

Did You Know?

One asset of the Order's fraternal benefits program is its ability to reach out to the needs of the world.

Knights proudly support:

- Charities of the Holy Father
- Pro-Life Programs
- Special Olympics
- Catholic Education programs
- Mortgage loans for Catholic Churches
- Religious Vocations

In the wake of the tragic events of September 11th, the Knights were among the first to respond by establishing the \$1 Million *Heroes Fund*. This fund gave immediate financial assistance to the families of those emergency personnel that lost their lives in the attacks.

The Insurance Program

The Knights of Columbus offers a variety of Insurance products to members and their families. Whole Life and Term Insurance is available, as well as annuities at very competitive interest rates.

If our whole life insurance and term programs are not exactly what you are looking for, we offer a Discoverer Plan – a combination of whole and term life insurance. You can always consult a local Knights of Columbus Field Agent for more details on all of our insurance products.

Father McGivney founded the Order, to offer financial stability to the families of deceased members, and now we are proudly continuing the vision of our founder as we provide for the needs of our members and their families.

Statistics

- Rated A++ (Superior) by A.M. Best – highest rating available
- This rating puts the Knights of Columbus in the top 4% of all rated independent companies
- Rated AAA (Extremely Strong) by Standard and Poor's
- Over \$6 billion of insurance issued in 2004
- \$53 billion total insurance in force
- Over 1.5 million certificates in force
- \$10 billion in assets
- Nearly 1.7 million members Orderwide
- \$130 million donated to local charities
- 60 million man-hours volunteered

For information on joining the Order or the many fraternal benefits and programs we offer, please contact:



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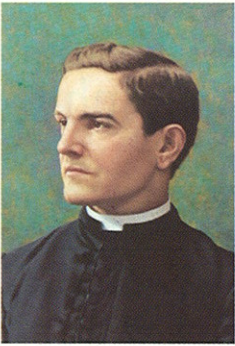
A Guide to the Benefits of Membership in the Knights of Columbus for Public Safety Personnel



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Father McGivney's Dream

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT in 1882. He understood that the first duty of a Catholic husband and father was to his family – to care for their needs while alive and to the best of his ability, to provide for their care in the event of his death.



Central to Father McGivney's founding vision of the Knights of Columbus was providing for the financial security of Catholic families, particularly the widows and orphans of deceased members.

Today the Knights of Columbus exists around the world with nearly 1.7 million members and their families committed to the vision of this one priest and his founding principles of **Unity, Charity, Fraternity** and **Patriotism**.

Much like the Knights of Columbus, emergency personnel share a close knit fraternal bond forged by common experiences as well as similar values and interests.

Now more than ever, emergency rescue personnel need to join the Knights of Columbus. You owe it to yourself and your family to see what Father McGivney saw over 120 years ago when he started the Knights of Columbus for the benefit all Catholic families.

Educational Aid

The Knights of Columbus offers various college scholarship and fellowship programs to members and their families. Each year the Order gives out more than 600 scholarships totalling well over \$1.2 million.



The Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund provides tuition-only scholarships to Catholic colleges up to \$25,000 per year for children of a member killed or permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service in armed conflict in a combat zone, and for children of a member who is a full-time, uniformed law enforcement officer or firefighter who is killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence directed at him. Applications must be filed within two years of the member's death or (for servicemen) disability.

There are a wide variety of programs available; Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships; John W. McDevitt Scholarships; The Catholic University of America Graduate Fellowships and Bishop Charles P. Greco Fellowships are just a few.

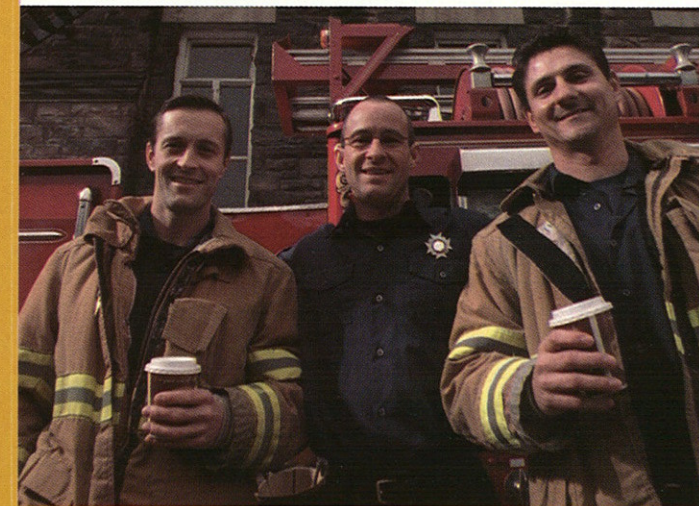


For complete information on these or any other scholarship programs, please contact the Scholarship Department, (203) 752-4332

Member/Spouse Benefits

All members and their wives are eligible for the Member/Spouse plan on the condition that membership and council status are in good standing. This permanent whole life insurance plan provides lifetime protection for the level dollar amount based upon the insured's age. An accidental death benefit is also provided free of charge to members and their spouses. The Order will pay up to \$2,500 upon the death of a member or his spouse occurring within 90 days as a result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Membership status must be in good standing to be eligible for this benefit.

For more information please review the *Member / Spouse Fraternal Benefit* flyer (#2773).



How Do I Join?

If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus you can inquire about membership at our website WWW.KOFC.ORG or contact your local Knights of Columbus council.

Membership in the Order is open to Catholic males over the age of 18 who are in good standing within the Catholic Church.