

SUGGESTED PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you know much about the Knights of Columbus? You've probably seen the local Knights of Columbus as honor Guards for the Bishop or with their families in church at their Corporate Communion. 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.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOUR FAMILY IN OURS.

The Knights of Columbus began in 1882, when Father McGivney and a small group of pioneering Catholics founded a society designed to provide much needed security for widows and orphans of Catholic parishioners. The original idea grew quickly, becoming an order of Catholic men and their families, dedicated to promoting the concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Today there are more than a million and a half members in over 10,000 local councils.

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 Knights of Columbus family? Plenty. Just attend our information and orientation night this _____ and we will be happy to share with you what the Knights of Columbus is all about.

Family is paramount in the Knights of Columbus. All Knights of Columbus programs allow families to work together, involving everyone to aid their Church, their community and one another. Knights help the Church. Making sure the Catholic Church remains vigorous and undiminished is one of the primary missions of the Knights of Columbus. 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.

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 are a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years old, the Knights of Columbus 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.

We ask you to accept the invitation from one of our members and learn more about us and what we do.