



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month starting with Mass at 6 p.m. in the church followed by our dinner and meeting in Fr. Denis Hall.

The Officers meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Library. All members are welcome.



### 4TH DEGREE

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The Santa Maria Assembly #3185 meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. When they meet at OLM, it's in Fr. Denis Hall. All 4th Degree Knights are welcome.

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For more information,  
visit the Council's website,  
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## Being "Christ Bearers" in the New World

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## HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Oct. 2, 1881, a group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families, and their Faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882.

The Order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents, and other world leaders for support of the Church, programs of evangelization, and Catholic education, civic involvement, and aid to those in need.

Father McGivney's founding vision for the Order also included a life insurance program to provide for the widows and orphans of deceased members. The Order's insurance program has expanded substantially to serve more effectively the Knights' membership.

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Year after year, the Knights of Columbus have earned the highest possible quality ratings for financial soundness from outside ratings agencies. The Order provides the highest quality insurance, annuity, and long-term care products to its members, along with many other fraternal benefits.

The Supreme Council is the governing body of the Knights of Columbus and is responsible for the development of the organization as a whole. However, members working in local, or subordinate councils, carry on the majority of the Knights' beneficial work.



## WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

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