

## Did You Know?

One of the Order's greatest assets is its ability to respond to those in need. Knights proudly support:

- Charities of the Holy Father
- Culture of Life Programs
- Special Olympics
- VA Voluntary Services (VAVS)
- Catholic Education programs
- Religious vocations for military services
- Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA/Knights of Columbus — Annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage

In the wake of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, the Knights were among the first to respond by establishing the \$1 Million *Heroes Fund*. This fund gave immediate financial assistance to the families of those emergency personnel who lost their lives in the attacks.

## The Insurance Program

The Knights of Columbus offers a variety of insurance products to members and their families. Whole Life and Term Insurance (with no war clause) are available as well as long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuities at very competitive interest rates.

If our Whole Life and Term insurance programs are not exactly what you are looking for, we also offer a Discoverer Plan — a combination of Whole Life and Term insurance. You can always consult a local Knights of Columbus Field Agent for more details on all of our insurance products.

Father McGivney founded the Order to offer financial stability to the families of deceased members, and we proudly continue the vision of our founder as we provide for the needs of our members and their families.

## Statistics

- There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.\*
- More than \$8 billion of insurance issued annually
- \$105 billion total insurance in force
- Over 2 million certificates in force
- Over \$22 billion in assets
- Over 1.9 million members Orderwide
- \$175 million donated to local charities in 2015
- 73.5 million man-hours volunteered in 2015

For information on joining the Order or the many fraternal benefits and programs we offer, please contact:



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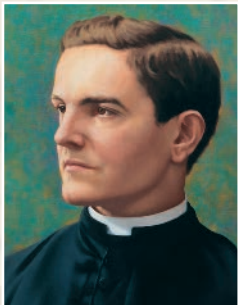


A Guide to the  
*Benefits of Membership*  
in the Knights of Columbus  
for  
*Military Service  
Personnel*



# Father McGivney's Dream

The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT in 1882. He understood that the first duty of a Catholic husband and father was to his family — to care for their needs while alive and, to the best of his ability, to provide for their care in the event of his death.



Central to Father McGivney's founding vision of the Knights of Columbus was providing for the financial security of Catholic families, particularly the widows and orphans of deceased members.

Today the Knights of Columbus exists around the world with over 1.9 million members and their families committed to the vision of this one priest and his founding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Much like the Knights of Columbus, military personnel have a strong sense of duty and honor and place the good of their homeland high on their list of priorities. We both share common values that are forged from similar experiences in life and want to make the world a better and safer place for future generations.

Now more than ever before, military personnel need to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and to join our organization. You owe it to yourself and your family to see what Father McGivney saw when he started the Knights of Columbus for the benefit of all Catholic families.



## Educational Aid

The Knights of Columbus offers various college scholarship and fellowship programs to members and their families. Each year the Supreme Council gives out nearly 600 scholarships totaling over \$1.3 million.

The Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund provides tuition-only scholarships to Catholic colleges up to \$25,000 per year for children of members in good standing who, while serving in the military forces of their country in a combat zone, specifically designated as such by the Board of Directors, are killed by hostile action or wounded by hostile action resulting within two years thereof in permanent and total disability, and for children of members in good standing who are full-time law enforcement officers or full-time firefighters who, while in the lawful performance of their duties, are killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence directed at them. Applications must be filed within two years of the member's death or (for servicemen) disability.

For complete information on these or any other scholarship programs, please contact the Scholarship Department, (203) 752-4332

## Member/Spouse Benefits

All members and their wives are eligible for the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit on the condition that membership and council status are in good standing. This accidental death benefit is provided free of charge to members and their spouses. The Order will pay up to \$2,500 upon the death of a member or his spouse occurring within 90 days as a result of injury sustained in a covered accident including the military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Several other Family Fraternal Benefits are also available to our members.

For more information please review the *Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit* flyer (#2773) and the *Fraternal Benefits* flyer (#2761).



## How Do I Join?

If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, you can inquire about membership at our website [WWW.KOFC.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC.ORG) or contact your local Knights of Columbus council.

Membership in the Order is open to Catholic males over the age of 18 who are in good standing within the Catholic Church.