





Supreme Council  
Headquarters Building  
New Haven, Connecticut

# THE KofC IS YOU AND ME



## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### A PROFILE...

**SUPREME COUNCIL**

**BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

**STATE DEPUTIES**

**DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

**GRAND KNIGHTS**

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Knights of Columbus headquarters is located in New Haven, Connecticut – the birthplace of the Order.

Our society is governed by the Supreme Council, its top legislative body that meets annually in August to vote on resolutions that set policy for the Order.

International affairs are administered by an elected board of directors under the chairmanship of the supreme knight.

Elected state officers operate the state councils. They administer the programs and activities under the guidance of a state deputy. The state deputy represents the highest ranking state level officer.

The district deputy represents both the supreme knight and the state deputy in an area known as a district – which is made up of several councils. He is appointed by the supreme knight based on the recommendation of the state deputy.

The highest ranking officer at the local council level is called the grand knight. Along with the other officers, he is elected each year by the members of his council.

Council Officer, Grand Knight, District Deputy, State Deputy, Supreme Director, Supreme Officer, Supreme Knight – There's a place for you in the Knights of Columbus. If you would like to be a KofC officer, you can be...how high you go is completely up to you. But it all starts here – by becoming a new **MEMBER**.



# **A RICH HERITAGE**

**ORGANIZED IN 1882**



**BAHAMAS**

**CANADA**

**CUBA**

**DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC**

**GUAM**

**GUATEMALA**

**MEXICO**

**PANAMA**

**PHILIPPINES**

**PUERTO RICO**

**SAIPAN**

**UNITED STATES**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS**

# RELIGION

## FRATERNITY

## CHARITY

## INSURANCE

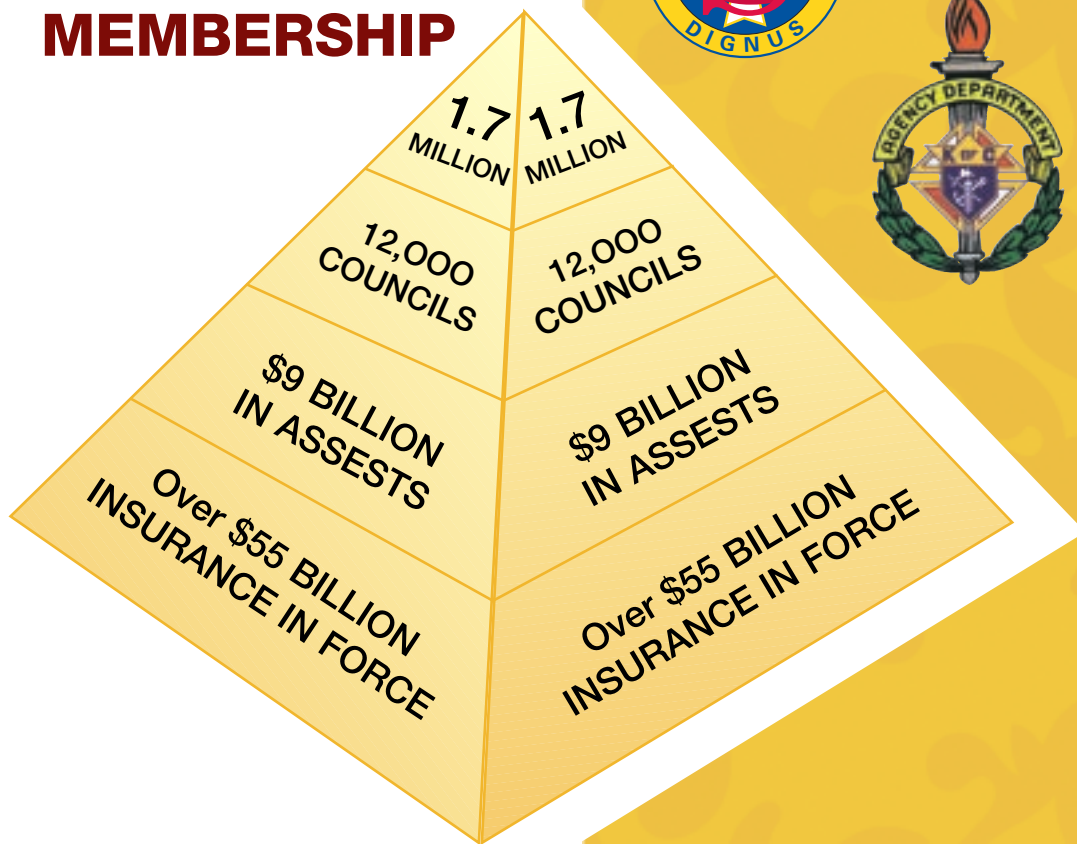
The Knights of Columbus was organized in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Since the founding, the Order of the Knights of Columbus has grown to become an internationally known and respected Catholic organization. Today there are nearly 12,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas and Saipan.

### **The Knights of Columbus has five main objectives:**

- 1.** To support the Church
- 2.** To build fraternal bonds through social, religious, educational and athletic activities
- 3.** To provide comfort and assistance to the sick, disabled, and needy members and their families
- 4.** To reach out to meet community needs through programs of charity and service
- 5.** To provide for the financial security of our members and their families through our fraternal insurance program

# KNIGHTS ARE STRONG

## MEMBERSHIP



**STABILITY AND STRENGTH**

# STABILITY AND STRENGTH

The great strength of the Knights of Columbus is the 1.7 million plus members throughout the world. Members that provide over 60 million volunteer hours to service and administer the objectives, goals and activities of the Order in nearly 12,000 local councils.

Our stability is based on the four principles of charity...unity...fraternity...and patriotism. These pillars of strength are further stabilized by our assets of over \$9 billion and an insurance volume that is over \$55 billion.

Impressive numbers by any standard. This *is* success measured by the service given to the Church, community, country and to your fellowman.

# KNIGHTS PULL TOGETHER

CHARITY

UNITY



FRATERNITY

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PATRIOTISM



## **A CATHOLIC... FAMILY... FRATERNAL... SERVICE ORGANIZATION**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family fraternal service organization. It offers unlimited opportunities for its members and their families.

Knights share their time and talents in a vigorous program of service. Coming from every walk of life – doctors, bricklayers, lawyers, priests, teachers, plumbers, farmers – K of C members enjoy working together to help their Church and their community.

Firmly founded upon the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, the Knights are able to accomplish a wide range of worthwhile goals thanks to the strength and mutual support of members and their families.

# KNIGHTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## THE SERVICE PROGRAM



Knights of Columbus activities provide something for everyone.

Each member has specific talents he can offer for the good of the community and the Order. Each council selects the projects that are most appropriate for a particular area.

There are five areas of involvement open to members: Church...Community...Council...Family...and Youth.

Whatever area a member chooses – working with young people, supporting pro-life efforts or coordinating civic involvement – the council works to find out how to best utilize that member's interests and talents.

This demonstrates the many reasons why so many Catholic men and their families have joined the Knights of Columbus.

# **KNIGHTS HAVE STRONG FAITH**

**RELIGIOUS  
SUPPORT**

**VOCATIONS**



**RETREATS**

**KNIGHTS ARE CHURCH INVOLVED**

**PARISH...**

**SCHOOL...**

**HOME...**

**CATHOLIC  
ADVERTISING**

**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

## **Church Involvement...**

The Knights of Columbus are involved with the Church and fully support our religious leaders.

Every council throughout the Order has a Church activities director. Under his leadership, the council conducts rewarding activities such as retreats, days of recollection, vocation awareness programs, ecumenical meetings, "Keep Christ In Christmas" campaigns, and many other Church-related projects.

Additionally, the local council stands ready to offer manpower and financial assistance to the local parish and parochial schools.

# KNIGHTS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

PRO-LIFE

DECENCY

POVERTY

PUBLIC SAFETY



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SENIOR CITIZENS

LAW  
ENFORCEMENT

HEALTH SERVICES

## **Community Involvement...**

The Knights of Columbus gives members an excellent chance to work for the community.

In many areas, Knights are first to volunteer manpower and furnish leadership for a community undertaking.

Councils everywhere lead the fight against abortion, support our law-enforcement agencies, assist the less fortunate, and work toward programs that benefit senior citizens.

Last year, Knights and their families volunteered over 55 million hours to their community – such as service to youth, hospitals, orphanages and churches. Additional donations to charity – for the needy, victims of disasters, homes for the aged, educational purposes, gifts of clothing and food – totaled almost \$125 million.

# KNIGHTS SHARE

FRATERNALISM



BROTHERHOOD

**ATHLETICS**  
**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**BLOOD DONORS**  
**FRATERNAL**  
**RECOGNITION**

FELLOWSHIP



**Fraternalism...**

**Brotherhood...**

**Fellowship...**

In the Knights of Columbus, you'll find a spirit of fraternalism and fellowship always present among members and their families.

Council activities are aimed at creating participation through dances, parties, sports activities, father/daughter and mother/son activities, outings, and plenty of other events.

Annually, hundreds of thousands of members participate in the most practical "fraternity in action" project. They serve as blood donors.

Through the program of fraternal recognition, exemplary members are honored for their service to the organization.

# THE K of C IS A FAMILY ORGANIZATION

COUNCIL  
RELATED



SPIRITUAL  
PROGRAMS

**STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES**

**JOINT FAMILY  
PARTICIPATION  
FAMILY OF THE MONTH /  
FAMILY OF THE YEAR  
WIDOWS / ORPHANS  
EDUCATIONAL FUNDING**

COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT

## **Strengthening Family Ties...**

The Knights of Columbus work to strengthen family life.

This includes programs of family prayer, family participation in the parish liturgy, concern for Christian values in the home, "Family of the Month" and "Family of the Year" programs, family recreation...and more.

For example, the Knights have taken steps to ensure that widows and children of deceased members remain a part of our extended family. Offering invaluable assistance, local, state and Supreme Council programs also provide educational funding to council families.

# KNIGHTS HELP BUILD TOMORROW'S LEADERS



**CYO**

**SCOUTING**

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**COLUMBIAN  
SQUIRES  
ATHLETICS  
BIG BROTHER /  
BIG SISTER  
ORPHANAGES**

**SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE**

**FREE-THROW  
PROGRAM**

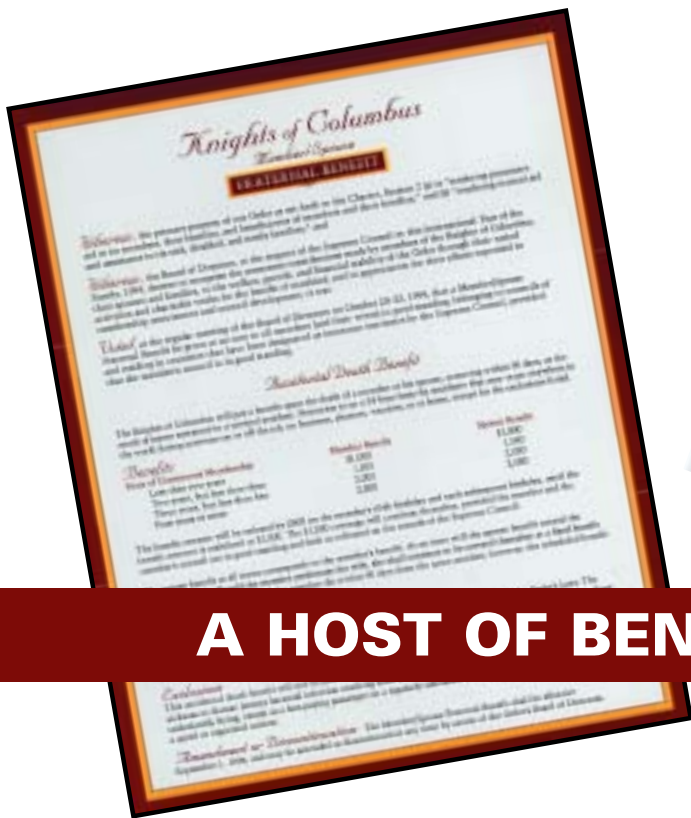
## **Building Tomorrow's Leaders...**

Wherever you find a Knight, you'll find someone who's helping today's youth.

Knights of Columbus councils support scouting units, religious education programs, children with disabilities, orphanages, substance abuse awareness programs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Free-Throw Competition and athletic leagues.

The primary purpose of our official youth organization, the Columbian Squires, is leadership training. Today, there are over 25,000 young Catholic men, between the ages of 10 and 18 in more than 1,100 circles, living up to their motto, "Esto Dignus", – Be Worthy.

# WHY BECOME A KNIGHT



## A HOST OF BENEFITS

- MEMBER
- SPOUSE
- FAMILY
- ORPHAN

## **Why...**

Beyond the outstanding volunteer and social opportunities, the Knights provide a variety of benefits to members and their families.

### **The Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefit**

- Pays a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse occurring within 90 days as a result of injury sustained in a covered accident.
- Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world, during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home.
- Amount based upon years of continuous membership in the Order.

### **The Family Fraternal Benefit**

- Available for eligible families.
- Pays \$1,500 to the family when a child dies before the age of 61 days.
- Pays \$750 to the family when a child is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception.
- Offer guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.

### **The Orphan Benefit**

- Pays \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families.
- Up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.

*For specific details on eligibility and benefits please contact a Knights of Columbus Insurance Representative.*

# INSURANCE FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS BY BROTHER KNIGHTS



**CONSISTENTLY  
RATED *SUPERIOR*  
(A++) BY A.M.  
BEST AND (AAA)  
BY STANDARD &  
POOR'S**



## **A well-rounded insurance portfolio...**

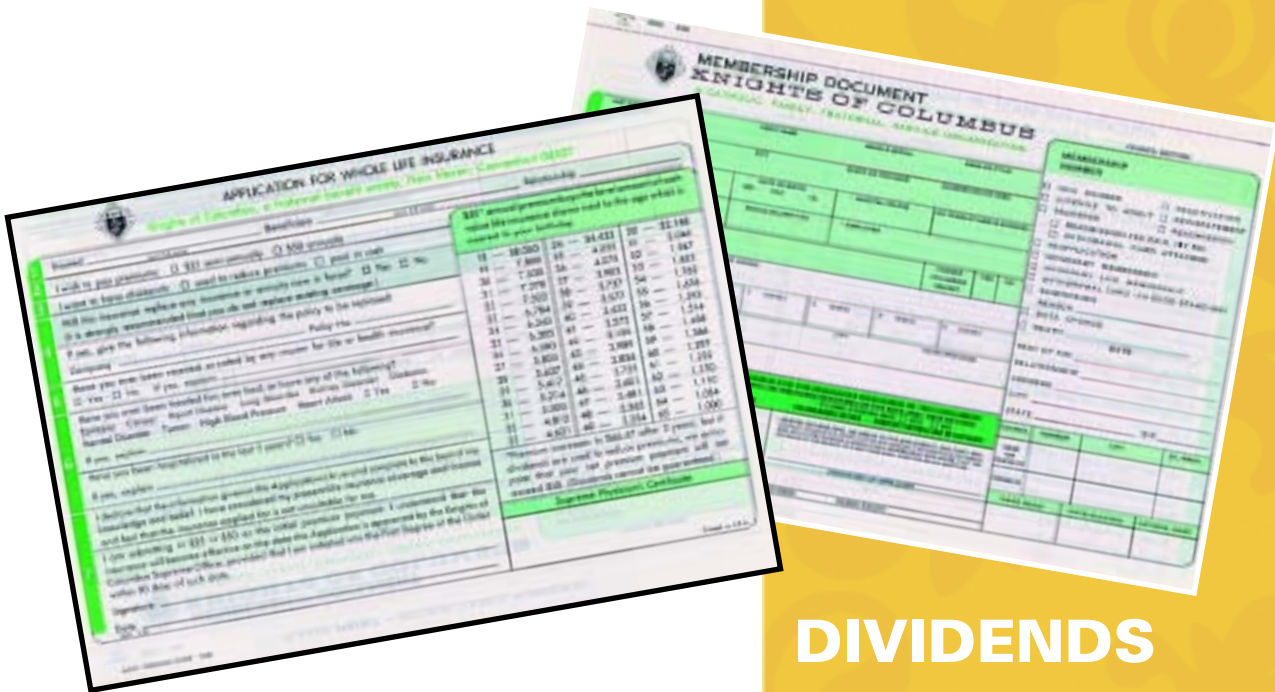
As a fraternal benefit society, the Knights is concerned with providing needed security and protection exclusively for members and their families through our life insurance, annuity and retirement programs.

One of our professional insurance representatives will be happy to show you how the Knights of Columbus can tailor a program best suited for you and your family.

# KNIGHTS "NEW MEMBER" INSURANCE FOR YOU AND YOUR WIFE

LOW COSTS

CASH VALUE



DIVIDENDS

LOW-COST OPPORTUNITY

DUAL  
BENEFITS

## **A special for new members only...**

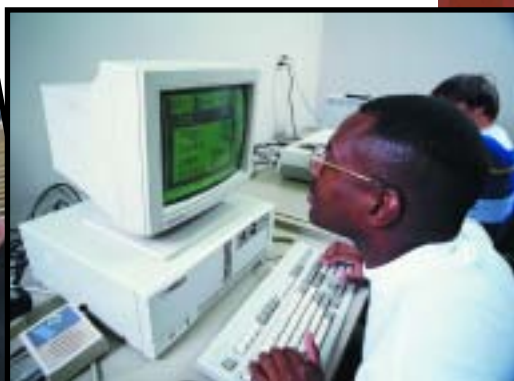
Upon joining, a special new member introductory plan is available, that merits your consideration. It is also available to your spouse.

This low cost insurance offers cash value and dividends. It can protect you and your spouse as a dual life benefit the instant your coverage is approved.

This special offer is only available and offered once...as a special benefit to a new member upon joining into the Knights of Columbus.

# KNIGHTS ARE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**



**EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

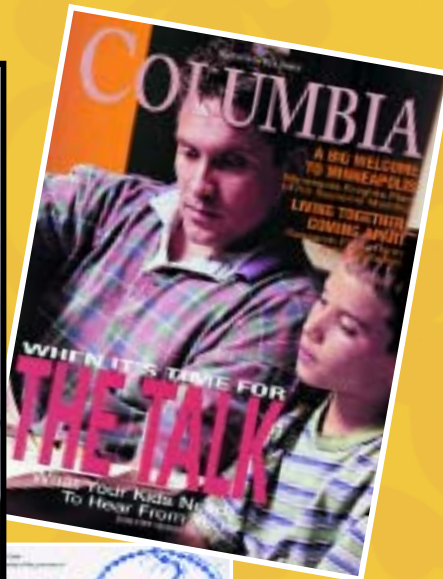
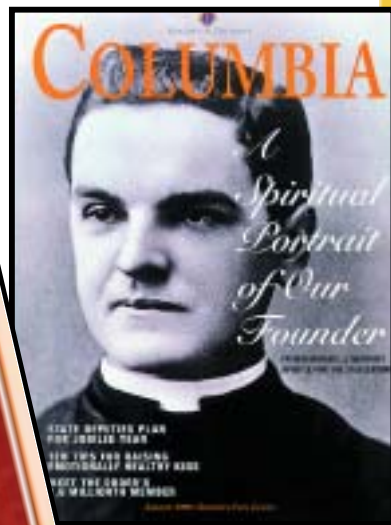
**EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

**STUDENT LOAN**

## **Partners in Education...**

Education carries a high priority in the Knights of Columbus. Annually, the supreme, state, and local councils provide more than \$1 million in various types of scholarships and grants for undergraduate and graduate studies to members, their wives, sons and daughters, as well as seminarians and postulants.

# ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES**

## **Added Benefits and Opportunities...**

***COLUMBIA MAGAZINE*** – Free subscription to the Order’s monthly magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, to Catholics and to families.

***K OF C ROSARY*** – Blessed by the supreme chaplain; presented during the First Degree exemplification.

***DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MARY’S CHURCH*** – Mass for deceased members and families is celebrated daily at the birthplace of the Order.

***WIDOW BENEFITS*** – Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; May purchase insurance or annuities up to 90 days after insured member’s death; Receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; Remains eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.

***LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT*** – Opportunity to build personal leadership skills.

***FOURTH DEGREE*** – Eligibility to join the “Patriotic Degree” after one year of membership and completion of the Third Degree of the Order.

***HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP*** – At age 70 with 25 consecutive years of service.

***MEMBERSHIP CARD*** – Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in the nearly 12,000 councils throughout the world.

# THESE DAYS, THE WORLD NEEDS MORE KNIGHTS



**CATHOLIC MEN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES  
WILLING TO STAND  
UP AND SERVE**

**CHURCH**

**COMMUNITY**

**COUNTRY**

**FELLOWMAN**



## **Service through Membership...**

This *is* the Knights of Columbus today.

Catholic men and their families – dedicated and caring. Serving our Church, community, country and our fellowman – working together for a better tomorrow.

Men that come from all walks of life, who together with their families share the common thread of a Catholic faith and the desire to give of their time and talents.

# **ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**



**ACHIEVE**

**HONORS**

**OF THE**

**FIRST DEGREE**

## Membership Requirements...

What's expected of me...what do I have to do to join the Knights of Columbus?

- You must be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age
- You must be accepted by a local council
- You must take the First Degree of the Knights of Columbus

## What costs are involved?

- A small one-time *initiation fee*
- Nominal annual dues set by the local council.

## That's it, that's all there is to it!

Now you probably have additional questions about membership in the Knights of Columbus...

**MAKE YOUR  
FAMILY A  
PART OF  
OURS...**



**CHARITY**

**UNITY**



**FRATERNITY**

**JOIN THE  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS!**

**PATRIOTISM**

## **Be a part of our family...**

The benefits of becoming a Knight of Columbus have never been greater. Our programs and objectives give every Catholic man the medium through which he can best serve the Church and mankind. We're excited to extend this personal invitation to you and your family. Join us today and make your family a part of ours.

**Join The  
Knights of Columbus  
And Become  
A Member  
Of The Largest  
Catholic Family  
Fraternal Service  
Organization  
In The World.**

