



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: Greg Lovelady Membership Number: 02897553
Parish: ST. Francis of Assisi Council Number: 9543 Years as KC: 20

Wife's Name if Applicable: Stephanie

Children/Ages: Gregory B. Lovelady 27
Lauren 26
Stephen 14

Home Address: 103 Bayberry Lane Madison, MS 39110

Positions Held: Deputy Grand Knight

Current Position: same

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

(Attach additional pages as needed)

Knight of the Year

Our Knight of the Year is an extraordinary talented and hard working individual. He is an officer in our Council and has coordinated and worked on most of the council activities this year.

The pastor of a local Catholic School in an impoverished area of town called and asked if our council could help him. His school could not open for the school year due to the fact it did not meet fire code, due to some windows in the school not passing inspection. Neither the school nor his Church could afford to pay for new windows. This Knight arranged, coordinated and got a crew of Knights together to install new windows and to have those windows painted so the doors of this Catholic School could open. Our Council covered the actual cost of these windows.

He heard of an almost new motorized wheel chair being given away. He got this motorized wheel chair for our Council to loan to handicapped people in need. Within two days of him obtaining this chair, a very pleased Knight's widow had use of this chair. Because of him her world was opened up.

He coordinated a "Cross-Committee" to make 154 crosses. He saw that these crosses were installed on our Church Grounds. He saw that a banner was made that stated that the 154 crosses represent the number of unborn deaths per hours in the United States due to abortion. The bottom of the banner reads, "May Christ have Mercy on us." Besides this, he and his wife participate in Anti Abortion Rallies and Group Prayers.

Our Council decided to feed 40 Habitat for Humanity workers on a Saturday. The problem was when this week-end rolled around, a good number of us were out of town or had to work that week-end. This Knight took it upon himself to prepare the menu, gather the food, organize his very few workers, cook and feed the Habitat for Humanity workers.

We held a nighttime outdoor Mass and Rosary for our deceased Knights. This gentleman sat up the entire mass and Rosary. He had special candles made for our deceased Knights, with each deceased Knight having a candle with his name on it. When that Knight's name was called, his widow would light his candle. It was a very moving event and this Knight is totally responsible for this beautiful occasion.

At Thanksgiving he took 22 baskets of food to those unable to buy food for this holiday. He saw that four of the baskets of food were delivered to bedridden patients. He also saw that ten turkeys were delivered to other needy families. Somehow he located a used refrigerator and gave it to The Hispanic Center to help them store food for the needy.

At Christmas he coordinated the adoption of a family of seven. He helped gather food, clothing, toys, games and electronic devices for this family, plus helped in the delivery of these items.

We had a Christmas Party for our Council and Parish. He was one of the first workers there, putting up decorations, organizing and arranging. He was also the last to leave. He made sure everything was taken down, cleaned up and back where it was suppose to be.

He has taken it upon himself to prepare our Parish's monthly dinners. Not only does he make out the menu, he gets the food, and prepares it himself. Come 3 PM on the day of our Parish dinner, you will find him in the Parish kitchen, cooking away. He stays late to make sure everything is clean and packed away.

A friend was down on his luck. This gentleman had suffered a stroke & was without a job. Our Knight collected shirts, pants, socks and underwear for this gentleman.

This Knight helped organize our Free Throw and Soccer Contest for the children of our Parish.

We had a large fundraiser for a local Catholic High School. The day the refrigerated truck delivered the food we were to prepare for this fundraiser there was six inches of snow on the ground and more falling by the hour. Somehow he made it to the school and he and one other Knight unloaded this truck. None of us would have ever known this, except one of the ladies at the school saw him and told the rest of the Knights.

This Knight is a Patriot. Every Friday he wears a red shirt to work to show support for our troops. Always pinned to the pocket of this red shirt is a small ribbon that says, "Support our Troops".

This Knight has a "Special Needs Child" at home. He is there every night for this child, to help him do his homework and whatever else help the child needs. He never misses an appointment at his child's school or with the child's doctors. He is a "hands on" father to his child; always making sure his child is included in as many activities as possible. He never misses a Sunday bringing his child to Mass.

This Knight has accomplished all of this and more, despite the fact that he had a very serious cancer surgery this year. During his hospital stay and convalescence he was on the phone several times a day with this Grand Knight checking up on or organizing our Council's activities.

We truly recommend considering this extra-ordinary Knight as Knight of the Year.