



Welcome to the
St. Gregory Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



An organization like no other.

There are over 16,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina spread across the State in 132 Councils at home and overseas. We are men of faith and guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other and in ourselves.

Order wide the Knights of Columbus is an organization of dedicated individuals - 2 million members strong and growing that since 1882 has embodied the selflessness of man as it has helped overcome the problems of the world. Poverty. Ignorance. Apathy. Things which imperil not only a single individual, but the whole of humanity.

We are the Knights of Columbus. Believing that a man is defined by his actions as a follower of God, and as a leader in his community. Believing that a man is more than simply a man, when he bears the title of “Knight.”

An immovable foundation.

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney invited a small group of parishioners to gather in the basement of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut. His goal was simple—to establish an Order that would unite men in their faith as well as help provide for Catholic families in times of need. It was in that humblest of beginnings that the Knights of Columbus was founded.



Guided by four core principles—**charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**, these founding members strove to overcome the hardships of the time. Poverty. Unemployment. Even persecution. Father Michael J. McGivney’s perseverance and foresight have resulted in the largest Catholic fraternal and humanitarian organization ever created. An organization that has endured for over a century because of the inspirational courage of so many.

Faith Community Family Youth Fellowship

The North Carolina Knights of Columbus is an organization fortified by its past, and driven by its goals for the future. It's through these five areas of service — faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship — that we truly make a difference.

Faith As Knights, our faith is our foundation. Dedicated to the Catholic Church's growth and her good works, we support religious outreach, promote vocations, and provide financial support for seminarians and postulates. This way, we help support our Church and strengthen our personal faith.

Community As committed as we are to the Catholic Church, so are we to our communities. By actively and financially supporting Special Olympics, by leading the charge in pro-life, or by safeguarding the environment, Knights of Columbus members all over the world have helped countless communities prosper.

Family As fathers and husbands, serving our families is not only part of what we do, it's part of who we are. To that end, Knights of Columbus councils offer programs that strengthen family and marital bonds by holding numerous family focused events, including the "Family of the Month" program that honors outstanding families. Most importantly, as Knights, we are able to provide assistance and support to Knights and their families whenever needed.

Youth The importance of helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order. Additionally, through activities such as the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest, the Substance Abuse Poster contest, and the annual Free Throw Contest a strong sense of civic and religious responsibility.

Fellowship To be a Knight means to believe in each other as we believe in ourselves; realizing that by creating strong, social, and supportive local councils, we help create a stronger Order worldwide and ensure an even stronger future.

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Charity is the first principle of the Order. Knights are followers of Christ and men of faith. As St. James reminds us, “faith without works is dead.” Therefore, as Knights we are committed to charity, easing the plight of those less fortunate.



Unity is the second principle of the Knights of Columbus. In unity there is strength. Existing in an environment that was openly hostile to Catholics, the founders of the Order relied on claiming their rightful place in society. Today the Order uses that strength to speak out for religiously-grounded moral values in a culture that has forsaken them.



Fraternity is the third principle of Order. In 19th century America, life insurance was beyond the financial reach of many poor Catholics and social services did not exist. Through the Knights of Columbus men were able to band together as brothers to help one.



Patriotism is the principle of the Fourth Degree. One of the reasons the Order was founded was to emphasize that Catholics are proud citizens of their countries. Today Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia, the visible arm of the Order, serve to witness to the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism.

Dedicated to making a difference
and building a future.

Knight Activities

We, the Knights of Columbus family of North Carolina formed out of the inspiration and love of Fr. Michael McGivney, are welcoming, Eucharistic centered and culturally diverse Order of Catholic gentlemen. Together with the involvement of our families, we strive to exemplify our Order's principals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As stewards of our Order's legacy, we endeavor to answer his call in solidarity with the priesthood, respecting life, defending faith and family and serving our follow man.

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and men of action.

Last year alone, in addition to raising and donating more than \$154 million to charitable needs and projects, Knights volunteered more than 70 million hours of their time to charitable causes. We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "practice of love...as a community."

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with [Special Olympics](#), the [Global Wheelchair Mission](#) and [Habitat for Humanity](#) to our own [Food for Families](#) and [Coats for Kids](#) projects and other purely local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of 1.8 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to [join us](#).

The Knights' annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2010, indicated that, despite a soft economy, total charitable contributions reached \$154,651,852 – exceeding the previous year's total by more than \$3 million.

The figure includes \$29,083,191 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$125,568,661 in contributions from state and local councils, assemblies and Squires circles.

Sixty percent of the contributions were for projects at the community level, many involving youth activities. Large donations during the period included \$1 million distribution for a Food for Families program and \$1 million for an effort in cooperation with Project Medishare to [give prosthetics to Haitian children](#) who lost limbs during the January 2010 earthquake.

The survey also indicated that the quantity of volunteer service hours to charitable causes by Knights grew to 70,049,433 – an increase of 797,507 hours compared to 2009. There were more than 428,000 Knights of Columbus blood donations during the year.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated \$1.406 billion to charity, and provided more than 653 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

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Who are We and What do We DO?

Knights of Columbus, the world's largest lay Catholic family service organization. As their forebears did more than a century ago, today's Knights and their families stand shoulder to shoulder in support of one another. Through their charity and the examples of their lives, they stand in service to all as witnesses to the Good News of the Gospel.



What the Order Stands for Today—

By their deeds shall you know them. The Knights of Columbus is very much a grassroots organization. The international body does not dictate the charitable programs and activities of local councils. Rather, local councils develop their programs they believe will best serve the needs of their communities. Those needs are met under the umbrella of the “Surge With Service” program. It has five core areas: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. Within this framework, state and local councils decide how best to direct their efforts. Funds raised by the state and local councils remain with them for distribution in the ways the members feel best.



Lamb—Since the LAMB Foundation of NC's inception, we've raised more than \$20 million. Our donations in the state of North Carolina annually have totaled more than \$900,000 for the past several years. This money is collected primarily by volunteers who are Knights of Columbus members, their families, friends and, in some cases, teachers and students from LAMB Foundation-sponsored special-education classes. The Foundation is totally volunteer, with 93% of all of the funds raised going directly to assisting those with intellectual disabilities.



Ultra Sound— Did you know that ninety (90) percent of mothers who see their unborn children with use of an ultra-sound choose Life! That makes the ultra-sound machine one of the most effective tools in our fight for life. And you, and all those who help place these machines throughout North Carolina, will have a part in every life that these machines save. Please familiarize yourself with this program and contact your State Ultra-Sound Chairman when starting the Ultrasound Initiative process.



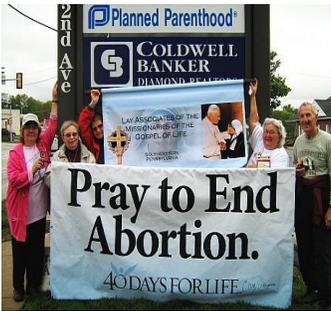
Marian Hour—The Knights of Columbus has sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer programs since 1979. As part of this program the Order distributes pilgrim icons depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary under her various titles. The icon travels on a year-long journey from council to council in each of the Order's jurisdictions throughout the world.

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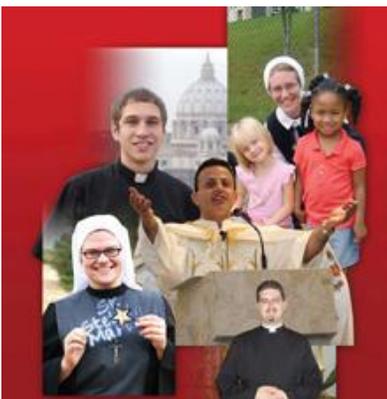
40 days for life— There have now been ten coordinated 40 Days for Life campaigns since 2007. These efforts have mobilized people of faith and conscience across all 50 of the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Argentina, Armenia, Belize, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Poland, Puerto Rico and Spain.



Disaster relief—Local councils should monitor their Knights when a disaster occurs. Councils should forward any request for help or relief to their respective District Deputy. The District Deputy should then forward the request to the Disaster Relief Chairman who will attempt to help coordinate a local response. We should always attempt to help our own and provide local assistance if possible. In the event that the appropriate response requires financial resources, the Disaster Relief Chairman will forward the request to the state leadership for consideration.



Project Moses— Project Moses was inspired in the summer of 2000, when a Ten Commandments monument was removed from the Wyandotte County Courthouse lawn in Kansas City after the American Civil Liberties Union threatened to sue over what it claimed was a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Project Moses wants to establish 7000 Ten Commandment monuments at churches, synagogues, religious schools and private properties to fund the completion of a \$10 million memorial, similar in scope to the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, to the Decalogue in Washington, D.C.



RSVP—Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.



Veterans Affairs issues.. The state of North Carolina provides several veteran benefits. Here is a listing of some of those benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- Education Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefit



Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. We build with people in need regardless of race or religion. We welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds.



Coats for Kids Program With many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus councils to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats Program. For the 2011/12 winter season to date, 698 Knights of Columbus councils purchased and distributed 26,028 coats.



Marches for Life— On January 22, 1974, the first March for Life washed on the West Steps of the Capitol. An estimated 20,000 committed prolife Americans rallied that day on behalf of our preborn brothers and sisters. The North Carolina Knights of Columbus both support and participate in the annual marches for life held in Charlotte, NC, Raleigh, NC, Jacksonville, NC and Washington, DC.

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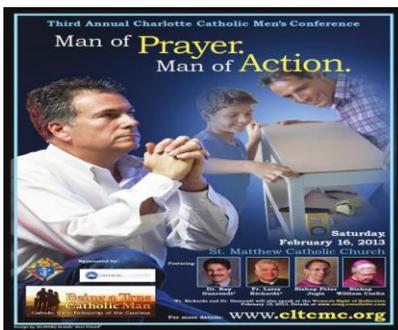
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The mission of **Special Olympics** is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



To organize an annual **Carolinas' Catholic Men's Conference** that focuses on the sacraments and features national Catholic speakers who pointedly challenge each participant to grow their Catholic Faith, Deepen their relationship with Christ, and live up to their callings as Catholic men, husbands, & fathers and to provide communications and forums throughout the year to reinforce the conference messages and aid men in continuing their spiritual journey.



Running of the Rose - Our Lady of Guadalupe had done so much for her people in Mexico that the Columbian Squires, the youth group associated with the Knights of Columbus wanted to give something back to her. Today four roses are run along different North American routes from Canada to México through 38 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces before meeting in Laredo, Texas, for transfer into Mexico crossing the International Bridge. In 2013, there will be four roses traveling simultaneously. (Efforts to establish a fifth route are underway and may become reality in time for the 2013 program.)

Youth Programs— Annually the Knights of Columbus hold state wide Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, and Essay and Poster contest. There are also Boy Scouts and Squires Circles.

State Council Activities include a State Golf Tournament, Basketball Tournament, Bocci Tournament and a 5 K Race.

New members are charge a \$20 initiation fee to cover the cost of the materials they receive during the Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. And there is fee of \$30 for annual dues. Once you have completed the Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and paid your initiation fee you will receive you membership card and badge.

State Organizational Chart

State Officers

State Deputy - State Chaplain
State Secretary - State Treasurer - State Advocate - State Warden -
Immediate Past State Deputy

State Program Directors

Church - Community - Communications - Council - Family - Membership - Youth - LAMB -
Culture of Life

State Program Chairman

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Athletics Chairman
Boy Scouts Liaison
Ceremonials Chairman
Christmas Card Chairman
Coats for Kids Chairman
College Council Chairman
Credentials Chairman
Council Relations East Chairman
Council Relations West Chairman
Disaster Relief Chairman
Essay & Poster Contest Chairman
Family Events Chairman
Fathers for Good Chairman
Food for Families Chairman
Free-throw Competition Chairman
Fund Raiser Chairman
Habitat for Humanity Chairman
Insurance Chairman
Marian Hour Chairman
Membership Analysis Chairman
Men's Conference Chairman
McGivney Guild Chairman
Media / AV Chairman
Meeting Coordination Chairman
Meetings Site Selection Chairman
Military Chaplain Scholarship
Chairman
Music Chairman
Photography Chairman

Project Moses Chairman
Protocol Chairman
Public Relations Chairman
Recruitment Chairman
Religious Education Chairman
Religious Recognition Chairman
Retention Chairman
Round Table Chairman
RSVP Chairman
Soccer Challenge Chairman
Social Justice Chairman
Social Media Chairman
Special Olympics Chairman
Squires Chairman
Squires Circle Development
Chairman
Squires Country Store Chairman
State Oversight Chairman
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Traveling Gavel Chairman
Ultra Sound Chairman
Raleigh Area Chairman
Charlotte Area Chairman
Mountain Area Chairman
Coastal Area Chairman
Veterans' Affairs Chairman
Website Chairman

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SECURITY FOR KNIGHTS BY KNIGHTS.**

From the very beginning, a central focus of Father McGivney was the financial security of Knights and their families. Exclusively for members and their families, Knights of Columbus Insurance ranks in the top five percent of the approximately 2,000 insurance companies throughout North America. In addition to exceptional financial protection, you'll also get personal service from a trained insurance representative who's a Knight just like you. To find your local Field Agent go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/faa.html>.

IN SERVICE TO **One** IN SERVICE TO ALL.

When we reflect on our history, it's inspiring to see how Father McGivney's dedication has given rise to an organization that has touched so many. Decades later, Councils number in the thousands and our members in the millions.

In total, the Knights of Columbus has raised over a billion dollars for charitable causes. And our hopes and dreams for tomorrow are greater, because the need is, too.

Today, we're looking for the next generation of Knights. Men of character and conviction who are driven by both faith and conscience to do truly meaningful works. And the tangible rewards for members are numerous, from scholarships for our sons and daughters, to being able to participate in one of the leading insurance programs in the country.

But of the countless rewards Knighthood offers, perhaps the most inviting is this: The knowledge that, as a Knight, you can make a difference. Through fearless service. Through heartfelt perseverance. And, above all, through unfaltering fellowship.

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In Service to One, In Service to All



Council 6700 received their charter from the Supreme Council on June 1, 1975. The council has met at St. Michael's since its inception, at first at the school and presently at the Parish Center. During the council's first year of LAMB they collected \$2,968.00. The best year was 1991 when \$21,728.00 was collected. The total council collections through 2019 is well over \$470,000.00.

The council's first major council activity was the restoration of St. Joseph's Church in Mt. Holly. St. Joseph is the oldest Catholic Church in the state and had not been occupied for many years. Members refurbished gravesites and other Church related properties. After the work was completed the Bishop held a Mass at the church. Since then Council 11076 has been keeping the Church in repair.

On June 1, 2013 the council celebrates its 42d anniversary.

The St. Gregory Council is located at St Michael's Church, at 708 St. Michael Lane in Gastonia, N.C. The Grand Knight for 2020/21 is SK Greg Edel. You can contact the Knights by using the [contact form](#) located on our web site www.kofc6700.com, or call Tom Riley 704-466-2260.

Business meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center at St. Michael's Catholic Church located at 708 St. Michaels Lane, Gastonia, NC and our monthly socials are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month following the 5 PM Mass in the same place as the business meeting

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