

Knights Corner

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St. Charles Council #2084

The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, by Blessed Father Michael McGivney were designed to be examples of Christian virtue. By being examples of Christian Charity, Unity, and Fraternity the Knights of Columbus aspire to live a life whose faith and morals live in accordance with the Holy Catholic Church. Over the next two weeks I would like to give you, our brothers in Christ Jesus, a brief insight into these principles that form the base of the Knights of Columbus.

Charity:

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor... you shall not harden your heart... but you shall open your hand to him.” – Deuteronomy 15: 7-8

Blessed Michael McGivney knew this verse well when he faced a hostile society that considered Catholics and many immigrants to be outsiders and unworthy of full citizenship. Many were tempted to give up their faith and the Sacraments to fit into the society of the age. And, when the primary wage earner (usually the man of the house) would fall ill or perish, the family left behind would be destitute. It was in this environment that Fr. McGivney saw a seed that could be planted on good ground. Fr. McGivney envisioned an organization of local councils whose members sought to strengthen their faith, in serving their communities and providing to the widow and orphaned through an insurance program.

But the program did not stop there. With over 2.2 million Catholic men worldwide across 17 different countries the Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. On the local level you may have seen our members serving at the Lenten Fish Fry's, food drives, coats for kids, the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, Angel Tree program, various dinners, Danish Festival aebleskiver booth, the MiDrive (commonly known as the Tootsie Roll drive) for Special Olympics, and even serving in various roles at the Holy Mass. But this is just an overview of everything the council does for the community. We are here to serve the needs of the parish and lend aid when able to do so.

If there is anything that I would like for you to know today that expresses the virtue of Charity in which the Knights of Columbus aspire to it is the following statement, “It is the

value of charity that moves our hearts to comfort and console, advise and instruct, bear and forgive. In God and with God, we love even those we do not know. This is the charity that evangelizes. This is the charity that gladdens the heart” (excerpt taken from the lesson on Charity). You know, recently I have had a few discussions and many wise individuals have expressed the following thoughts to me on service and charity. Simply put, “if you want to have a better mood and get out of your own head, do something (anything) for someone else out of love. You will never regret giving your time, talent, and treasure to those in need” (sourced from our brothers, 2026). So before I leave you today, and if you are one of those that want to take a more active role in the community please consider joining us on Sunday August 9th after Mass at St. Charles for our Exemplification ceremony to bring more brothers into the council. Or, you can join us on our website at www.kofc.org/joinus and find the join us link. Referencing Council #2084.

We await receiving more brothers and are ready to serve.

Vivat Jesus,

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