



Knights of Columbus
Tennessee State Council
2014-2015 Program

Tennessee Knight – Lifetime Achievement Award Application

Personal Data:

Member's Name: John A. King

Spouse's Name: Barbara

Children's Names & Ages: All Adults except Elizabeth, 17

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Parish: St. Francis of Assisi Pastor: Rev. Robert Marshall

Knights of Columbus Data:

Council Name: Timothy J. Coyle Council No. 9317

Years of Service: 32 Highest Degree: Fourth

Current Position in the Council: Recruitment Director

Degree Team Member: Yes Degree Team Roles: Warden – 1,2, & 3



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Lifetime Achievement Criteria – Council

John King is the Knights of Columbus. Since joining the Knights of Columbus in 1983 he became immediately involved in Council 7170 and served as Grand Knight in 1985-1987. He transferred to the newly formed parish at St. Francis of Assisi and also transferred his membership and soon thereafter was Grand Knight of the Cordova Council 9317. John has also been a member of the Fourth Degree for 25 years, serving the Deacon Lee R. Hurst Assembly 2183 as a Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral, and later as a District Marshall. He was appointed Tennessee District Master in 2003 and served until 2006. John is currently the President of our MR Foundation. John is also a member of the Beinville Province's Fleur de Lis Society. In addition to all of his involvement with the Council or Assembly, he routinely assisted one of our Past State Deputies by driving him to numerous State functions when this particular PSD couldn't drive because of his recovery from Staph-pneumonia.

Lifetime Achievement Criteria – Community

John is an alumnus of Christian Brothers High School in Memphis and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2010. He currently serves his alma mater as a member of their Board of Directors. John enlisted in the US Navy Reserve in 1966 and was activated in July 1967, assigned to Recon Attack Squadron 12 and served aboard the USS Constellation and USS Forestal. John was released from active duty in April 1969. His decorations include National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (2), and Navy Commendation Ribbon. John graduated from Christian Brothers College after his time in the Navy and has a successful career in sales, where his customers valued his attentiveness to their needs and his integrity. John is also a member of the Memphis Touchdown Club and participates annually in the support and preparation of the Autozone FedEx/St. Jude Liberty Bowl.

Lifetime Achievement Criteria – Church

As one of the early families of St. Francis of Assisi, John has served on Parish Councils, Pastoral Advisory Boards, Finance Committees, Capital Campaigns, and numerous Octoberfest committees. He continues to serve the parish as a Minister of Hospitality and as a Money Counter for the weekly collections.

Lifetime Achievement Criteria –

John has devoted most of his adult life to the Knights of Columbus. There is not a single activity or event that John hasn't assisted with or participated in. He is one of the most valuable assets to any Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator, routinely advising on a course of action or just showing up to help when the Council is short-handed. He has never performed any of the duties assigned or asked of him for personal glory or recognition. He is involved because he truly wants to help. He is most comfortable behind the scenes doing the dirty work just because it needs to be done. He spent the last days of his friend, Byron Nestler's life with him and his family ensuring the family was able to spend that precious time with Byron.

John King has never asked for recognition for anything he has done – in the Knights of Columbus, in his community, or in his parish. He has never refused aid to anyone that has asked, be it a brother Knight or simply a stranger he just met. His humbleness is one of his greatest characteristics and why he is deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award.