

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and support of the priesthood. The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. It was on these bedrock principles that the Order was founded over a century ago and remains true to them today.

Who can become a Knight?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men, 18 years of age or older. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Catholic Church.

What is a Council?

A council is the local Knights of Columbus chapter; our Council is St. Louis the King #11898.

The Council efforts focus in six major areas: Church, Family, Youth, Community, Council, and Pro-Life.

Below is a sample of the many activities our Council conducts under each of the six areas:

Church

We actively support St. Louis Church as members of the Parish Council, Religious Education, Teachers, Ushers, Lectors and Minister of the Eucharist. Other activities

include: Participation in weekly Eucharistic Adoration, assisting in the St. Louis School Supply Drive for our sister parishes in Western Maryland, an annual men's retreat, and raising funds to help seminarians study to become Priests. We also provide Church parking assistance for the Easter and Christmas Masses at St. Louis Church.

Family

Family activities include: an Ice Cream Social each Spring, a summer Family Picnic, a Family Christmas Party, and numerous social outings involving the family.

Youth

Youth activities include: A Soccer Shootout, a Basketball Free-throw Contest, a Baseball Pitch/Hit/Run Contest, a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and a Youth Fishing Outing.

Community

Community Activities include: assisting with the annual Leukemia Walk, Hospice Support, serving at food shelters in downtown Baltimore, participating in the MD Adopt-A-Highway cleanup program, organizing Red Cross blood drives, and donating time and financial support to local charitable organizations.

Council

Council activities include: monthly golf outings, the KofC Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the mentally challenged, a weekly Bible Study course and a monthly social meeting, typically including an educational and informative speaker. In addition, we hold two primary fundraisers each year which include a 10k run and a community mulch sale.

Pro-Life

One Pro-Life activity per quarter. Also, assistance and support to the Howard County Pregnancy Center.

What is required to become a member?

Each member must be a practicing Catholic, capable of receiving the Sacraments of the Church. An initiation fee of \$10 and annual dues of \$42. are required. There is 1 business meeting per month, designed to keep all members informed about current council activities and plan new ones.

A Knight proceeds thru several steps (degrees), that allow him to understand better how we, as Knights of Columbus, are involved in our community, support our faith and conduct ourselves.

We encourage each member to be as active as he wants to be, which may include: helping at a function or event, serving on a committee, organizing an event or running for office. **Active participation depends on your own interests and available time.**

How do I become a member?

Contact one of the members listed in this pamphlet. They will help you through the process and the first degree. You will need to complete an application (Form 100), submit the \$10 initiation fee and \$42. for the yearly dues.

Knights Of Columbus

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL



Saint Louis the King
Council #11898
Clarksville, MD

Our Meetings:

Our Council meets every month on the second Monday at the Manor House located on the Franciscan Friary grounds at 12290 Folly Quarter Road.

The meetings begin at 6:30 pm with Mass, followed by dinner (voluntary donation), and approximately a one-hour business meeting starting at 7:45pm.

The second meeting, held the fourth Tuesday of each month, begins at 7:30 pm and is held at St. Louis Pastoral Center. This meeting is open to non-members (wives, family and friends), with a specific topic or planned function. They last about an hour and are followed by refreshments.

Why should you join the Knights?

Reasons for joining the Knights of Columbus are many, here are just a few:

- Strengthen your ties to the Catholic Faith
- Support Saint Louis Church
- Become more active in the community
- Help others less fortunate
- Get to know others of the faith community
- Become an advocate for family values
- K of C Membership benefits such as insurance, investments and scholarships

By joining the Knights you are able to become actively involved through the giving of your time and talents in helping others. In return you receive the gifts of new friendships and positive feeling of accomplishment.

As a Knight, you and your family can share in the tremendous works of the Order without feeling the need to identify projects and organize them yourself. We are a Catholic Fraternal Organization dedicated to doing these things as a group.



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Want to:

Strengthen your faith?

Support Saint Louis Church?

Help Others less fortunate?

Become more active in the community?