



What We Are About

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by a 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney. Over a century later, the Knights of Columbus has become the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church. 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, Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need.

Thanks to the inspired work of Father McGivney - as well as that of millions of other Knights over the past century - the Knights of Columbus now stands at its pinnacle of membership, benefits and service. Currently, there are over 1.7 million Knights of Columbus - more than ever before in our Order's history.

In the past decade, the Knights donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and nearly 400 million hours of volunteer service. In 1999 alone, the K of C donated nearly \$109 million dollars and 55 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

The Order's insurance program has expanded substantially to better serve the Knights' growing membership. The Order provides the highest quality insurance and benefits to its members, along with many other fraternal benefits.

K of C Insurance News

The Knights of Columbus offer many diverse insurance programs, designed to satisfy the needs of our members and their families. Through individual one on one consulting, K of C insurance agents are able to assess the needs of an individual member and recommend a program that is tailored to those needs, and which would benefit both him and his family for years to come.

For more information about the insurance program and an explanation of what products are offered, visit <http://www.kofc.org/insurance/index.cfm> This site details information provided by the Supreme Council regarding benefits provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Upon joining the Knights of Columbus, new members are encouraged to review the New Member Insurance offer, detailed on the reverse side of their registration form (Form 100).