

What type of activities do we do?

- ✦ Provide contributions and staffing for major parish activities including the Christmas Bazaar and Fall Festival.
- ✦ Recognize graduating high school and college students with a Baccalaureate Booklet and reception following the Baccalaureate Mass
- ✦ Host Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) pancake supper for parish families.
- ✦ Provide turkeys and food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to St. Benedict's Food Pantry for serving over 140 families.
- ✦ Participate in various Pro-Life activities to include the annual March for Life, donations to the Columbia Pregnancy Center, participating in our pastorate Living Rosary ceremony.
- ✦ Help the Intellectually Challenged through the annual "Tootsie Roll" Program.
- ✦ Offer members life insurance via the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program.
- ✦ Presented rosaries to First Communicants and Confirmation candidates.
- ✦ Provide financial assistance to seminarians.
- ✦ Perform quarterly Road Clean Up outings along Rte. 216.
- ✦ Conduct annual Day of Reflection and Prayer at Saint Anthony's Shrine.
- ✦ Participated in Wreaths Across America
- ✦ Assist our parish with various needs and upkeep efforts.

Some other facts

- ✦ The Ukraine Solidarity Fund collected over \$16M in donations to support humanitarian support in Ukraine
- ✦ The Maryland Knights of Columbus pledged \$50,000 to aid in the restoration of the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, America's first Cathedral.
- ✦ The Knights of Columbus donated over \$10M to Hurricane Katrina victims.
- ✦ Annually the Maryland Knights of Columbus raise over \$315,000 to donate to the mentally and physically challenged.

Statistics (2021):

Total Membership Worldwide..... 2 Million
Total Councils Worldwide..... 17,000
Total Donations \$150 Million
Total Volunteer Hours Donated 47.4 Million
Maryland Membership 27,000



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a few more *Knights*.
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ideas are always welcomed. Meetings are followed by refreshments and friendly socializing with other members.

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 2.0-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.

Who is eligible for Membership?

Any man who is a practical Catholic, 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 is required of members?

Each member must be a practical Catholic and is required to pay annual dues, which can be paid either annually or quarterly. A new member can join online at www.kofc.org/join. The member must participate in a ceremony called exemplification to join the local council. The Exemplification will allow him to understand better, the principles of the Order (charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism) and how we, as Knights of Columbus, are expected to conduct ourselves.

Men who join the Knights of Columbus participate in council and State level programs, Pray with Brother Knights, attend meetings, participate in Council activities, serve on committees, or serve as an officer as their time permits and their interests dictate.

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

Why should you join the K of C?

Many brother Knights say that 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 parishes.

Many find that, as individuals, it is sometimes difficult to be involved in a significant way and balance the time constraints in our personal lives. 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 obligations and feel satisfied that they are a part of more satisfying and worthwhile activities than they could possibly undertake as an individual. There are a variety of good reasons to consider joining the Knight of Columbus.

Faith In Action

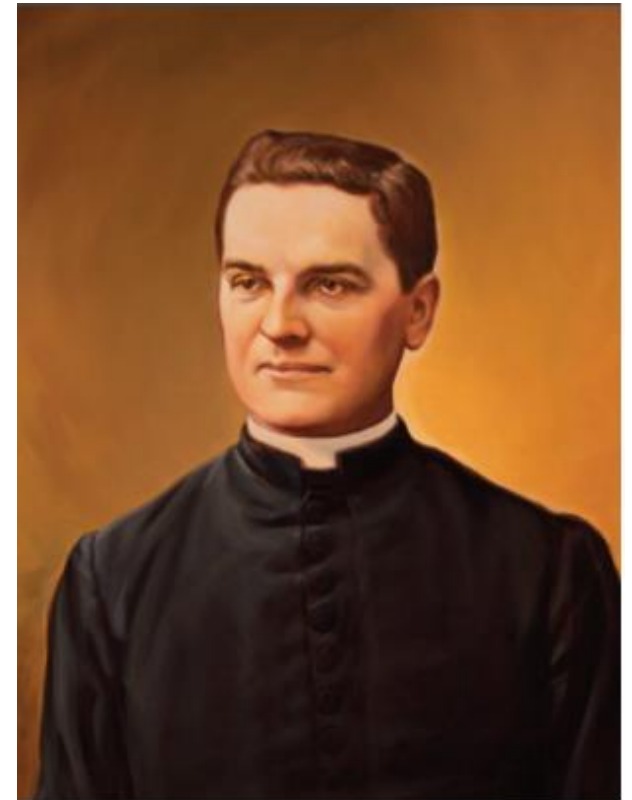
Each Council operates within four major program areas: Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

How often does our Council meet?

There are two meetings held each month; the second **and fourth Wednesday** of the month. The first meeting is a business meeting and the second is a social meeting. 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

Council History

Saint Francis of Assisi Council was instituted May 24, 1999 through the efforts of Charter Grand Knight Mike Warner, Charter Deputy Grand Knight Robert "Bob" Quarles, Chaplain Fr. Dennis Diehl (deceased), and State officers Bill McMahan and Ed Moore



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