

# Membership

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Saving Lives, Changing Lives, Join Us...

Membership 365

One Admission Degree, Per District, Per Month

Just as Fr. McGivney personally asked the men of his parish to assist him in meeting the needs of his parishioners, so too must members of your council ask every eligible Catholic man to join your council and assist with meeting people's needs. As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reminds us, "It is our moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus."

## **What Do You Tell A Man Who Asks You Why He Should Join the Knights of Columbus?**

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 your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. We are the "strong right arm" of the Catholic Church.

*For Membership Assistance, please contact your Regional Membership Chairman listed below.*

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The Knights take Good Men, who are looking to be Better Men, and give them the opportunity to be Great through our Works of Charity.

## New Council Development

The dream of Father Michael J. McGivney was to have a council in every parish. To better incorporate the various Catholic populations, this dream was expanded to include colleges and universities, Spanish-speaking parishes, and Eastern Rite churches. A Knights of Columbus presence in every place possible. That is our goal; that is our commitment.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reaffirmed this vision for parish-based councils when he outlined the "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish" initiative. This program is designed to help our members and their families reflect the holiness of the universal Church. In promoting each family as a domestic church, the Knights of Columbus primarily seeks to integrate our members and their families more fully into the sacramental and social life of the parish.

As men of faith, Knights strive to make a difference by being part of the difference. Knights of Columbus councils offer Catholic men of honor and conviction the opportunity to be part of a truly unique service organization.

***Is There a Parish in Your Area Which Would Benefit by having A Knights of Columbus Council in it? If so please contact our New Council Development Chairman.***

### **Chuck Paquette, New Council Development Chair**

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## Round Tables

A good way to establish a Knights of Columbus presence in a parish is through a Round Table, whose goal is:

*"To actively engage Knights of Columbus members in order to aid the parish and sustain visible Catholic action through works of charity in every parish and mission throughout the Order, and in sustainable parishes to form the Round Table into a fully functioning Council."*

For any council which covers multiple parishes, the members which attend a particular parish are by default members of that parish's round table. There are no additional dues, nor are any regular meetings held. There is only one coordinator needed who manages the efforts through consultation with the parish priest.

This is especially nice for smaller parishes as it gives them the opportunity to have an active Knights presence to support their priest and their parish, and gives men there the opportunity to be Knights with all of the benefits which come with membership.

For additional information:

### **Gus Bannick, Roundtables Chairman**

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## Retention

The task of member retention begins as soon as the Admissions (First Degree) Ceremonial is conferred upon him. From the start, new members should be encouraged to be active and to participate in the Formation (Second Degree) and Knighthood (Third Degree) Ceremonials. Have his proposer act as a mentor to him - make sure he comes to meetings and is active in programs, and to go with him as he takes his advanced degrees.

Make sure the proposer and/or your admissions committee talks to him to find out what interests he has. Maybe he would like to help with Special Olympics or Youth activities, or maybe he is busy with his own children now and would prefer to only help with a fish fry or by distributing Tootsie Rolls. Don't just assign him to clean up after the pancake breakfast because no one else wants to do it! It is **everyone's** job to make him feel welcome, and especially that he is needed, by your council.

You should also encourage him to make an appointment to see your Field Agent, to discuss his family's financial future.

Should it become necessary to suspend a member, please make sure you follow the proper procedures.

For additional information:

### **Bill Stump, Retention Chairman**

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## College Councils

Knights of Columbus College Councils play an important role in the Order's mission by bringing college students in the Order and allowing a vehicle for young men to minister to the needs of their campus community.

College councils require additional attention, as the membership changes dramatically every year, with an almost complete change of membership every 4-5 years. The purpose is to have the vast majority of members be college students, and that college students should hold all elected offices. One requirement is that the Financial Secretary NOT be a student, and that he will hopefully have some ties to the college itself, but that isn't necessary. He provides the stability for the council to continue on from year to year.

Is there a college in your area? If so, do they have a college council yet? If not, don't you think the young Catholic men there would benefit from the leadership and ministries performed by the Knights?

For additional information:

### **Ron Mathias, Jr., College Council Chairman**

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## Father McGivney Award\*

*Membership Quota  
7% of current membership  
Or Minimum of 4  
Maximum of 35*

## Founders' Award\*

*Insurance Quota  
2.5% of membership  
Or Minimum of 3  
Maximum of 18*

## Service Program Personnel Report

*Form #365  
Due August 1<sup>st</sup>*

## Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

*Form #1728  
Due January 31<sup>st</sup>*

## Columbian Award

*Form #SP-7  
Due No Later Than June 30<sup>th</sup>*

## Multiple Stars

*Double Star - 200% membership  
Triple Star - 300% membership Etc.*

## Good Standing

*Current with all Supreme  
Council assessments - as of  
June 30 of the Fraternal Year*



- \* For the Fr. McGivney Award (membership), this is member intake minus losses through suspension or withdrawal. Deaths or transfers in or out of the council are not counted.
- \* For the Founders Award (insurance), this is insurance member intake minus losses from a member dropping his insurance coverage. Again, deaths or transfers in and out of the council are not counted.

For additional information:

### **Ed Columbus, Chairman - Awards and Star Councils**

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*Please use Ed to help keep you on track for Star Council by directing any questions you may have on the award to him. He will also be contacting councils who have not filled out a required form by the deadline to see if you need assistance in filling it out.*

### **Columbian Award Reminders:**

The application **MUST** be received at Supreme BY June 30. It must be completely filled out with 4 programs in each area. Remember to take advantage of the "Featured Programs" from Supreme which by meeting their requirements will fulfill all 4 programs in one area

### **Contest of Champions**

One award is presented to the council in Missouri that shows the highest percentage of membership quota attained, and one award is presented to the council that shows the highest number of additions over deductions recorded.

### **Century Club Award**

This prestigious award is presented to a council which records a net membership increase of 100 new members in the fraternal year.

### **State & Supreme Incentives**

Both Supreme and the Missouri State Council offer various membership incentives throughout the year. The State incentives will be announced through email, the state newsletter, the Mariner and the State website, or check with your DD or Chairman Ed Columbus. Supreme notifies members directly regarding membership incentives.

# Ceremonials

**Tom Nelson, State Ceremonials Chairman**

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## Admission Degree (1<sup>st</sup> Degree)

A new member gets his first look at the Knights of Columbus when he joins during the Admission Degree. The main principle of our Order - Charity - should be a lesson imparted to him in such a way that it makes an impression on him, and causes him to take this lesson to heart.

The best way an Admission Degree can be done is by a council team in which all parts are fully memorized, and they communicate the lesson of Charity with sincerity. The second best way is for a council to have their own team, but members may not have fully memorized their entire part, and read from the book. Every council is encouraged to have their own Admission Degree team, and to schedule a Degree to occur each month. If for some reason no candidates can be lined up to attend the Degree, the team should run through it anyway for practice. The other option for bringing a new brother Knight in is through the video provided by Supreme. This should be conducted at a council meeting, or when a group is gathered. It is not meant to be done privately, nor in any circumstances should a DVD be given to a prospective member and he is encouraged to watch it when he can! The video can also be used if you are short a member of your team and the DVD can be run to present his portion.

## Formation Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree)

The lesson of Unity is imparted to members through this degree. Working as one, we can accomplish much more than each of working independently. We would like for there to be a Formation Degree team in every District. If you are interested in starting one, please contact Tom Nelson.

## Knighthood Degree (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree)

The lesson of Fraternity is imparted to members at this degree with the highlight being them Knighted as full Knights in our Order. We are a fraternity because we are brothers who share a Heavenly Father and do His works here on earth. We need to schedule Formation and Knighthood Degrees in each District on a frequent basis.

## Membership 365

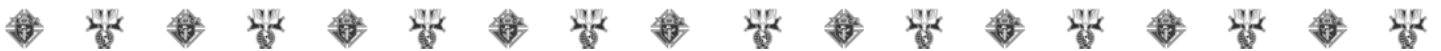
We cannot "take the summer off" in terms of ANY membership programs. Admission, Formation, and Knighthood Degrees need to be scheduled YEAR ROUND. Start Quick and finish Strong!

## Orderwide Membership Drives

The Supreme Council asks EVERY council to do a Fall and Spring Weekend Membership Drive:

**Fall - October 7-8 or 14-15, 2017; Spring - TBA**

Your District Deputy will contact you regarding setting up your church drives. If you need assistance, you can contact your DD or your Regional Membership Chairman.



# Leadership Academy

## Officer Training

The success of a council is dependent upon effective leadership, and all officers knowing the responsibilities of the office they hold. The Missouri State Council has a program in place to inform officers, and future officers, on what is expected of them. Once everyone is aware of the responsibilities of their office, the council operation runs much smoother. Plus, once everyone is aware of the duties of each office, people are more willing to move up into higher offices. Contact Leadership Chairman Beussink to see how he can help in providing training.

**Tim Beussink, Leadership Academy**

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## Financial Secretary Training

The proper execution of duties by the Financial Secretary is also of vital importance to the success of a council. The FS is responsible for keeping accurate financial and membership records of the council. If any FS has any questions, or if a new FS is appointed, please contact FS Trainer Caffrey for assistance. He can help you with many things via a telephone call, but there are also a series of Regional trainers across the state which he can assign to work with you on Member Management, or on any other issue you may have.

**Tom Caffrey, FS Trainer**

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# Get the Strength of the Shield



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## Why The Knights Offer Insurance

In 1873, while seminarian Michael McGivney was studying for the priesthood, his father Patrick passed away. As money was no longer available for his tuition, he packed his belongings and returned home. Fortunately he received a scholarship from the then Diocese of Hartford so he was able to continue his studies through to his ordination.

Less than a decade later, Fr. McGivney was faced with a similar situation with one of his parishioners, Edward Downes, Jr. His father passed away and he too was forced to quit the seminary as he returned home to support his mother and his 12 siblings.

Fr. McGivney was unable to help Edward, but did become the legal guardian of Edward's brother Alfred.

For these reasons Fr. McGivney knew that support of the widow and children of members was something he wanted to accomplish. In his own words, he said he wanted his Knights of Columbus to "unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members."

Even though we live in a different period of time, families are still in need of financial protection. "From its small but promising beginnings in 1882, our insurance program has become a pillar of financial strength."

Utilize your Field Agent - have him help you in recruiting efforts - have him hold an insurance benefits night to show members (and prospective members) what financial services Knights of Columbus Insurance offers.

*(Portions taken from Publication #10209)*

## Shining Armor Award



Awarded for distinguished service to the Order to first-year members who exemplify true Knighthood. The idea is to get new members active in the many facets of the Knights of Columbus as early as possible. To qualify a member must:

- Be involved in at least 3 council service programs
- Attend at least 3 council business meetings
- Receive his Formation and Knighthood (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees
- Meet with the council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member.

This program is designed to reward new members who engage in and maintain an active level of participation in council programs and activities. For those who qualify, the Certificate of Recognition (#4293) and the "Shining Armor" lapel pin (#1700) are available for order through the Supreme Supply Department.

Why not offer the Shining Armor Award challenge to all current First Degree members? Give them from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 to get these requirements done and then recognize them with this award.



## Very Important Proposer

Members are eligible for the VIP Club after successfully recruiting a minimum of 2 new members. This includes new applications, as well as reinstatement of

former members.

Councils should reward these members through public and council recognition ceremonies. They may also want to also purchase them with a VIP lapel pin to recognize their achievements (available through the Supreme Supply catalog). Supreme will provide certificates signed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. *(Supreme keeps track of the number of members recruited.)*

VIP levels include recruitment of the following number of members: 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500.



# Knights of Columbus

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# FOURTH

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# DEGREE

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



## ***The Knights of Columbus on Main Street***

### **Standing Firm in Support of the Order**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knight. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance and encouragement.

### **Proudly Serving Our Country**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nation as though Christ were the one being served.

### **Unwavering Support of the Faith**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

### **Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood**

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.



*Show your love for your Church and Country by becoming a Sir Knight through membership in the Fourth Degree*

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Brad Grill, Secretary .....816-741-5786 ..... secretarytomaster@mokofc.org

*"Sir Knight" is more than a title - it's an honor.*

### **Star Assembly Award**

This new award is designed to recognize assemblies for outstanding achievement in membership and Fourth Degree programs. To be eligible, an assembly must meet the following criteria:

1. Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin to assembly members (must send copies to Vice Supreme Master)
2. Submit Form #186 - Report of Officers Chosen
3. Submit Form #1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities
4. Submit Form #1315 - Annual Assembly Audit Report
5. Meet the assembly new member goal (*7% of membership on July 1*)
6. Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award
7. Enter the "To Be a Patriot" competition



*Completing the Journey of Knighthood*