



# Knights of Columbus

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From: Grand Knight, Paul Condran  
To: Council #3744  
Subject: Benefits of being a Knight of Columbus

I am consistently asked about the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus, therefore I have taken the opportunity to list out the many benefits a Catholic Man will find in becoming a Knight of Columbus herewith. I would encourage you to share this information with as many Catholic Men as possible to get the word out of how beneficial and rewarding being a member of the Knights of Columbus is.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael Joseph McGivney as a Church-Parish organization dedicated to the Faith, Catholic values, Brotherhood and care for Families. It is the only fraternal organization borne from, and onto the Catholic Church. Our Council serves not only the community at large, but three local Prishes; St. Anastesia, St. Jerome and Visitation Church. We work directly with our Priests for the betterment of the Parish's good works and programs.

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, gaining valuable friendships and learning about the primary attributes of Charity, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance programs to protect your family and so much more.

For me, making the decision to become a Knight was one of the best and most rewarding decisions I ever made. It has made me a better Catholic, brought me closer to my faith and Church, and most of all I have developed life long friends. Men and their families who share the same values as I do. We are an organization of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in service of God and our neighbor. Your decision to become a Knight will be the best decision you'll ever make. Some of the benefits are:

- MEMBERSHIP CARD – Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in over 13,000 councils throughout the world.
- ACTIVITIES – FAMILY/YOUTH/RELIGIOUS/SOCIAL/ATHLETIC – Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by local councils.

- VOLUNTEERING – Of your time for the greater good of the order, Parish and family with networking and wonderful friendship opportunities.
- PARTICIPATION – In Council Meetings to learn about the great functions, opportunities, and needs of your Council. Also, to participate in Parish activities with your fellow Parishioner Knights and Priest. Volunteer at your Parish.
- CHARITY - Activities with your council and Parish. Work with your Charity Resources.
- COLUMBIA MAGAZINE – Free subscription to the Order’s monthly magazine examining issues of interest to Knights, Catholics and families.
- KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS ROSARY – Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the First Degree exemplification to each new member.
- DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MARY’S CHURCH – Mass for deceased members and their wives at birthplace of the Order.
- SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children.
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organization skills, etc.
- FOURTH DEGREE – Eligibility to join the “Patriotic Degree.” This assumes knowledge of the degrees
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP at Age 70 with 25 years of membership.
- INSURANCE – Portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care, and annuity products exclusively for members and their families.
- FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFIT – For eligible families: a) Pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) Pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) Offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.
- ORPHAN BENEFIT – \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available. Member, spouse and fraternal benefits. Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost.
- WIDOW BENEFITS – a) Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) May purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, or annuities up to one year after insured member’s death; c) Spouse receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) Eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.