

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.

Northwest - Roger Hulett

(Districts 1,2,3,56)
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Kansas City - Pat Carr

(Districts 4,5,6,7,8,9,55)
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Southwest - Les Erwin

(Districts 13,14,15,16,22,50,53)
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Central West - Pat Kennedy

(Districts 10,11,12,18,19,49)
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Central East - Bill Lueckenhoff

(Districts 17,20,21,23,24,52)
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Northeast - Richard Dubbert

(Districts 26,27,28,29,30)
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St. Louis North - Clancey Duttlinger, Jr.

(Districts 31,32,33)
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St. Louis South - Charles Feltmann

(Districts 34,35,40,41,44,51)
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St. Louis West - Don Allen

(Districts 36,37,38,39,54)
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Mineral Area - Victor Bender

(Districts 25,42,43,45)
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Southeast - Brian Ziegler

(Districts 46,47,48)
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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:

Ray Olson, 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:

Don Roe, 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 1st*

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

*Form #1728
Due January 31st*

Columbian Award

*Form #SP-7
Due No Later Than June 30th*

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

4807 Appleton, Kansas City, MO 64133

Phone: D&N: 816-358-8831 Email: awards@mokofc.org

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 (1st 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 (2nd 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 (3rd 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 8-9 or 15-16, 2016; Spring - March 11-12, 2017

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 - Grand Knight and Financial Secretary Training

Richard Kobylski, Leadership Academy

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The success of a council is dependent upon effective leadership. The Missouri State Council has a program in place to help members who would like to someday become an officer, and possibly serve as Grand Knight and/or Financial Secretary in the future.

Do you have members who are active, and have shown an interest in possibly serving as an officer at some point? But maybe they feel reluctant to do so, because they feel they are not ready for such a task. Or maybe due to some unforeseen circumstances a member has agreed to serve as Grand Knight or Financial Secretary before he was ready, and he has questions about what he needs to do. If so please contact our Training Chairman Richard Kobylski and a training session can be scheduled. These may take place on site, via an internet chat, or even via the telephone if he only has questions on a certain topic.

We are hoping to have regional Trainers spread throughout the state, so more onsite training can be provided when possible. If you are interested in being a regional trainer, please contact Chairman Kobylski and you can join our "Train the Trainer" program. Anyone who has served as a Grand Knight or Financial Secretary is encouraged to apply.

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