

Pulpit announcement for parishes where Knights exist

**Good morning, I am _____ , a member of
_____ (council name) #_____ (council #)**

here at _____.(parish name)

Do you know much about the Knights of Columbus?

Where do the Knights of Columbus come from?

What do they stand for? And what are they all about?

The Knights stand for a world of good things. K of C programs and projects make a difference in every community and country where Knights are located. And there is a place for you and your family to participate with us in the array of programs and activities.

The Knights of Columbus began in 1882, when Father Michael J McGivney and a small group of pioneering Catholics founded a society designed to provide much needed security for widows and orphans of Catholic parishioners. The original idea grew quickly, becoming an Order of Catholic men and their families, dedicated to promoting the concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Today, there are more than 1.75 million members in over 13,000 local councils.

Over the years, the Knights of Columbus has become a diverse organization. Its members belong to many races. They speak many languages. But, like any large family, their common bond provides strength, and their diversity is an asset in searching for ways to make every day better. They work hard to make that happen.

Families are paramount in the Knights of Columbus. All Knights of Columbus programs provide the opportunity for families to work together, involving everyone in Church activities and in their communities. Knights are involved in the Church, both spiritually and for its welfare, assuring that the Catholic Church remains strong and vibrant. We are “in solidarity with the Holy Father, our Bishops and Priests”. That is one of the primary missions of the Knights of Columbus. Knights and their families believe in getting involved in their communities. Knights help out at soup kitchens and at the homeless shelters. They conduct activities for residents at senior centers. They conduct blood drives, fight to protect the right to life of all individuals and volunteer their time and make charitable contributions to assist persons with intellectual disabilities.

The challenge to become involved has never been greater. The search for solutions has never been more necessary. What is missing now is YOU and your family.

If you are a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years of age, the Knights of Columbus may be just what you've been looking for. You can be 18 or 80, 25 or 95.

Recently, we had a 93 year old gentleman join. When asked why he joined, he said that he had heard that all deceased knights and their spouses were remembered at daily mass at St. Mary's church in New Haven Ct. and at his age he wanted someone to pray for him when he died. There are many reasons to join our organization. You can become as involved as you wish. Just remember that the Knights offer an opportunity for fellowship with people who share the same beliefs, and who recognize the same duty to God, to family, and to neighbors down the block and our friends across the sea.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus family, talk to the

**members of our council who are here in Church today, or Father
_____, our pastor/chaplain, and any of them will be happy
to**

**share information about the Knights of Columbus and some of their
own personal experiences as a member of the Knights of Columbus.**

**We ask you to accept the invitation to join the Knights of Columbus
and**

**learn more about what we do, as we try to build a better world, one
member, one family and one council at a time.**

Thank you

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