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November 2025



Message from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

This past month we continue to set the example. Was another Non-Stop month! We continue to provide support to our continues programs, such as Can-a-Week, Weekly Rosary, Charity Committee support as well as providing support to the Parish and other out-reach programs.

Thank you for supporting the 5K run/walk! SK, PGK Tom Smith has stated this was the most successful 5K event, with the most participants, volunteers and donations! Thank you for all you and your family support! We cannot do this without you or your family support! Without missing a beat, we went tight into supporting the Parish Fall Fest/BBQ. Thank you for all your support! Fr Don said it was the best Fall Fest Ever! I know it had a lot to do with your support for the food and beer support. The next week we went right into supporting the Confirmation Mass, and again, without our support, the event would not have been as smooth as it was. A special thanks for those who came out to support! Finally on the 25th and 26th we handed out "Box of Joy" materials and supported the Coffee and Donuts for the 0900/1100/1PM Masses, raising over \$200 that will be donated to the "Rise Against Hunger."

Do not worry, I was not going to forget to mention and thank our Degree Team as we conducted out in person Exemplification Ceremony on Wednesday 22 October, inducting four new Knights and two elevated Knights to the 3rd Degree! We also have one new Knight who has done the on-line Exemplification with another four prospects. This will bring our total recruit number to 10 new members, only five short of our 15 new member goal!

As we take a breath before our big push for Christmas Tree Sales, I would ask and challenge you that when you come to Mass, to seek out the Mass Coordinator and Head Usher to see if they need assistance, not only for Knight projects, but to support the Mass. We are Catholic Gentlemen—members of the Knights of Columbus fraternity—Leaders in our Parish and Community. Even if you are not needed or asked to support at the mass, it is a comfort to the Head Usher and Mass Coordinator they know we have their back and where to find us.

Thank you
Vivat Jesus
GK Casey Carr



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Exemplification Ceremony



On 22 October, SK, PGK Mark Price, Springfield Council 6153 Degree Team Leader conducted an Exemplification Ceremony inducting four new Brother Knights into the Knights of Columbus Fraternity, and elevating two additional Knights. The ceremony was attended by families and ten council members. The first three degrees are now combined and open to family members, showing the families and prospective members our principles, core values and fraternity, We are proud of new members and look forward to mentoring and creating new partnerships with them.



Degree Core Virtues
Charity: The first degree focuses on the virtue of charity, the basis of all the Order's work.
Unity: The second degree is unity, emphasizing that the collective efforts are more powerful than individual action.
Fraternity: The third degree teaches fraternity, with a focus on the tradition of protecting and providing for brother Knights and their families

The Colors

The blue (azure), represents the sky, that is, God who watches over the world. It is the symbol of hope, peace, and confidence.

The white (silver) is innocence, frankness and purity of intention. The yellow (gold) denotes indestructible goods, the richness that comes with hard work.

The red symbolizes giving of one's self, courage, valor and heroism in the fight for one's faith, one's language and one's rights.

Figures and Symbols

The Columbian Coat of Arms contains three symbolic elements: the sword, the anchor and the battle axe, recalling the noble and illustrious deeds of the Order's founders.

The sword and the anchor, placed one over the other, form a sort of "X" or St Andrew's cross.

The SWORD symbolizes honor, distinction, bravery and courage.

The ANCHOR, an instrument designed to hold a ship in place, represents that which attaches, stops, consolidates and stabilizes.

The BATTLE AXE, placed on the shield, symbolizes action taken to overcome obstacles or ambushes on the road to accomplishing one's objectives.

The bundle represents the grouping of people coming together to realize a common ideal. It symbolizes teamwork, the strength inherent in unity and fraternity.





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Calendar Events

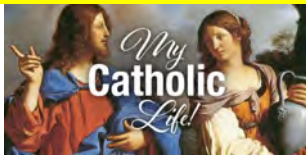
Council Events

Upcoming Events

- 5 Nov Rosary
7PM Church (Open to all)
- 12 Nov: Council Business Meeting
7PM Rosary/7:30PM Meeting
- 19 Nov Rosary
7PM Church (Open to all)
- 26 Nov Council Planning Meeting
7PM Rosary/7:30PM Meeting
- 3 Dec Rosary
7PM Church (Open to all)
- 10 Dec Council Business Meeting
7PM Rosary/7:30PM Meeting

- 8/9 Nov: Box of Joy Collection
- 11 Nov Veterans Day
- Keep Christ in Christmas
-Poster/Essay Contest drive:
8/9/15/16/22/23 Mass handouts
- Christmas Card Sales: 22/23/29/30
- 27 Nov: Thanksgiving
- TBD: Christmas Tree Lot set up
- 28 Nov—UTC: Christmas Tree Sales
- 6 Dec: Breakfast with Santa
- 6 Dec: Poster and Essay collection

Holy Days / Feast Days



Five precepts of the Catholic Church are:



1. Attend Mass and days of obligation.
2. Confess your sins at least once a year.
3. Receive the Eucharist at least annually
4. Observe days of [fasting and abstinence](#).
5. Provide for the needs of the Church.

- Nov 1: Solemnity of All Saints
- Nov 2: All Souls' Day
- Nov 3: St. Martin de Porres
- Nov 4: St. Charles Borromeo
- Nov 10: St. Leo the Great
- Nov 11: St. Martin of Tours
- Nov 12: St. Josaphat
- Nov 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Nov 15: St. Albert the Great
- Nov 16: St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude the Great
- Nov 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Nov 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Nov 22: St. Cecilia
- Nov 23: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Nov 23: St. Clement I, St. Columban
- Nov 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Nov 30: St. Andrew the Apostle






CONGRATUALATIONS !!



 <p>October Knight of the Month <u>Frank Guest</u> SK, PGK Frank Guest has been a driving force in the Council and community. His support to multiple projects sets the standard for the council. He has established the Golden Knight program, an outreach program to maintain contact with our council elders.</p>	<p>October Family of the Month <u>The Smith Family</u> SK, PGK Tom Smith and his wife Kelly are a dynamic duo that supports the parish in numerous ways, this month was the 23rd Annual 5K Walk/Run. Through their efforts, the event had the largest turn out with an expectation of donating over \$5K</p> 
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Please continue to support the Knight and Family of the Month Programs. Nominations are submitted on the "Member's Only" (not the jacket) uKNIGHT website, <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/membersOnly.asp?CNO=6153>

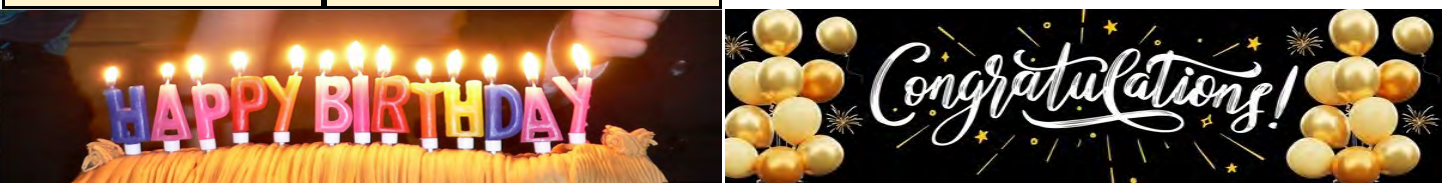
NOMINATE KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

 [MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS](#)

Let us know if you need assistance

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William P Church	Dr John T Staten														
John M Guzik	Mr. Fernando J. Terrazas														
Truong C Nguyen	Roger Michael Welsh														
Frank J Dobrydney	Peter Reilly														
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NOTE: Will Recognize Annual over 50 Years / and at 5-year intervals





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The Golden Knight Program



SK, PGK Frank Guest had proposed to develop an out-reach program to visit our Senior Bothers that were not able to attend our meeting due to various reasons. SK, PGK Frank and his team wanted to codify these visits into an official program. As Grand Knight, I was delighted to endorse this program. SK, PGK Frank will set up a schedule to visit these Brothers throughout the year. Intent is threefold. First is to have fellowship with our Brothers, visit with them and see if they need anything. Second is to ask for their suggestions and input for the council, focusing in how we can be more inclusive to those who cannot attend. Finally is present an Anniversary Certificate to our Senior Knights who have been members in good standing for over 50-years. Initially we will present certificates to all those who have over 50-years of membership. Next year we will present on the "5" and "10" year anniversaries.



The "Golden Knights" recognition program was named for the contributions past, current and present of our senior state-men

20 Knights with 50+ years

70+	2
65-69	1
60-64	4
55-59	6
50-54	7





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23rd Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk



Registration is
Now CLOSED

4 October 2025

Springfield VA Knights of Columbus 5K Fun Run and Walk

Sat October 4, 2025

Fairfax Station, VA 22039 US [Directions](#)



Thank you to the Brothers who supported and participated in this event! Over 275 participants, with over 20 Knights supporting raising over \$5K for KOVAR and the Parish!





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Parish Picnic 18 Oct



Over a Gazillion burgers—
No Pork served



The Recruitment
Table resulted in 3x
completed Form
100s and 6 poten-
tial prospects





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Saint Bernadette 2025 Confirmation



The confirmation mass on 25 October was beautiful. The Knights were able to support the mass and were key to making this mass very smooth

especially with over 120 confermondi



Supporting this parish event highlights the importance of our council, and how we not only interact with the parish on their special and key dates, but also how we as Catholic



gentleman, are leaders in the community, and how we are critical to the execution of the Parish activities





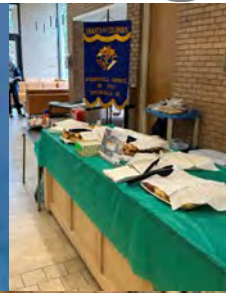
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Coffee and Donuts!!!

26 October 2025



Council Raised over \$250. Proceeds will be donated to Rise Against Hunger



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Box of Joy

The Springfield Council 6153 of the Knights of Columbus is partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach this fall to bring its Box of Joy ministry project to our parish!



Members of the Knights will be distributing shoebox size cartons to parishioners following all Masses on the weekend of October 25/26. Parishioners will be invited to take home a box and fill it with items for boys and girls ranging from ages 2 to 15. They also are encouraged to mail separately a \$9 check for each box to cover international shipping costs. The boxes will be collected by the Knights before all Masses on the weekend of November 8/9.

For more information, please contact PGK Franklin Mendoza at 703-282-2163 or at franklinmendoza@yahoo.com Thank you for your generosity!

Monthly Donate Option

A monthly subscription of just \$36 will bless 12 kids in a year's time!

[DONATE MONTHLY](#)

When you donate today, a Box of Joy – filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and *The Story of Jesus* – will be sent to children in developing countries like Guatemala, Malawi and the Dominican Republic. Your donation will demonstrate Christ's compassion

to a child who may have never before received a Christmas gift. **\$36 provides a box and \$108**

Shop Our Amazon Wishlist

Donate filler items for Box of Joy gifts, helping us ensure every box is filled to the top!

[HOME](#) provides three boxes.



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Keep Christ in Christmas—Card Sales

November 22/23/ 29/30

Keep Christ in Christmas

Christmas Cards

Dates: Nov 22/23 / 29/30
Location: St Bernadette Church

Proceeds go to





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KCIC — Citizenship Essey Contest

Essays due NLT 6 Dec 2025



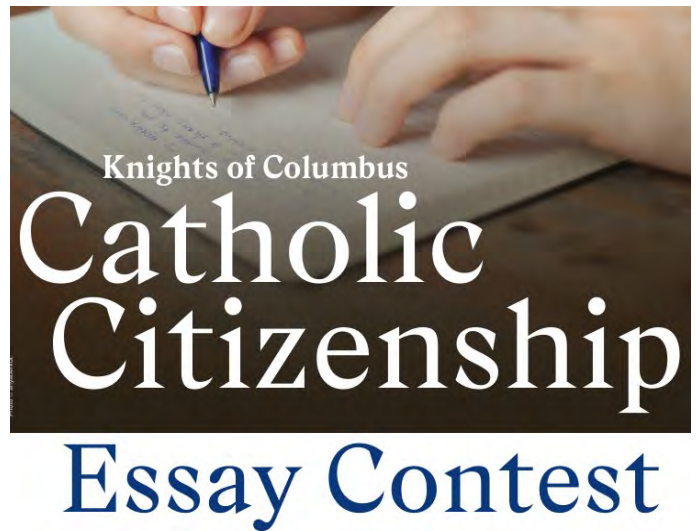
Open to Catholic students in grades 8 through 12

\$25 Gift Certificate per grade level winner.

Topic: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

GUIDELINES

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
- Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.
- The student's name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned



Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system:

35 points: Content How clearly is the theme presented?

30 points: Grammar does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilize correct spelling?

35 points: Style does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a compelling style?



Remember...each grade winner will receive a winner's certificate AND a \$25 gift certificate





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KCIC — Poster Contest

Posters due NLT 6 Dec 2025



**Open to all in grades
Kindergarten through 8th**

Theme Must have a "Slogan" and
a "Keep Christ in Christmas"
a visual image.

**\$25 Gift Certificate per grade level
winner**



RULES

- Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches. However, the Supreme Council will not disqualify based on poster size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- The name and grade of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.
- All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council office. Posters cannot be returned in most cases.

KCIC Poster Contest



- Judging:** A 100-point scoring system
- Slogan** — 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented?
- Visuals** — 30 Points: How well do the visuals convey the message?
- Overall Impact** — 40 points: How effective was the poster in capturing viewer's attention and causing reflection on the topic?

Each winner will receive
a winner's certificate
AND a \$25 gift certificate





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Rosary Program



On the 1st / 3rd / 5th Wednesdays of the month at 7PM in the back of the Church on the side of the St

Bernadette statue, there are 3-5 Knights who pray the Rosary. They take the prayer requests and other individual requests and pray for God's divine blessing and support. This is one way that Catholic

Gentlemen can get together and support not only each other, but the community as well.

An hour three times a week will do wonders for your eternal life.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful	Luminous	Sorrowful	Glorious
Mondays & Saturdays and Sundays of Advent & Christmas	Thursdays	Tuesdays & Fridays and Sundays of Lent	Wednesdays and Sundays of Easter & Ordinary Time
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Annunciation The Visitation The Nativity The Presentation The Finding of Jesus in the Temple 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Baptism in the Jordan The Wedding at Cana Proclamation of the Kingdom of God The Transfiguration The Institution of the Holy Eucharist 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Agony in the Garden The Scouring at the Pillar The Crowning with Thorns The Carrying of the Cross The Crucifixion 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Resurrection The Ascension The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Assumption of Mary The Coronation of Mary

10 BLESSINGS OF PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY EVERYDAY

- 1 Sinners are forgiven.
- 2 Souls that thirst are refreshed.
- 3 Those who are fettered have their bonds broken.
- 4 Those who weep find happiness.
- 5 Those who are tempted find peace.
- 6 Those poor find help.
- 7 Religious are reformed.
- 8 Those who are arrogant are instructed.
- 9 The living learn to overcome pride.
- 10 The Holy Souls in Purgatory have their pains eased by suffrages.

Prayer Requests from the Council website

FOR: Cassi Smith - SK Tom Smith's daughter-in-law treatment and recovery, and their family

FOR: The repose of the soul of John L. "Jack" Ostmeyer and family

FOR WDD Maurice Chou successful surgery and a speedy recovery

FOR: Pope Leo's prayer of intention of the month—the prevention of suicide

FOR: The sick and distressed; recovery and healing of our Brother Knights and our community

FOR: The newly elected officials, may they overcome differences for the people

FOR: Peace in Russian/Ukraine war and in Gaza

FOR: Those prayers in our hearts

Prayer requests can be submitted at any time on the Council's website. The requests will be included at each Council Meeting's prior to the Rosary and Meetings as well as at the weekly Rosaries

[Springfield Council #6153](#)

Benefits of Praying the Rosary

PRAYING THE ROSARY MAKES YOU HUMBLE.

ROSARY HELPS YOU TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.

IT GIVES YOU PEACE AND JOY EVERY DAY.

PRAYING THE ROSARY BRINGS MANY GRACES FROM GOD.

ROSARY HELPS YOU TO OVERCOME ALL THE DIFFICULTIES IN YOUR LIFE.

IT CAN SUPPORT IMPROVING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.





Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships for College Students | Knights of Columbus

U.S. UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council awards Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria, John W. McDevitt, and other endowed Scholarships annually. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the earnings of the scholarship trust.

Scholarship ranged between \$1000-\$1500

ELIGIBILITY

- Entering freshman year, of a four-year, undergraduate program, leading to a bachelor's degree, at a Catholic college or Catholic university, in the United States.
- A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, a son or daughter of such a member, or of a such a deceased member, who at the time of death, was in good standing, or a Columbian Squire in good standing.

MATTHEWS & SWIFT SCHOLARSHIP	SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS	The Catholics University of America
The Matthews & Swift Educational Trust Scholarship originated in 1944 as a living memorial to Knights who gave their lives for their country during World War II, or who became totally and permanently disabled through service incurred injuries.	Each year, the Knights of Columbus offers a limited number of \$2,500 scholarships for tuition, room and board to men studying for the Catholic priesthood at major seminaries	A select number of graduate scholarships are available for students planning to attend the Catholic university of America

Knights of Columbus Virginia State Council
[Father Bader Memorial Scholarship](#)

[Knights of Columbus Scholarships for Emerging Leaders](#)

[Blessed Fr McGivney and Bishop Daily Vocation Scholarships](#)





Meet our Seminarists

[Jonathan Amgott - Catholic Diocese of Arlington](#)

[Joseph Chester - Catholic Diocese of Arlington](#)



Every Year, the Springfield Council provide 2x seminarists with a gift to support their journey to priesthood. Both are in the second stage, Discipleship, training. We are honored and Blessed to support two outstanding candidates.



Pre-Theology II (Discipleship Stage)
 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
 Duke University, UVa School of Law
 St. Charles Borromeo Parish

College III (Discipleship Stage)
 St. John Paul II Seminary
 The Catholic University of America
 St. John the Evangelist Parish

The formation process is divided into four main stages:

1. Propaedeutic Year:

This is the initial year of formation, often after or in place of college, to help a man transition into the life of the seminary.

2. Discipleship:

During this stage, seminarists deepen their relationship with Christ and develop their human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral foundations.

3. Configuration:

This stage involves extensive philosophical and theological studies, often at the major seminary, culminating in a Bachelor's in Sacred Theology.

4. Vocational Synthesis:

The final stage includes a pastoral or spiritual year and other practical experiences, such as summer assignments, to prepare for ordination.

Key Aspects of the Timeline

- **Duration:** Six to nine years of formation is the general timeframe.
- **Education:** Candidates pursue philosophical and theological studies.
- **Practical Experience:** Seminarists complete pastoral internships, summer assignments, and Spanish-language programs.
- **Flexibility:** The exact timeline can vary based on a man's previous education and personal circumstances.





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Thought of the Month: Walking by Faith is Not Transactional

Brothers,

Last month I asked you if you were strong enough to walk by Faith with God? As Catholic Gentlemen, we all acknowledge that we are sinners, and that through Jesus our sins are forgiven. And that we need God's help through the Holy Spirit to walk by Faith, to bring honor and glory to His Name. My question to you is that when you pray, do you make it transactional? Do you ask God to let you win the lottery, and you promise to donate 50% to your favorite charity or divide the winnings with your entire family? Do you tell God that you will say a Rosary every day until the end of the year if He helps you lose 20 pounds? I have been there, done that, especially the last one. But is that truly praying in a Biblical sense? Is prayer a barter system, contractual? Luke, 11:9-10 states, ⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Prayer is not designed to be a coin operated vending machine for every want and desire. Sometime, I wish it were true—I say a prayer, and "poof" I got what I prayed for, like in the game of "Fish." However, prayer is a way to develop your relationship with God. James 4:8, states, "Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James is stating that you need to come to God with an open heart. Paul states in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." When you couple these two versus is says that we should come to God in an open heart and give thanks to God in all circumstances—whether your pray is answered or not. God is our Father, and like our earthly father/parent, He will not grant or give everything we want or ask.

When we do not get what we prayed for, we are tempted to try the transactional route—I will do this, I have been this good, I am almost there. Remember Proverbs 3:5-6 states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." and Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

As we continually work and build our relationship with God, Jeremiah 29:13 states, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." And as Romans 12:2, says through prayer, we will allow our minds to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, becoming more at ease with Him as a child of God. Our prayers becomes conversations and not transactions between strangers.

Vivat Jesus,
GK Casey





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Who We Are



The Knights of Columbus are Catholic Gentlemen who are proud of our Catholic Beliefs, and support our family, parish and community in our walk with Christ



Our Core Principles



FAITH



FAMILY



COMMUNITY



LIFE



Become A Knight!

Make a Difference

Do you know anyone that should be a Knight?

Do you want to pass on the Spiritual Gift?

Everyone should be answering **"Yes!!!"**

Please send the QR code to these individuals and help them only their path

Join the



KNIGHTS

