



Knights of Columbus
Council 3440
2086 Smith Twp. State Road
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CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Local Knights of Columbus Council Asks Students to Show How to 'Keep Christ in Christmas'
Youngsters will take part in KofC's International competition

(AVELLA/PA) – Knights of Columbus Council #3440 is inviting boys and girls from ages 5-14 to participate in the organization's international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.

"By engaging the creativity and imaginations of our young people, we hope that they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas," said Council #3440 Grand Knight Christopher Scott. The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to the district/region and then to state, national and international levels. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the holiday. Age groups for entrants are as follows: 5-7 years; 8-10 years; and 11-14 years. **At the Council Level**, First Place Winners in each age group receive a \$25.00 cash prize. Posters must be submitted to KofC Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Attention: Gary Koenig, P.O. Box 173, Avella, PA 15312 by **December 15**. Special arrangements for poster deliveries may also be made by calling 724-747-3417 and leave a message or via e-mail at gkoenig@verizon.net.

Contest Rules: 1. Poster must reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas"; 2. Poster should be an original work of art (including concept, layout, slogan, and any visual images) of a single person; 3. Poster must be approximately 11 x 17 inches. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, then the poster must be laminated, sprayed with a fixative or covered with clear plastic. 4. Poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Entry Form that can be provided at request. Entry forms should include the Number of the Council. On the backs of the poster, include the name and age of the entrant in the event that the poster is separated from the entry form. All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office and will not be returned. "The posters will be distributed in the countries where the Knights are active as part of our "Keep Christmas" campaign," said Grand Knight Christopher Scott, "Creative credit will be given to the winning artists." Deadline for poster submissions is **December 15**.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut. With Charity as its central commitment, the organization has grown to 1.9 million members worldwide. In the last decade, the Knights donated more than \$1.6 billion and gave more than 700 million hours of volunteer service to charitable causes.

Sincerely,
Christopher Scott
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**"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER
CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANT

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST in the age division (as of Nov. 1st) checked below. I realized that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

- AGE 5-7 DIVISION (GRADE K-2) AGE 8-10 DIVISION (GRADE 3-5) AGE 11-14 DIVISION (GRADE 6-8)

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Signature of Applicant _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.

Witness _____ Father/Guardian _____ Date _____ Mother/Guardian _____

SCORE SHEET

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY K OF C OFFICIALS

Scoring instructions: A 100-Point Scoring System is used to determine winners.

Competition Level	Slogan 30-points	Artistic Merit 30-points	Overall Impact 40-points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
State-Level Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			

Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.



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"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER JUDGING FACT SHEET

RULES

- Poster must reflect the theme of *KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS*.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster must be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, it's important young people are included in all phases of the judging process.

A 100 point scoring system will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information
