

Worthy, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Program Director's, and Council Youth Activity Chairman:

It's that time of year again for the "Keep Christ In Christmas" Poster Contest. In this day of commercialism it is getting harder and harder to do just that – "Keep Christ In Christmas". In our busy lives with the family, work and outside activities pulling us all over the place it is very easy to forget what the Advent/Christmas Season is all about.

It is for this very reason that we hold a Poster Contest with the children. We want them to become more focused on what this time of year is all about – Our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ.

The rules are the same as last year with a minor enhancement in creativity. It has become a very popular contest and we want to keep the momentum going. Attached are the rules and procedures for this contest. It is important to get the word out to all the schools in your area (Public, Private, Parochial, Religious Ed).

The deadline for the posters to be received by me is Monday, December 8, 2008. Please mail them to James E. Colvin, State Chairman, 207 Law Street Aberdeen, MD 21001. If you have any questions please call me at 410-272-8391.

I'm looking forward to full participation in this worthwhile, simple endeavor.

Thank you for your participation and have a Blessed Christmas and Joyous Advent Season.

Fraternally,

James Colvin
State Chairman
Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest.

“Keep Christ In Christmas" Poster Contest

One of our most important tasks as Knights is to pass to our children the importance of our faith. We must remind our youth of the true meaning of Christmas, by showing them what this special day means to us, as Knights. We need to instill in our youth the true meaning of Christmas. We should teach our children that Christmas is not just a day of giving and receiving of gifts, but that Christmas is a special day of love and peace because of God's gift to the world --the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our poster contest is one way to help reinforce this message.

This has been a popular contest for many years. We had minor changes this year to enhance the program. The contest is held at two levels (Council and State). We encourage each council to select council winners in each category and then to submit those winners to the statewide contest. Councils may award more prizes at the council level if they wish to do so, but only the categories listed in the rules will be considered at the state level.

The contest is open to students in both public and parochial schools, in religious education programs, and to home-schooled students as well. If you have not yet done so, please contact the schools and religious education programs right away so they can work this program into their schedules. Let home-schoolers know through the church bulletin, local newspapers and your council newsletter.

We recommend contacting the schools in person as well as by letter to get maximum results. In the letter or other announcements, be sure to include the following information, along with the name and number of your council:

1. Grade categories
2. Contest rules (attached)
3. Proper poster size and tagging
4. Contact person and telephone number

5. Deadline date and place of submission
6. Information on prizes

Supplements to this letter are the contest rules, samples of the name tag which must be attached to the back of the poster for proper identification, and a "Report of Council Winners" form, which must accompany the council's submission to the state competition. Please remember that entries must be submitted to the State Poster Chairman no later than Monday, December 8, 2008. So set your council deadlines far enough ahead to permit judging. If you have any questions please call the Poster Chairman at James E. Colvin 410-272-8391

Mail posters to the address below.

Merry Christmas!

James EA. Colvin
State Poster and Essay
Chairman

207 Law Street

Aberdeen, MD 21001

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster

Contest Rules

Eligibility Children in grades one through eight.

Categories 1 - Grades one through three.
2 - Grades four through six.
3 - Grades seven and eight.

Theme All posters must express the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Poster Size Poster board or paper measuring approximately 12 inches by 18 inches.

Medium Water color, crayon, ink, or any combination thereof. No computer
graphic: no pictures from books, magazines, etc.; no collage.
New change for this year: *Glitter can be used, Things may be attached (cotton balls, etc) to give a 3-D effect (provided it is not too cumbersome for mailing).*

Identification Each poster must have a completed Poster Identification Tag attached to the back of the poster. If the tag is lost, use a 3x5 index card with the following information:

- 1- Artist's Name
- 2- Name of Parent/Guardian
- 3- Home Address
- 4- Telephone Number
- 5- School and Grade
- 6- Sponsoring Council Name & Number

Judging The following criteria will be used to judge the posters:

1. Expression of the Theme20%
2. Originality.....35%
3. Artistic Quality and Presentation.....45%

The Grand Knight appoints council-level judges. (Consider your Chaplain as a potential judge)

Winners Each council must select one winner in each category for forwarding to the state-level contest. Additional prizes at the council level are at the discretion of the Grand Knight.

Deadline Submit winners to State Poster Chairman by December 10, 2007.

Prizes Council level prizes are the expense of the council. State level prizes are a \$100 savings bond and plaque to the 1st place winner in each category, and a \$50 savings bond and certificate to the 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category. **State Level Winners must be prepared to submit their Social Security # and a Beneficiary name for the Savings Bond.**

Award State winners will be announced at the state mid term meeting but prizes will be forwarded to the Grand Knight for presentation at an appropriate time and place. Please invite the State Deputy, State Program Director, State Youth

Activities Director, and the State Poster Chairman to the presentation.

Poster Identification Tag

(To be placed on the back of each poster)

Artist Name _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State __ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____

School _____ Grade _____

Submitted by Council Name & Number _____

Council Report of Winners
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

To be eligible for state judging, the State Poster Chairman must receive Council winners no later than Monday, December 8, 2008. This form must accompany your Council's entries to the state-level competition.

Category 1 Winner (grades one through three)

Artist Name		Parent/Guardian	
Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	Telephone
School			Grade

Category 2 Winner (grades four through six)

Artist Name		Parent/Guardian	
Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	Telephone
School			Grade

Category 3 Winner (grades seven and eight)

Artist Name		Parent/Guardian	
Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	Telephone
School			Grade

Submitted by Council _____
Council contact name _____ Telephone _____

Mail entries to:

James E. Colvin

207 Law Street

Aberdeen, MD 21001