

ACTIVITIES/OPPORTUNITIES

Breakfast with Santa
First Friday Adoration
Pro-Life Support
March for Life
Silver Rose Ceremony
Rosary for the Unborn
Rosaries Presented at Baptism/RCIA
Church support
Vocations encouragement
Seminarian support
Antietam Illumination
Church Illumination
Monthly Saturday Evening Family Social
Keep Christ in Christmas campaign
Religious Christmas Card Sale
Parish extraordinary ministers
Parish ushers & lectors
Jessup Day
Retreats
Mother's Day Brunch (free for Moms)
Lenten Friday Pizza/Crab Cake/Salad Dinners
Tootsie rolls for God's special children
Annual Memorial Mass
Free Throw contest
Soccer Shoot Out
Living Rosary
Valentine's Day Dance
Free Pall Bearer service
State Charity Fund
Scholarships
Shrine ushers
Member Life Insurance
Automatic Life Insurance for unborn child
Guaranteed Life Insurance for disabled children
Helping the Mentally challenged

Disaster Assistance

Shortly after a charity endowment fund for the Order was established in 2006, the urgent need to raise money for Gulf States hurricane relief meant the work of creating the endowment fund had to be temporarily assigned a lower priority until the urgent needs of hurricanes Katrina and Rita had to be addressed. Knights of Columbus Charities raised \$5.5 million in donations to help families, schools and communities rebuild their lives after the destructive storms. The Supreme Council paid all the administrative costs for this program, allowing 100 percent of every donation to go directly to aid the areas affected by the hurricanes.

JUST A FEW OTHER FACTS:

After 9/11, between Sept. 12 and Nov. 1, 2001, the Knights of Columbus raised and distributed over one million dollars through its Hero Fund to Fire and Police Departments in New York. They were among the first organizations to provide assistance to the first-responders after the disaster.

When Haiti was hit by earth-quakes, our Supreme Headquarters was one of the first organizations in the U.S. to send thousands of dollars in relief money. The Knights provided over half a million dollars, and sent 100,000 desperately needed wheelchairs (at \$150 each) for the injured.

The Knights support the spiritual welfare of the Armed Services personnel and their families around the globe through a multi-million dollar fund for the Archdiocese of the Military Services. Since 2003 the Knights have provided over ½ million prayer books for our troops. This council made and distributed 1,140 combat-safe Ranger Rosaries to our troops in Iraq.

Knights support a multi-million dollar Student Loan Program for members and their children pursuing higher education, with all seminarians eligible. There is also a student scholarship program for children of Knights. The order pays for a college education for the children of any Knight who is;

- In military service killed or permanently and totally disabled as a result of armed conflict in a combat zone, or
- A full-time, uniformed law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence directed at him

In 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes.

AS OF JULY, 2013

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP WORLDWIDE..... 1,800,000+
MARYLAND MEMBERSHIP 27,000+
TOTAL COUNCILS WORLDWIDE 14,000+

IN THE LAST DECADE

INSURANCE IN FORCE.....\$75 BILLION
TOTAL \$ DONATIONS \$1,325 BILLION
TOTAL HOURS DONATED 626 BILLION
FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP 564,000+



These Men They Call Knights

Knights of Columbus

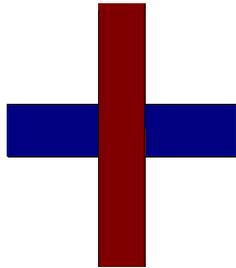
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WHAT IS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

The Knights of Columbus is a dynamic Catholic, family, fraternal organization of Catholic men who join together in family, charitable, fraternal, community and youth activities. The over 1.7 million member organization is international in character; however, the major emphasis is focused on the activities of our local parish and community. A major thrust of our activities is directed at involving the member's entire family. Here at St. Lawrence Martyr Church in Jessup, we are especially loyal to our small community and are proud of our church's association with the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, the Trinitarian Priests who run our parish.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Any practical Catholic man 18 years of age or older may apply for membership in the Knights of Columbus. A practical Catholic is one who regularly practices his faith by going to Mass on Sunday, receiving the Sacraments, etc.

WHAT DOES A COUNCIL DO?

- The Council operates within five major areas;
- Service and assistance to the support of the Church
 - Service to the community with emphasis on charitable service
 - Family oriented events
 - Youth activities
 - Social affairs

Listed on the back are some of the specific activities sponsored by the Father Bernhard Harding OSST Council #12180 of the Knights of Columbus.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF MEMBERS?

Each member must be a practical Catholic and is required to pay annually dues of \$48, which can be paid either annually or quarterly. A new member must also pay a one-time initiation fee of \$15 (only \$10 if age 18 years of age). A new member will proceed through several ceremonies called degrees which allow him to understand better the principles of the Order and how we, as Knights of Columbus, are expected to conduct ourselves.

Men who join the Knights of Columbus attend meetings, participate in Council activities, serve on committees, run for office (office holders must first, however, complete their Third Degree before being eligible for office), etc. as their time permits and their interests dictate.

The reward and satisfaction of membership in the Knights of Columbus are proportional to participation of each member and his family.



HOW OFTEN DOES FR. HARDING COUNCIL MEET?

There are two meetings held each month;

- First Thursday
- Third Thursday

The meetings normally last about one hour and usually involve interesting and lively discussion of key topics. Members are encouraged to take an active part in these discussions. Opinions and ideas are always welcomed. Meetings are followed by refreshments and friendly socializing with other members. Some "open" meetings include wives and friends, when appropriate.

A Planning Meeting to discuss and coordinate the various Council activities in more detail is usually held after the third Thursday Meeting.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE K OF C?

Many brother Knights say they joined;

- To be a more effective Catholic
- To be associated with and meet other Catholic men and their families
- To make new friends
- To strengthen their ties with the Catholic faith
- To expand their community and social activities
- To help others in a meaningful and organized way and thus achieve a truly unique sense of accomplishment.

As Catholics we have an obligation to share our faith, assist the less fortunate of our community, and support our Parish. Many find that, as individuals, it is extremely difficult to be involved in a significant way with these obligations because the task seems overwhelming.

As a Knight, you and your family can share in the tremendous works of the Order without feeling the need to identify projects and organize your support all by yourself. In this way your whole family can fulfill their obligation and feel satisfied that they are part of more satisfying and worthwhile activities than they could possibly undertake as individuals.



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