

# About the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.



The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

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Monsignor John Dewson  
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# About the Knights of Columbus from Saint Ann's Parish

## Why join the Knights?

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.

Last year alone, total contributions to charity from all levels of the Knights totaled more than \$151 million dollars and over 69 million volunteer hours, both setting new records. Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.25 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 593 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

As a service organization, the Knights of Columbus owes its many achievements to the tireless efforts of those in local councils where the greatest impact is most often witnessed, both by **our families and our neighbors. Whether it's** through the support of local athletic programs, sponsoring of special events, or even planning and hosting religious activities, Knights serve as valuable role models for other Catholic men, as well as mentors for all our children. And, hopefully, as a source of inspiration for future generations of Knights.

## History

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Ann's was founded in 2005 at the request of Monsignor Cini. The founding members chose to name themselves after Monsignor John Dewson in honor of his long service to the people of the **Diocese of Wilmington, and especially the Saint Ann's** community. It is that spirit of service and support the Knights of Columbus wish to imitate through their work.

## Service

To that end, the Knights have undertaken a number of **projects in support of the needs of Saint Ann's parishioners** and the larger community. This record of service has led to **our council repeatedly being named a "Star Council,"** one of the highest honors given by the Knights. Among the activities the Knights have participated in:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Annual Christmas Card Sale
- Giving Tree at Christmas time
- Serve at the Confirmation Reception
- Serve and clean up at the Lenten Soup Dinners



Grand Knight Paul Smith, Jr. presenting Msgr. Cini with a **\$1000 check for St. Ann's School**

## Support

The Knights also work to support other **organizations around Saint Ann's such as:**

- Saint Vincent de Paul
- **Saint Ann's School**
- Purchase of a paver in the courtyard
- Running the ice cream social after the May procession
- Awards to the graduating boy and girl with highest GPA
- Vocation Essay Contest
- Organized fundraiser for a school child suffering from cancer



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Past Grand Knight **George Crowley** with Chaplain **Father Steve Hurley**

## Who are the Knights?

The odds are you already know many Knights, **even if you aren't aware of it. Knights are active** in many activities around the parish. Knights are ushers, choir members, cantors, lectors, active in school, members of the RCIA team, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to name a small number of the types of service the Knights provide.