

About the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Asst. Pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, in 1882 to provide financial aid and support to members and their families. The Knights provide fellowship among members and their families through Fraternal, religious, and charitable work.

In addition to the camaraderie that goes with being a Knight, Knights have access to exclusive insurance programs and death benefits designed to provide security and peace of mind for their families.

In service to One.

In service to All.

That's the Knights of Columbus.

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Council #12423 Knights participate in a Living Rosary & Prayer for Peace.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA COUNCIL #12423

Established, 1999

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A Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization

Helping our Community, Helping our Parish

Council #12423 supports St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and the surrounding community in a variety of ways, including:

- Raising money through our Tootsie Roll Drive to help those with developmental disabilities.
- Providing positive outlets for our youth through activities like our Free Throw Contest and Spelling Bee.
- Promoting vocations and supporting our clergy and seminarian programs.
- Providing financial support to a number of Catholic and family-based charities
- Protect the unborn by supporting Right to Life and Pro-Life Programs.
- Foster fellowship among Catholic men and their families through a variety of social events.

Membership Q & A

Q. What does it cost?

A. Yearly dues are \$30. There is no initiation fee. You may also wish to purchase insurance coverage through our optional program; however, this is not a condition of membership.

Q. How will I be inducted?

A. There are four "Degrees" of Knighthood, each one meant to exemplify one of the four principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership in the order is obtained after completing the *First Degree*. To become a full Knight, each member is encouraged to attain the Third Degree level. The Fourth Degree (patriotism), the most visible of all the Degrees, is also available.

Q. Are there meetings?

A. Council #12423 typically meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Parish. Each meeting opens with a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance, after which we discuss business pertaining to our Council, including upcoming events and opportunities for volunteerism and charitable work. We always close with a prayer.

Q. What is required to join?

A. Membership is open to practical Catholic gentlemen aged 18 or over.

Membership Benefits

All members are kept up-to-date on the latest news of our order. You will receive a monthly copy of *The Columbian* from the Supreme Council, as well as *The Michigan Columbian*, and the quarterly *Knightly News*, our Council newsletter.

Knights of Columbus Insurance, an A.M. Best A++ and S&P AAA rated insurer, provides optional insurance products for member Knights.

On a personal level, the Knights of Columbus provides opportunities for growth as an individual, as a citizen, and as a Catholic. There are many ways to get involved, including leadership positions within the Council and District organizations or just helping at Council-sponsored events and charitable efforts. Join with us and make a difference in your church, community, and world!

How to Join — Contact:

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