



Are you a leader and someone who is ready for more responsibilities within NCOA? Then Knighthood is a commitment you want to make – one that should not be entered into lightly.

The first level of Knighthood is the basic Knight of the Square Table (KST). First step is to be a member in good standing for no less than three years. Second you must be a Life Member of NCOA. Third you must be a member of the International Rat Pack. Fourth you have to have participated in at least one civic or charitable program. Fifth you have to have received 3 Category II or higher NCOA awards. Sixth you have to have attended at least one Annual NCOA Business Meeting. If you meet these requirements you will need to find two Knights who know you and are willing to sign the petition you fill out (they do not have to be chapter members and this does not have to go thru your chapter). The petition must reach the Knights of the Square Table prior to the date established by the Grand Knight as the deadline 13 April 2020 (90 days prior to the next conference). Once dubbed a Knight you will be placed on Knight Councils and this is your opportunity to let your abilities shine. This is the learning phase of what Knighthood is all about. You will need to read and know the Rules of the Order and Code of Ethics and live by them.

The Second level of Knighthood is the Order of the Sword (OS). After three years as a Knight you may be ready to go to this level. You've been active in NCOA, your local chapter and attended at least one NCOA conference/convention. You have recruited at least 5 new members and mentored new Knights. At this level you have a good grasp of the meaning of Knighthood and know the Rules of the Order. You are ready to take on more responsibilities and handle more tasking. You have proven yourself to be a strong leader amongst your peers. You have achieved the next plateau. You will need to get an OS or OE to nominate you for Girding (this individual does not have to be a member of the chapter you belong to and this does not have to go thru your chapter). The petition must reach the Knights of the Square Table prior to the date established by the Grand Knight as the deadline 13 April 2020 (90 days prior to the next conference).

The third level of Knighthood is the Order of Excalibur (OE). This is the highest level. After three years as an Order of the Sword you may be ready to go to this level. At this point, you have proven yourself a leader and role model to the other members of the Association. You're being groomed to take on a leadership role as a Commander of a Council. No longer are you sitting back and watching. You are more involved, answering questions and offering guidance whenever called upon. You've been active in NCOA, your local chapter and attended at least one NCOA conference/convention since becoming a OS. You have recruited at least 5 new members and mentored new Knights and new OSs. You will need to get an OE to nominate you for Girding (this individual does not have to be a member of the chapter you belong to and this does not have to go thru your chapter). The petition must reach the Knights of the Square Table prior to the date established by the Grand Knight as the deadline 13 April 2020 (90 days prior to the next conference).

Petitions for Knighthood and elevation can be found on the NCOA website – [WWW.NCOAUSA.ORG](http://WWW.NCOAUSA.ORG) under MEMBERSHIP AREA – NCOA KNIGHTS

### **What are Your Commitments?**

- Keep your dues up to date and current.
- Attend at least one convention/conference in a three year period.
- Keep the Grand Knight informed when circumstances prevent you from attending a convention/conference or of financial hardships that prevent payment of dues.
- Notify the Grand Knight and the Knight Commander of any council you are appointed to if you cannot attend the NCOA Annual Membership Meeting and Knights' Assembly.
- Become active or be an advisor to the local chapter in your area. Assist other NCOA members in becoming a Knight of the Square Table, maintain and become knowledgeable of the Rules of the Order. Knight Petitions and Applications for Girding must be received not later than 90 days prior to the Annual Knights Assembly each year. Petitions can be signed by any two Knights and do not need to go thru the chapter. Application for Girding need to be signed by one Knight of equal to or higher than the elevation and are limited to one application per level per Knight again these do not need to go thru your chapter.
- If you move to a new location, change your phone number or email you **MUST** notify the Knight Exchequer **and** NCOA Member Services of your new address.
- Bring new members into NCOA.

The Knights' current address is:

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The Voice of the Enlisted

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Grand Knight