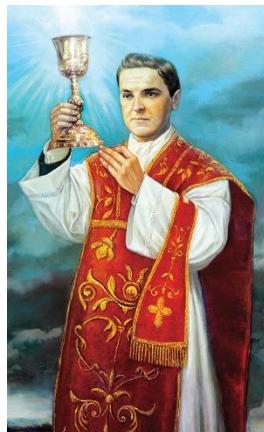


## PRINCIPLES

**CHARITY:** There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.



Venerable Father  
Michael J. McGivney  
1852-1890  
Our Founder

**UNITY:** None of us is as good as all of us. We know that together, we can accomplish far more than any of us could do alone. We support and encourage one another.

Unity gives us strength to remain steadfast in our Faith, keeping our religiously grounded moral values in a culture that often forsakes them.

**FRATERNITY:** Christian fellowship that joins us together to celebrate life and help one another in times of distress, sickness and need.

The Order's top-rated insurance program has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs.

**PATRIOTISM:** Give witness to the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism.

The **Knights of Columbus** is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. The local council affiliated with St. Edmond Catholic Church is **Star of the Sea Council 7297**. The Council was chartered on March 27, 1979, with 26 members. Today, it numbers almost 200 members.

Any man, 18 years or older, who is a **practical Catholic** (accepting the teaching of the Church, aspiring to live accordingly, and in good standing with the Church), is welcome to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Men become Knights in a **short public induction ceremony** that presents a full and rich understanding of who we are, what we stand for and what we are called to do. Men are encouraged to have their families and friends in attendance so they see firsthand, the organization that their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends are joining, and the principles and values they are committing to, and why it matters.

## MEETINGS

Business Meetings and Social Meetings are held in the St. Edmond Parish Religious Education and Social Building (on King Charles, between the Church and the Parish Office).

Business: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Family Social: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 PM (September through May)

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®



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The Knights of Columbus was founded by **Father Michael J. McGivney**, a Priest at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and incorporated on March 29, 1882. In those troubled times, he had a **vision** that Catholic men of faith could unite to:

- Strengthen themselves and each other in Faith
- Strengthen families and family life
- Support their priests and bishops
- Create a simple insurance plan so the surviving family did not face poverty
- Serve the Church and the community by providing aid to those in need.

We are called

- **Knights** to highlight the chivalrous ideals of charity and support for the Church, community and life.
- **Columbus** as a reminder that Catholics have been at the core of America.

Our core principles are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We give meaning to those principles through a framework of fellowship and good works.

## FAITH IN ACTION

The framework of our activities is called **Faith In Action**. It looks toward an active Council to conduct programs that draw men closer to their faith, families and communities, and defend life in all stages and in all conditions.

**FAITH:** Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. Programs are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church. Programs strive to arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face daily.

**FAMILY:** We make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and each other.

**COMMUNITY:** Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. Individuals can do great things on their own, but there is something bigger than self when Knights come together as one through their Council to accomplish great things – positively shaping our community.

**LIFE:** As Knights and as followers of Christ, "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition." (St. John Paul II, 1995).

We share our faith, celebrate fraternity with our families, and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to community and in defense of life at all stages and in every condition.

## SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES

- Donated 150 new coats to the High School Homeless program: **Coats for Kids**.
- Tootsie Roll Drive benefited **Special Olympics** and local charities helping people with intellectual disabilities.
- Collected food for local food banks during Lent: **40 Cans for Lent**.
- Gave a **Sacramental Gift** to every youth attending Religious Education.
- Co-sponsored the **Block House Pond Run**: a field day for local school students with special needs.
- Provided financial support to three **seminarians**.
- Sold roses on Mothers' Day to benefit **Birthright of Delaware**.
- Led **pilgrimage** to Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and funded a bus for the **March for Life**.
- **Donated** funds to groups including: St. Edmond, Little Sisters, Warrior Weekend, Casa San Francisco, and others.
- Held two retreats to provide for **Spiritual Reflection**.
- Held activities to **Keep Christ in Christmas**.
- Hosted breakfast and dinner **fundraisers**.