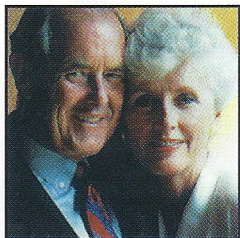
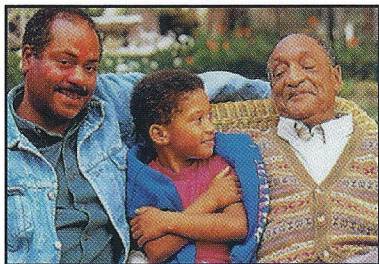


Make your family



a part of ours



The Knights of Columbus is more than just friends . . . it's Family

Do you know much about the Knights of Columbus?

You've probably seen the local K of C council building, where Knights and their families meet. But 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 they're found.

And when you become part of the Knights of Columbus, YOU really count. If you're a Catholic man age 18 or more, you owe it to yourself and your family to find out more about the Knights.

There's a place for YOUR family in ours.

The Knights of Columbus began in 1882, when Father Michael McGivney and a small group of pioneering Catholics founded a society designed to provide much-needed security for widows and orphans of Catholic parishioners.

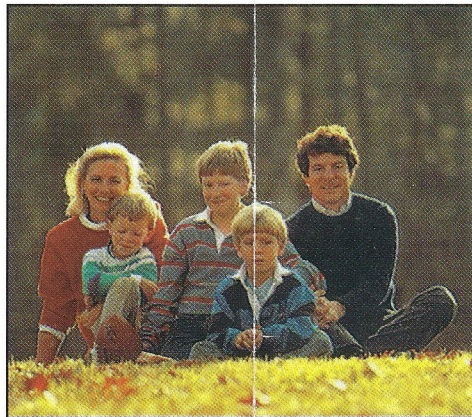
Father McGivney's original idea grew quickly, becoming an order of Catholic men and their families, dedicated to promoting the con-

cepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Today, there are more than 1.6 million members in nearly 12,000 local councils in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guam, Siapan, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

Father McGivney's modest initial plan of providing financial security for his parishioners has since developed into an extensive life insurance program open to every member and his family. The Knights of Columbus now ranks in the top 4% of life insurance companies in North America, with over \$37 billion of insurance in force and more than \$7 billion in assets.

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

What can you expect to learn about the K of C family? Plenty. Read on—these are just a few of the thousands of examples that can be cited.



Families are the heart of the Knights.



Family is paramount in the Knights of Columbus. In fact, it's almost like one big family — husbands, wives, children, widows, college students and religious. All K of C programs allow families to work together, involving everyone to aid their Church, their community and one another.

Every K of C council provides a wide variety of opportunities for family involvement. Picnics, dances, parties, athletic events. Communion breakfasts, family Masses. Father/daughter and mother/son activities, outings and plenty more. All revolving around the family, and the warmth and joy that comes with being an integral part of it.

“Family of the Month” and “International Family of the Year” awards programs recognize families that serve as strong role models.

Commitment of family begins with the basics . . . the “Crusade for Life.” Recognizing that 1.5 million unborn lives are ended by abortions each year in North America alone, the Knights have made a determined effort to aid pro-life activities and groups, and will continue to do so until the lives of the innocent unborn are saved.

The Knights of Columbus' family commitment extends to education. There are a host of K of C merit scholarships available on the Supreme, state and local council level.

A federally guaranteed Student Loan Program is also available to assist members and their families pursuing higher education.

Knights help the Church.

Making sure the Catholic Church remains vigorous and undiminished is one of the primary missions of the Knights of Columbus.

Take the priesthood, for instance. To help counter the decline in the number of candidates to the priesthood and religious life, the K of C has RSVP — the Refund Support Vocations Program. Through local council involvement, RSVP provides moral and financial support to individual seminarians and postulants pursuing religious vocations. Since its inception, RSVP has helped over 28,000 seminarians achieve their goal of the priesthood with nearly \$16 million donated by local councils.

That's not all. In the late 1980s, the Knights funded the massive and faithful restoration of the four-century-old facade of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

There's the \$20 million Vicarius Christi Fund, established in 1982. The interest from this fund is given annually to the Pope for his personal charities. Since 1982, the fund has generated over \$24 million. Annual contributions will continue in perpetuity.

The Knights can also be found lending their support to the Church at the diocesan and local level. Whether they're providing manpower and funds for church projects or playing a role in the life of the parish, the Knights are always searching for ways to help the Church.

The Knights of Columbus are part of the community.

Knights and their families don't believe in sitting idly and just watching life pass by.

Knights feed the hungry and help shelter the homeless. They help senior citizens remain healthy and active. They conduct blood drives and fight to protect the right to life of all individuals.

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated over \$110 million to charitable and benevolent causes. That includes \$18 million in donations to programs for people with mental retardation.

But donating money is only part of the K of C story. Knights give away something even more valuable . . . their time.

Last year alone, the Knights of Columbus gave over 55 million manhours to volunteer services. Everything from blood drives to meals-on-wheels.

The Knights have served as a principal sponsor of the International Summer Special Olympics Games, providing financial aid, manpower and on-site support. These types of efforts prompted Eunice Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics to say, "I don't think there is any organization in the country that has given as much in personal help and in financial support [as the Knights], since we started."

The Knights certainly are part of the community. But they don't stop there.

- A. Local/state council donations to Church activities — buildings, schools, seminaries, RSVP, vocations projects
- B. Local/state council donations to Community activities — human needs, disabled, mentally retarded, Special Olympics, elderly, pro-life, hospitals, health/service organizations
- C. Local/state council donations to Youth activities — Columbian Squires, scouting, scholarships/education, youth services, athletics
- D. Supreme Council headquarters donations support — Church, community, youth, family life, pro-life, vocations, evangelization, Catholic education

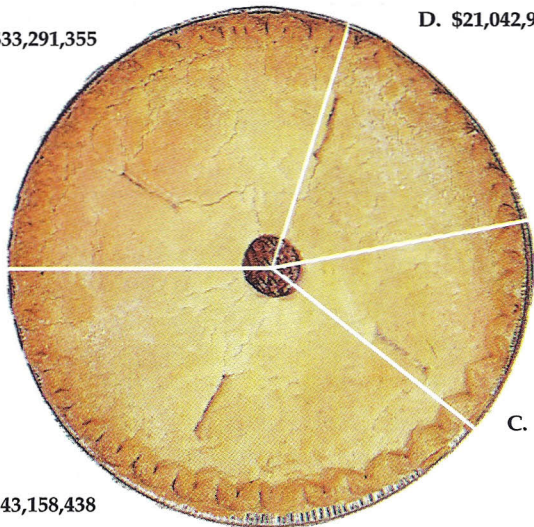
K of C insurance meets the needs of its members' families.

The Knights of Columbus, as a fraternal organization, provides low-cost insurance "For Brother Knights, By Brother Knights." It's truly a family affair. For new members, a special low-cost policy is available upon initiation, complete with increasing cash values and dividends. Wives of new members are also eligible to participate in this special plan.

Today, the amount of K of C insurance in force totals over \$37 billion — which says a lot about how much members value it. Knights of Columbus insurance offers a complete portfolio from which to choose. The strength of the program is evidenced by the fact that the amount of money paid out to members in the form of dividends is consistently greater than the funds paid to beneficiaries of deceased members. So it's really "insurance for the family."

A. \$33,291,355

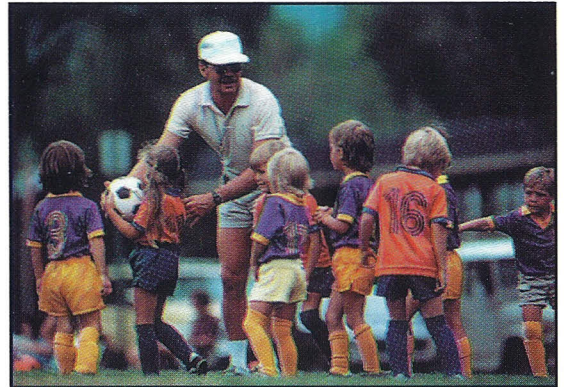
D. \$21,042,979



B. \$43,158,438

C. \$13,199,970

Young people are important to the K of C.



A dynamic organization isn't just discovered accidentally; it must be built from the ground up. That's why there's the Columbian Squires, an organization of young Catholic men, age 12 to 18. The purpose? The training of members in the art and techniques of leadership. With a motto of "Esto Dignus — Be Worthy," it's quite literally the junior organization of the Knights.

Another place that young Knights can be found is in councils on college and university campuses. Young Catholic men have the opportunity to get involved in the college and local community through activities and projects sponsored by the college council.

In addition, K of C activities for young people include Easter egg hunts, picnics, free throw contests, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, spelling bees, softball tournaments and more.

Church . . . family . . . community . . . insurance . . . youth. As you can see, there are few areas of life that the Knights don't touch and make better.



**It's time for YOU
to discover a
world of good things.**

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

If you're a practical Catholic man at least 18 years old, the K of C may be just what you've been searching for. 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 folks down the block — and across the sea.

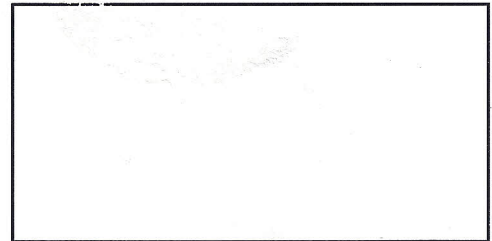
Contact your local K of C council about joining today. (The name and phone number may be stamped on this flyer. If not, just look in the White Pages under "Knights of Columbus" . . . or in the Yellow Pages under "fraternal organizations.")

If you're looking for an organization that can enrich your family's life in every way, your search is over.

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