

"Surge With Service"!

Knights of Columbus councils are asked to concentrate their service projects in five areas: Church, Community, Family, Youth, and Council. The following are some of the special projects of our council:

Church: Annual Council Retreat ; Parochial Services - Sponsorships and Assistance to our parishes; Evangelization, Clergy Recognition and Seminarian Support.

Community: Blood Drives, Pro-Life, Used Eye-Glass Collections, Aid for Honduras, EECM and Exceptional Children projects.

Youth: Annual Free Throw and Essay Contests; Altar Servers Awards, School Libraries, Gently-Used Books, etc.

Family : Promotion of Family and Couple outings: parties and dinners, golf, dances, sports, etc.; Memorial Mass, Family of the Month & Year awards,

Council /Fraternal: Monthly newsletter, Intra-Councils socials, Recognition / Knight of the Month, E-Mail Hotline, Fraternal Survey.

Optimizing
Your Volunteering Efficiency

Who Can Join?

There are just two easy eligibility requirements for becoming a Knight:

- *Be a Man 18 years of age or older
- *Be a practical Catholic in communion with the Holy See

We Are Asking You To Join!

The reason most given for not being a Knight is... "no one ever asked me to join"! In today's busy world, it is difficult to personally contact every man in our parishes. Please consider "we are asking you to join" and take the next step. Contact your parish recruiter!

Parish Contacts

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St. Raphael Parish &
Immaculate Conception - St Joseph

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Be a Knight Today!

Pittsburgh / East End
Council # 3530
Knights of Columbus

Serving

St. Bede Parish
St Raphael Parish
Sacred Heart Parish

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Immaculate Conception - St Joseph

&

St. Rosalia Parishes



Your Parish
Knights of Columbus

Who we areand What we do

The Knights of Columbus
is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal
Service Organization.

<http://www.3530.kofc.us/>

What is the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic Men, 18 years of age and older. It was founded in 1882, and today is an international society of more than 1.6 million men in nearly 12,000 council units. Members of the Order are found in the USA, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

The State of Pennsylvania contains over 65,000 Knights corresponding to some 455 councils.

The Knights of Columbus is founded on the four ideals of Columbianism: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Internationally, the Organization generates over \$130 million and 60 million volunteer hours for charitable causes each year.

Local councils are every connected to their corresponding Catholic Parishes and the surrounding community.

Personal commitment and direct involvement by the Knights of Columbus are the aims and purposes of the "Surge with Service" program which concentrates on five basic areas of involvement: Church, Community, Family, Youth, and Fraternity!

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

Dues are currently - \$25.00 a year - which covers all Initiation Fees, National, State, and Local Dues, plus a subscription to the Columbia magazine and our council's monthly newsletter.

Council's principal fund raiser is Selling the Pittsburgh "Entertainment Book" each fall.

The Church and the Knights

Thousands of Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Deacons are members of the Knights of Columbus. The following are a few comments of several of the Church Hierarchy concerning the Knights of Columbus.

Pope John Paul II (The Vatican - 7/25/03): "The spiritual legacy of your founder, Father Michael McGivney, has borne abundant fruit in an impressive network of social services, forms of charitable assistance, programs of educational and religious formation, and generous contributions to the apostolic of the Church, both local and universal".

Cardinal Edward M Egan of Conn.: "How fortunate we are to have the Knights of Columbus. Your generosity to the Holy Father and Church universal knows no limits. Thank you for what you do in our parishes and parish schools, and the way in which you teach the Catholic faithful to love the Lord, his Mother, and the Eucharist. There is no limit to the good you do."

Bishop Thomas G. Doran of Illinois: "I'm praising the Knights because they are an organization that Catholic men and families need like they have never needed such an organization before. Membership in the Knights brings out the best in all of us, young and old alike."

Father Joseph V Kurutz, Pastor, Pittsburgh, PA:

"I am proud to be a Knight of Columbus, myself, as are my fellow pastors here in the Pittsburgh / East End. I hope you will take the time to look over this special brochure, and then contact the Knights about joining."

Bishop's Project for Exceptional Children

The "Bishop's Project" unites all KofC members in SW - PA! Over the past 45 years, the Knights of Columbus have raised more than \$4.0 million dollars for the Bishop's Project which helps the Exceptional Children of the St. Anthony School Program and McGuire Home.

Over the past three fiscal years, our council has won 14 Awards for Excellence in raising funds for this cause.

Our main sources of fund-raising were the Fathers' Day Collection at all our parishes, when we ask our members and their family to collect outside the churches. (This is a task that is Easy to Do, and Very Rewarding!)

Gently-Used Children's Books

For Pre-Schoolers & K-8th Poor Children

Originated in our council four years ago, this award winning program has been expanded throughout the State and into other states. It consists of collecting books at churches, checking them, and distributing them to Food Pantries, Child Care Centers, and Poor Elem. Schools. We stress "Reading to Pre-Schoolers."

EECM - Advent Food Drive

Originated in 2001, this project consists of members pledging some amount (\$1.00, \$2.00, \$0.50, Etc) for the 28 days of Advent. The funds are used to purchase non-perishable foods at large discounts and donating them to the EECM (East End Community Ministry) Food Pantry and Kitchens. To date, 9,700 lbs of foods with a value of \$18,000 have been donated!