



# Marquette Council 1437

New Orleans

We are Knights of Columbus

## History & Mission

In the late 1800's, secret societies were popular; Catholic immigrants faced hostility; and factory workers died from dangerous conditions. In response, the Knights of Columbus was founded by a Catholic priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. The goal of his new organization was to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was adverse to the Church and to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the care of widows and orphans.

Today, the mission of Father McGivney continues. The Knights supports the Catholic Church, provides financial protection to protect their families, and engages in works of charity

We have over 1.8 million members and we are the largest Catholic lay organization in the world.

## Membership

- (1) male;
- (2) at least 18 years, and
- (3) a practicing Catholic.

Dues are \$48 per year and \$12 voluntary assessment.

## Insurance Program

Since 1882, the primary mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect families from the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. Today, the Knights offer permanent and term life insurance as well as annuities, long term care insurance and disability insurance. The Knights of Columbus insurance program has received highest rating given by the A.M. Best Company and Standard & Poor's. These products are offered only to members of the Knights of Columbus.

## A Year at Marquette

Quarterly Communions & Mass  
Twelfth Night Party / Carnival  
Parades and Mardi Gras  
Free Throw Contest for Boys & Girls  
Fish Fry Fundraiser for Seminarians  
Easter Party  
Trivia Nights  
Fantasy Football League  
Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life  
Special Olympics  
Transitional Diaconate Reception  
Priesthood Ordination Reception  
Zephyrs' Baseball  
Crawfish Boil  
Installation of Officers  
Picnic  
Blood Drive  
Rudy Classen Memorial Education Scholarship Award  
Seminarian Fund  
Food Drive  
Clothing Drive  
Toy Drive  
Charitable Donations  
Pizza Party for Kids  
Soccer Challenge for Boys & Girls  
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities  
Halloween Party  
Cadillac Party (Raffle/Gala)  
Thanksgiving Turkey Fry  
Gumbo Cook-Off  
Christmas Party  
And much more!

## Charity

\$158 million donated to charity in 2011.

\$18 million donated to assist men and women discerning religious vocations.

\$35 million donated for the Pope's personal charities.

Funded the renovation of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica.

Fund broadcasts of papal events.

Donated 1,000 wheelchairs to the people of Haiti and provided free prosthetic limbs and rehab to every child who suffered injury in Haiti.

Provide Catholic publications for the general public.

## Meetings

### Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month.  
Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:10 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 8:30 p.m.

### Officers' / Planning Meeting

4th Tuesday of the month.  
Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Meeting at 7 p.m.  
Dinner at 8 p.m.

### Marquette on Wednesday

1st Wednesday of the month.  
Doors open at 6 p.m.  
No meeting / Various projects.

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