

## MORE ABOUT US

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Knights of Columbus Website**  
<http://www.kofc.org>

**Council #13956 Website**  
<http://www.stpeterchurch.net>

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Regular meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in O'Brien Hall.
- Other activities are listed on the web site link above under "Events Calendar".

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Pope John Paul II Council

#13956

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Make Your Family  
A Part of Ours....

**Come Join Us!!**

## WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

- Be part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others.
- The Knights of Columbus is the leading organization of Catholic laymen.
- Enjoy the feeling that comes with making a difference.
- Develop lasting friendships with other committed Catholic men.
- Support St. Peter Parish and our Clergy in tangible ways.
- Strengthen your own faith; while you protect and enhance your family life.
- Receive “Columbia” magazine each month.
- Life and Long Term Care Insurance, Annuities.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Practicing Catholic man.
- Minimum 18 years old.
- Annual Dues of \$25.
- Desire to get involved.

## HISTORY

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael McGivney in 1882 at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut. He and twelve parishioners saw a need for an organization to serve the Church, Parish Community and to help widows and orphans.

Council #13956 is a fairly new council chartered in 2006 and blessed to be named after our most awesome Holy Father, Pope Paul II. We are affiliated with St. Peter Parish in downtown Omaha.

## BASIC PRINCIPLES

1<sup>st</sup> - Charity – Share our time, talents, and treasures with the needy.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Unity – Work together to accomplish deeds that are not achievable individually.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Fraternity – Aid our members and their families.

4<sup>th</sup> - Patriotism – Honor and serve our country in the Church and in our Community.

## SERVICE

The Order continues to break all of its previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. Over the decade, the Knights have raised and donated more than \$1.2 billion to numerous charitable causes and volunteered nearly 574 million hours of service. In one year alone, the Knights donated more than \$139 million and more than 64 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### *Family Activities*

- Pancake Breakfasts
- Movie Knights
- Knights & Ladies Annual Dinner
- Advent Music Program
- Ice Cream Social

### *Youth Activities*

- Alter Servers Picnic
- Youth Retreat Breakfast
- Youth Group Mission Trip

### *Service Activities*

- Assistance to the Poor
- Restoration of McMahon Hall
- Support for our Religions Sisters (Seraphic Sisters of the Eucharist)

### *Parish Activities*

- Support for our Seminarians
- One Rose/One Life Campaign
- Pro Life Support
- Support for St. Peter Church

### *Community Activities*

- Corpus Christi Procession