

Robert D. Neary Award

for Dedicated Service to Church, Community, Family, or the Knights of Columbus

About Robert D. Neary:

Sir Knight Robert D. Neary was born in New York City on November 16, 1933. He was educated in Catholic schools. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954. His employment career from 1958 to 1989 was with the Federal Aviation Administration as a systems engineer at the Leesburg, Virginia center. After retirement he worked with TRW where he was a systems consultant.

He was a Grand Knight of Good Samaritan Council #6175 in Sterling, VA from 1972-1974; District Deputy from 1975-1977 during which he was Outstanding District Deputy both years; Virginia State General Program Chairman from 1977-1978; elected to State Office in 1978, served as State Deputy in 1983-1984. He was again elected State Deputy in 1985-1986. He served as convention chairman in 1988; State Council Activity Chairman in 1990-1991; Audit Committee and Charity Commission 1992-1994 when he became the founding president of VKCCI. Bob died on December 8, 1996, while still serving as its President.

Creation of the Fund:

To pay tribute to Bob who was selfless and untiring when it came to VKCCI and the Knights of Columbus, the VKCCI board established the Robert D. Neary Award on September 12, 1998. VKCCI established an endowment fund where the principal of the fund will never be used, only the interest. The funding of the endowment will be through \$500 donations from Councils and Assemblies to recognize special members and individuals or organizations that have made substantial contributions to their church, community, family, or the Knights of Columbus.

Honoring and Individual or Family:

Do you have a member in your Council or Assembly or an individual or organization that has done many things because he/she/it loves it and never asks for anything in return? Would you like to pay a special tribute to that person or organization and at the same time support VKCCI? The Knights, families of a Knight, other individuals, or organizations to be recognized must have made a long term commitment to their Church, their Community, their Family, or the Knights of Columbus. Nominations can be made at any time and will be recognized with the Robert D. Neary Award.

What to do:

Contact any member of the VKCCI Board of Directors or your District Deputy and ask for the Robert D. Neary Award form. You may also download the form. Simply follow the general instructions and mail the form with a check in the amount of \$500 to the VKCCI President. At the State meeting your council will be recognized as participating in this program. An engraved Robert D. Neary Award in the name of your honoree will be presented to the Grand Knight for presentation at an appropriate time.

ROBERT D. NEARY AWARD RECIPIENTS

(As of 12/31/08)

Norman E. Mansini	Alfred P. Elko	Military Chaplains of the Armed Services
Gerald G. Tidd	Steve & Billie Cooke	James Dowling
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Wayne Winters	Henry Urban, Jr.	Carrol G. Kelley
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