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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MARY OF THE HILLS COUNCIL #13950**

www.kofc13950.org

Essay Contest Guidelines – February 2012

Essay Topic: **“What does it mean to be a Patriot?”**

Eligibility: Students that are parishioners at St. Mary of the Hills attending public, private, parochial, home schools, CCD programs, Squire Circles and Knight’s Daughters. And students attending Holy Family Regional School.

Students will be classified in the following levels:

Level I – Grades 6-7-8

Level II – Grades 9-10-11-12

Process:

1. Students must complete an entry form found on the Knights of Columbus Council #13950’s web-site www.kofc13950.org, the parish office, or HFRS office.

2. Essay must be typed on 8 ½ x 11” paper, one side, double spaced, with 1” margin. Essays must be between 300 and 600 words. Students may have their parents and teachers help refine and polish their essay before submitting their final copy.

3. Essays with completed entry forms attached should be emailed as an attachment to: Forrest Cooper @ fcoops@aol.com or turned in to the parish office. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

4. The two best essays from each level as determined by the council judges will be selected and forwarded to the Michigan State Council Contest.

5. Essays will be judged on a 100 point scoring system.

- 20 points – Overall impression. How well does the essay describe the topic?
- 40 points – Content. How clearly is the topic presented?
- 40 points – Grammar/style. How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction, spelling, creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

6. The 4 winners will each receive a cash prize of \$100 and an individual winner’s plaque from Council #13950. In addition, their names and the name of their school will be placed on a Championship Wooden Plaque maintained at St. Mary’s. The winner’s essays will be forwarded to the State where they become eligible to win a \$100.00 Visa gift card.



Timetable: Contest Official Start November 21, 2011
Contest ends. February 20, 2012 **Essays will not be accepted after this date.**
March 2nd Council Judging takes place and winners notified around the first of March.
March 21st Each winning student will receive their awards following the Mass they normally attend (tentative date).

For further information contact Forrest Cooper at 248.649.3162 or fcoops@aol.com



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St. Mary of the Hills Council #13950
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Entry Form
To be completed by entrant

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST on the topic **“What does it mean to be a Patriot?”** in the level checked below. I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus.

Level I – Grades 6-7-8 (Circle grade)

Level II – Grades 9-10-11-12 (Circle grade)

_____	_____	_____	
Name of Entrant	Date of Birth	Name of School	
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City	State	Postal Code
_____	_____	_____	
Signature of Entrant	Telephone Number	Parent’s/Student’s E-mail Address	

*******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 Essay Contest on the topic **“Who is your role model and why?”** In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary of the Hills Council #13950 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.

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

SCORE SHEET
This section to be completed by Knights of Columbus Officials

Scoring Instructions: Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring System.

- Overall Impression (20 points)** – How well does the essay describe the topic?
- Content (40 points)** – How clearly is the theme presented?
- Grammar/style (40 points)** – How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction, spelling, creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

Overall Impression – 20 points	Content – 40 points	Grammar/Style – 40 points	Total Score
_____	_____	_____	_____