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## You say you want to become a KNIGHT!

Well, here are the steps of Knighthood:

1. Be a member of NCOA in good standing for a period of at least three continuous years.
2. Be a life member of NCOA
3. Become a member of the Rat Pack or Loretta. NCOA members are qualified to apply for membership by getting 100 points. How you say?
  - Service as Chapter Chairman (20 points per year)
  - Service as Chapter Trustee/Officer (10 points per year)
  - Service as a NCOA Employee (10 points per year)
  - Service as Chapter Special Project Chairman (8 points per project)
  - Service as Chapter Committee Chairman (8 points per committee)
  - Conference attendance prior to application (5 points per conference – max. 10 points)
  - Service as Conference Volunteer (5 points per conference)
  - Membership Recruiting (5 points per member – min. 25 points)
  - Membership Longevity (2 points per year)
  - Category II Awards (5 points per award)
    - Commendation Award
    - Achievement Award
    - International Auxiliary Outstanding Recruiter Award
  - Category III/Special Awards (5 points per award)
    - Certificate of Achievement
    - International Auxiliary Outstanding Performance Award
    - Outstanding Chapter Chairman
  - Category IV and Special Category Awards
    - Award of Excellence 25 points (max. - 25 points)
    - President's Award 25 points
    - Super Saxon Merit Award 10 points (max. - 10 points)
4. You must have personally participated in at least one civic or charitable program.
5. You must have received at least 3 Category II or higher NCOA awards.
6. You must have attended at least one NCOA Annual Conference or Annual Business meeting prior to application (this can be waived by the Grand Knight, but you must attend the conference or annual business meeting the year of your knighting).
7. You must submit a completed and signed Petition. The Petition can be found by going to [www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org) and clicking on MEMBERSHIP AREA, then NCOA KNIGHTS. The Petition is at the bottom of the page. The Petition must be received by the Knights of the Square Table not later than 90 days prior to the conference of the year seeking Knighthood. Get it in early as this date changes each year). In addition to the Petition, each petitioner must submit a brief synopsis of their personal history and participation in NCOA activities since joining.



## When was the last time you did something with your whole heart?

Every moment in life presents an opportunity to give of yourself with your whole heart and become a better version of yourself. When you become more involved, enthusiastic, and committed, you influence those around you. There are 1,440 minutes in each day. Whether you are at work or at home — with colleagues, family or friends — approaching each moment with a positive attitude will contribute to your sense of well-being.

Are you social distancing and want to see more of your fellow NCOA members? Contact Sir Joe Terry our Executive Director at [jterry@NCOAUSA.org](mailto:jterry@NCOAUSA.org) to get added to the ZOOM meeting list. We have had some interesting ZOOM meetings. You do not have to have the app on your computer or phone. After you leave the meeting, the ZOOM icon disappears and there are no lasting effects. Just click on the link Sir Joe will send you, and you will be allowed to join the meeting. If you log in a little early or stay after the meeting you can communicate with fellow members. Give in a try in August and see if you like it.

Stay safe my fellow NCOA members.

Strength in Unity!  
The Voice of the Enlisted

Lady Sunny Wirth  
Grand Knight