

## Did You Know?

One asset of the Order's fraternal benefits program is its ability to reach out to the needs of the world. Knights proudly support:

- Charities of the Holy Father
- Culture of Life Programs
- Special Olympics
- Catholic Education Programs
- Numerous Youth Programs
- Religious Vocations

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 that 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 is available, as well as disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities at very competitive interest rates.

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

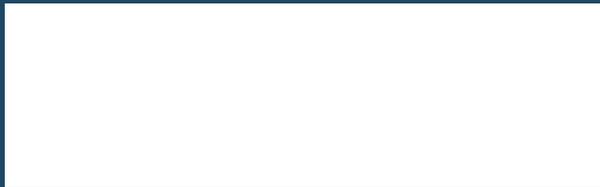
Father McGivney founded the Order to offer financial stability to the families of deceased members, and we proudly continue the vision of our founder as we provide for the financial needs of our members and their families.

## Statistics

- There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.\*
- More than \$8 billion of insurance issued annually
- Over \$105 billion total insurance in force
- Over 2 million certificates in force
- Over \$22 billion in assets
- Over 1.9 million members Orderwide
- Over \$1.5 billion donated to charity in the last decade
- Over 700 million volunteer hours in the last decade

\*As of 1/1/2017, rated A++ (Superior) for financial strength by A.M. Best.

**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 Public Safety 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 more than 1.9 million members and their families committed to the vision of this one priest and his founding principles of **Unity, Charity, Fraternity** and **Patriotism**.

Much like the Knights of Columbus, public safety personnel share a close knit fraternal bond forged by common experiences as well as similar values and interests.

Now more than ever, public safety personnel need to join the Knights of Columbus. You owe it to yourself and your family to see what Father McGivney saw over 130 years ago when he started the Knights of Columbus for the benefit all Catholic families.

## Educational Aid

The Knights of Columbus offers various college scholarship and fellowship programs to members and their families. Each year the Order gives out more than 600 scholarships totalling well 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.

Other scholarships and fellowships include: Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships; John W. McDevitt Scholarships; The Catholic University of America Graduate Fellowships and Bishop Charles P. Greco Fellowships.



*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.

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



## How Do I Join?

If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus you can inquire about membership at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) or contact your local Knights of Columbus council.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.