

# Open House

**Welcome & Introductions - Grand Knight 5 minutes**

**Show Experience of a Life Time Video 15 minutes**

## Areas to cover:

- ❖ We are a group ready to support the pastor and parish in general. When the pastor has a need, he only needs to make one phone call to the Grand Knight. He does not need to make many phone calls and try to find help.
- ❖ Give an example of a council activity such as: Bob Smith example – lady that husband left and she has an autistic child and a quadriplegic child – house ½ renovated; open roof into house. Knights got involved and repaired house. Received donations to add a wheel chair lift.
- ❖ All of us are busy; though there are needs we all would like to see accomplished
- ❖ A knight from Utah now living in Denver was helped by some local councils and the State Council when his son had a tragic accident and needed prosthetics. Helped him with a place to stay, assisted financially, and provided moral support as well. We need to be there for each other.
- ❖ One Rose One Life program money to the Bishop for Pro-Life.
- ❖ Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life; donations to Bishop; local parish presentations.

- ❖ Diocesan Science Fair; Youth Free Throw; Youth Soccer; Boy scout support. MS Walk for Life.
- ❖ Stress family activities and that we are a family organization.

### **Rich Laniewski - Field Agent Comments:**

- ❖ Knights have an insurance program – voluntary. Profits run the order and are donated to critical programs. Other insurance company profits go to shareholders.

### **Responsibility:**

- ❖ Knights offer continuity of leadership; roles help keep the administrative work to a minimum. Program called Surge for Service(Show example of the book).
- ❖ Jobs and roles are documented Show books – GK, Chaplain.
- ❖ Share the small amount of administrative work so we can focus on the important volunteer work of our order.
- ❖ Review the Organization from Carl Anderson down to show we are in this for long term.
- ❖ Four degrees in our order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism.

### **Q & A Session**

#### **Closing – Grand Knight**

- ❖ Discuss the men completing a Knight's application
- ❖ Give out a flyer the date and time of the First Degree
- ❖ Closing prayer

## Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of our Knights of Columbus family. We acknowledge that our image and name as family - come from you. We believe that within our family lies a homemade holiness. We affirm that it is in this household of faith that we experience your presence, your forgiveness, and your love.

We are family. We give thanks to you for the many joys and blessings that have come to us through our family. We pray for the strength to be a light within our family. May we open our hearts, our eyes, and ears and carry our light to those in need.

God, creator of the earth and all its people, help us to be mindful that as members of one global family, we are equal in your eyes. Help us to continue to appreciate the diversity of persons in our order and in our world. As members equal in human dignity, may we build a better world and proclaim our willingness to be the holy people you call us to be. Amen.

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O Dearly beloved God, teach me to be generous, to serve as you deserve, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fretting at my wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to spend myself without looking for any reward - other than that of knowing that I do your holy will. Amen.

Mary Queen of the Knights – pray for us.

Fr. McGivney – pray for us.

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**Requirements:**

- ❖ Pamphlets on the table.
- ❖ Need a VCR or DVD player, TV, and speakers.
- ❖ Spanish and English videos are available.
- ❖ Put the form 100's on the table before the candidates show up.
- ❖ Need some council members at the tables spread out to chat and answer questions.
- ❖ Positive attitudes all around.
- ❖ No alcohol – light snacks and water/soft drinks are great.