach the Supreme Council office by June 10 to qualify.

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

This family of 5 is very active within the Knights of Columbus. He is a past Inside Guard and Grand Knight. She is a past President and current Secretary for the Ladies' Auxiliary. Their oldest son is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. They have performed a number of vital functions for our Council. They are instrumental in finding locations and setting up for our annual Christmas parties. They research local restaurants for quality of food and ability to handle a large group of people. Once a site is selected, they coordinate the setup and decorations with the venue and make sure space is available for our Dirty Santa Gift Exchange and other games. They also ensure all members are welcomed and they have an enjoyable evening. After the Knights of Columbus and Ladies' Auxiliary votes to adopt a family for Christmas, they coordinate their actions with the Parish's Outreach Committee to find two families to care for during the holiday season. They work with the families to determine their needs and wants and then diligently work towards purchasing food and gifts while being as frugal as possible to make the funds stretch as far as possible. Every year, they manage to go above and beyond their reasonable requests for gifts. The families have been very appreciative of their efforts and the children are overwhelmed with the kindness and love demonstrated to them by strangers. They were selected as our Family of the Month for December, 2016 for their actions!

He always volunteers to help set up, cook, and clean up after our annual Mother's Day Breakfast – a tradition going on ten years now and she started up the Father's Day Meal two years ago. Both programs have been extremely successful and presented to a well-deserving group of people – parents! They are instrumental in the success of the Lenten Fish Fry program. They help prepare the fish, serve a delicious meal, and help clean up afterwards. Their efforts are appreciated, as the Parish members get to enjoy a quality Lenten meal and fantastic fellowship, not to mention helping the organizations raise approximately \$6,000 over the past three years. Although they are not 4th Degree members, they volunteered to help the Assembly with their quarterly fundraisers, helping make and serve spaghetti and red bean and rice.

She is helping the Ladies Auxiliary obtain new and improved shirts. She has helped pick out the new design, helped their members get appropriate sizes and ordered the new shirts. This action was completed so their shirts would reflect the new name of our organization – Most Holy Trinity – which was changed last year. They also purchased the binders for our annual scrapbook projects which capture the history of our organizations events throughout the year.

They assist with the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive", helping the Council raise over \$1,500 over the past three years for the South Mississippi Regional Center, located in Long Beach, MS. They take active roles in our Corporate Masses every quarter, making sure funds are collected and the gifts are prepared for the Mass. They partake in the Corporate Communion with our families and assist with awards presentations during Mass.

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

This family participates in the life of the Parish by serving as Ushers during Mass. They assisted with the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales which helped us raise over \$1,500 in the past three years for the Bishop Gerow Fund. They are weekly supporters of the Parish Bingo program which has raised over \$150,000 in the past three years for the new building fund. Not only do they donate their time, but they also donate monetarily as well. They prepare and deliver food for the Parish's Bereavement Committee for EVERY funeral held at the Church. They make monthly donations to the Right to Life organizations to support the Unborn and reversing Roe V Wade.

In order to enhance fellowship and safety within our youth, they have hosted various programs. The first program they completed was an intensive program on Bike Safety. This program taught children how to maintain their bike in good operating condition, how to wear their safety gear properly, the rules of the road, and how to complete road signals so others on the road understand their intentions. They also supported a Valentine's Day coloring contest sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary. They selected and presented prizes to each CCD class member.

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Community:

Their dedication to our community is outstanding. Naturally, when your printer runs out of ink, you have to purchase new cartridges. Instead of throwing them in the trash, they donate the used ink cartridges to a local elementary school that is able to return them to businesses for recycling. The school receives a credit so they are able to purchase vital

school supplies. They regularly pickup elderly ladies to attend various meetings to clubs they belong to. If not for their actions, many elderly ladies would not be able to socialize or tend to their most favorite hobbies. In that same spirit of community, they take those who cannot drive to their doctor appointments and pick up and deliver their medications to them. They spend quality time visiting the elderly in their homes and when they are in the hospital. If and when the time comes, they spend times consoling a grieving family and are present during their wakes and Funeral Masses. They work hard with the local CYO to help raise funds and obtain jackets and coats during their annual Coat Drive for the homeless on the Gulf coast. They provide regular childcare for a young mother so she can go to work and tend to chores that must be completed away from their home – no charge.

She is a founding member of the Margie C Dubuisson Foundation, which creates beautiful gift baskets and presents them to those staying in area nursing homes. These gift baskets provide everyday personal care products and unique personal gifts for each person in need. While at the nursing home, they spend time with each resident, getting to know them and provide that much needed human contact that nursing home workers just can't provide. They also coordinate the annual yard sale to raise funds for the Foundation. The monies raised help offset the cost of the baskets.

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”?

Tim and Laura are pillars in our community and the Knights of Columbus. They are either setting up or attending every function the Knights of Columbus attends or are a part of. They are not overly wealthy in cash, but their hearts are overflowing with love for each other and their fellow man. They understand, practice, and teach their children the awesome responsibility of charity in their everyday lives. From working with the Knights of Columbus, to their involvement in the Parish, to their actions within the community at large, they demonstrate that charity starts at home and should be a part of our lives. When they see a need, they do not hesitate to help and, as with all persons with a charitable mindset, they do not look for compensation or recognition. They simply are the heart of why Father McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus – to perform charitable acts and to help care for others.