

# State Council Program Awards

## Entry Form

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):  Faith  Family  Community  Life



### COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: 1522 Total Council Members: 142  
Grand Knight: Christopher Trapani E-Mail: trapanic@eaganins.com

### PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Festival Program Date: July 1-3, 2022  
Participation:  $\frac{30}{\text{Members}} + \frac{120}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{130}{\text{Total Participants}}$   $\frac{130}{\text{Total Participants}} \times \frac{14}{\text{Hours}} = \frac{1980}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$   
Program Planning:  $\frac{0}{\text{Costs}}$  &  $\frac{1400}{\text{Time}}$  Members Recruited: 0 Donations: \$190,000  
Local Currency

3 Describe program in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

Members of Council 1522 have an annual commitment is to provide significant manpower and support for the success of the Our Lady of the Gulf (OLG) annual Crab Festival. This festival is completely organized and managed by a brother knight with full guidance and approval by the church's pastor. The Crab Fest generates significant funding for OLG ministries and parish supported Catholic schools. The Knights are very active in all aspects of this very large Church and community annual event providing support for all booths, food preparation, security, hospitality, financial oversight, site setup and take down/clean up. Additionally, the council completely maintains all church ground, which includes the festival ground throughout the year. The Council does not receive any of the funds raised but simply knows that engagement by members is key to the success of the Crab Festival.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL**

**ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

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3b) Whom does this program benefit?

This program totally and directly benefits Our Lady of the Gulf Parish, Holy Trinity Catholic School, and Our Lady Academy.

3c) What problem or need did this program resolve?

Without the significant manpower and management provided by the members of Council 1522, the festival would have to be significantly reduced. It is a very labor intensive operation and the Council member happily fills that need.

3d) Why did the council select this program?

This festival not only provides significant fund for OLG parish and schools but, maybe more significantly, the festival is a huge community event. Yearly, people from the local community and and from all parts of the country use the Crab Fest as a Homecoming event. Family and friends reconnect. The festival occurs around the 4th of July holiday...but never on Sunday.

3e) Describe the success of the program:

As a result of our efforts, many critical needs of operating and managing this very large festival are successfully accomplished. Significant financial results, netting approximately \$190k, coupled with the human element of reconnections of family and friends shows that this is a very worthy event for the Knights to engage in. There is also an ecumenical aspects of this Festival. Several Knights and member of the OLG Ladies Auxillary staff a booth called the Catholic Booth. Festival goers can obtain information on OLG Mass times, upcoming parish events, have people pray with them and obtain information about our Catholic faith.

This is a time of the year when the Knights intentionally suffer with joy!

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: Christopher Trapani 2/9/23  
State Deputy Grand Knight Date