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CHAPTER

2025 NIGHT OF KNIGHTS SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. The annual Night of Knights Recognition Dinner honors worthy Brother Knights in the Chapter. A chapter selection committee selects honorees from the nominations submitted by the Councils. The selection committee shall be comprised of the Chapter President, Vice President, 3 Trustees and 2 previous honorees.
2. A Council may nominate more than one Brother Knight for the Night of Knights honor. All nominations must be submitted on the official Nomination Form. Please make additional copies of the form, if needed.
3. A Council may nominate a deceased member. All deceased members selected shall be honored at the Mass that will be held on the evening of the recognition dinner. A certificate shall be presented to the family at the dinner.
4. Prerequisites for nomination are that (1) the Brother Knight shall be a member in good standing or in good standing at the time of his death, (2) the nominating Council shall be located in the Peoria Diocese, and (3) **the Council shall have paid its Chapter dues** for the July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 fraternal year. The dues for Night of Knight nominations are due by December 31, 2024. There are no prerequisites (i.e. Past Grand Knight, member for 10 years, etc.) to be eligible for nomination.
5. Nomination forms will be kept on file for three (3) years for consideration by the selection committee. After that time period, a Council must submit a new form for nominee(s) not selected.
6. The selection committee can select one honoree at large.
7. The Chapter President and Chapter Vice-President are ineligible to receive the honor while in office.
8. A Knights of Columbus clock with engraved nameplate shall be the official Night of Knights Recognition Award. Each living Honoree shall also receive the recognition meal free of charge.
9. A resolution acknowledging the Peoria Diocese Chapter Night of Knights shall be submitted to the Illinois State Council for consideration at the State Convention.
10. Please send all completed nomination forms to the address of the Chapter President listed above for arrival before December 31, 2024. Honorees or relatives of deceased Honorees will be notified during the month of January.

In completing your Night of Knights nominations, please consider the following suggestions.

For "Offices Held."

Don't say "He has held all the offices".

Do list every Council, Chapter and State office, directorship, chairmanship, and Assembly office.

For "What has nominee done for the Council?"

Don't say "He is always working behind the scenes" or "He volunteers for the I.D. drive".

Do list several examples where he has taken a leadership role for the council or provided inspiration for an event, for the betterment of the council.

For "What has the nominee done for the Church?"

Don't say "He is always there to help".

Do list responsibilities he has had, like usher, lector, finance committee, groundskeeper, youth minister, was instrumental in (name the project/event).

For "What has the nominee done for the community?"

Don't say "Everyone knows him" or "He is always volunteering".

Do list things he has done for the community, especially things he has taken charge of or been inspirational for.

For "What non-K of C charitable activities has the nominee been involved in?"

Don't say "Everyone knows him" or "He is always volunteering".

Do list things he has done for the community, especially things he has taken charge of or been inspirational for.

For "What Awards and Recognitions has he received?"

Don't say "He has received many award".

Do list the awards and recognitions he has received, such as "Honored by the parish, or diocese as (name of award)" or "Council Knight of the Year", etc.

For "Other Considerations"

List any characteristics of your nominee that inspire other and differentiate him from other members.