

I'm Proud To Be A Knight!

This statement is echoed by countless numbers of men and indeed is justifiable in view of the infinite number of charitable and patriotic endeavors of the order. PRIDE ALONE should be enough to keep a man in this great fraternity of love.

Some Common Questions And The Correct Answers

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS?

A practical Catholic male, who has attained his eighteenth birthday, is eligible to join the Knights of Columbus.

IS THERE A CHARGE?

Yes, each prospective member must pay a one time initiation fee, usually \$10.00 for the first 3 degrees, and annual dues which vary between Councils.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

You get the national magazine "Columbia" and can participate in the many functions sponsored by each Council. Your paid up traveling card entitles you to attend the meeting of any council in the Order and to use the facilities offered by any council. You have an insurance system owned and operated by and for members which now has in excess of 50 billion dollars of insurance in force providing benefits for members and their families. The Order has 1,300 professionally trained insurance agents available to explain the fraternal benefit program. With over 10 billion dollars of assets the Knights of Columbus insurance program is one of the highest rated in the United States.

Children of servicemen whose fathers died or were permanently and totally disabled while in the service of their country are guaranteed a college education.

Children of law enforcement officers or full time firemen who are killed or permanently and totally disabled by criminal violence while in the lawful performance of their duties are also guaranteed a college education.

Depending on age and years of membership, every member and his spouse have from \$1,000 to \$2,500 of accidental death insurance free of charge.

Members or children of members who attend a Catholic College are eligible for scholarships. Deceased brother Knights and their spouses are remembered in a daily Mass said at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

I DROPPED MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS . COULD I REINSTATE AND WOULD I BE PENALIZED?

Any former Knight who is a practical Catholic would be very welcome if he returned to the Order. The following charges apply: for 3 months or less he must pay the dues in arrears; for more than three months the member must pay \$7.50.

WHAT IF I MOVE AFTER I JOIN?

Upon the completion and acceptance of a transfer application, your membership can be transferred to another council at your new location.

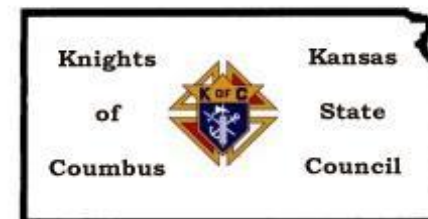
DISCOVER THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

You have just read a thumbnail sketch of this great Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service, Organization, the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. If you are a Knight "Celebrate" your membership with those that are not. Ask them to join our ranks. If you are not a Knight join our ranks and "Celebrate" with us the Joy and Pride of being the strong right Arm of the Church.

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For more information or literature call or write to:

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Be a Knight Today!

www.kansas-kofc.org

INTERNATIONAL

With international headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, the Knights of Columbus have nearly **1.7 million members** in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, Guam, Dominican Republic and the Virgin Islands.

The Knights of Columbus **pay the costs** of televising and beaming Vatican programs and ceremonies to the T.V. satellites making world wide viewing available for such days as Easter and Christmas (Midnight Mass).

Last year our order **gave over 125 million dollars** for charitable and benevolent causes and had over 60 million hours of volunteer service.

Established the **Vicarius Christi Fund** in the amount of 20 million dollars for Pope John Paul II; the earnings each year are given to His Holiness for his personal charities.

Underwrote the renovation of over 150,000 square feet of the facade of St. Peter's Basilica and the statues of St. Peter and Paul in the square.

The **Order's mortgage loan program** for religious institutions is a major source of aid for the construction of Catholic churches, schools and church related facilities.

For many years **has spread the truth** about the Catholic faith through the Catholic Information Service which distributes pamphlets and home study courses.

Sponsors an annual seminar for all Bishops of North America which brings them up-to-date on the latest medical-moral issues.

KANSAS

Has distributed \$1,067,000 in the past nineteen years to parishes across the state to assist in Catholic Education.

The annual Tootsie Roll Program raised \$315,000 last year to help the mentally retarded. Since its beginning in Kansas, this program has distributed \$5.8 million to centers across the state, and is the prime sponsor of the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.

The Pennies from Heaven Program (EDAP) gives immediate financial assistance for clothing, food or shelter to families, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, whose home has been destroyed by fire or other natural disasters. Since inception the program has provided \$545,000 for 3,471 claims.

For many years have supported Pro-Life groups in Kansas. Cash and in-kind donations have been \$1,441,133 to assist these groups to protect the life of the unborn.

For 46 years the Knights of Columbus has provided financial support for the Newman Centers on college campuses in Kansas in the amount of \$480,000; has granted \$150,300 to the Kansas Catholic Conference; and over \$109,015 for other charitable endeavors.

Conducts a State-wide Free Throw contest, Vocation poster contest, and Alcohol and Drug-Awareness contest for our Youth.

Promotes many other programs in support of the Church, the Family, Youth and local Communities.

Has 258 councils and more than 34,300 members across Kansas.

Through the Adopt-A-Seminarian program councils provide moral and financial support to each of Kansas' Seminarians. Last year, over \$162,000 of financial support was given.

In 1950 erected the Padilla monument near Lyons, Kansas in honor of Fr. Juan de Padilla, the proto-martyr of the United States and in 2000 established a \$200,000 Centennial Memorial Fund, earnings from which will be used in perpetuity for religious education in Kansas. To date, \$40,000 has been given to the four Kansas dioceses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus was founded by **Father Michael J. McGivney and a group of men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut on March 29, 1882.**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization dedicated to the principals of **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM.**

The Order's present leader is **SUPREME KNIGHT, CARL A. ANDERSON.**



The Third Degree Emblem is a beautiful emblem with a meaning. The background of the emblem is a cross of MALTA, representing charitable works and is an artistic design of the cross of Christ representing the Catholic Spirit of the Order. Mounted on the cross is a shield containing three objects: a mace, symbol of authority; the anchor, representing Columbus, Patron of the Order, and a short sword or dagger used by early knights on errands of mercy. The shield represents Catholic Knighthood and the letters K of C proclaim the activity as the Knights of Columbus. The colors are red, white and blue, the colors of our beloved country. Check us out on our web page: <http://www.kansas-kofc.org>