

WHO WE ARE

The Knights of Columbus was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Catholic Church by Fr. Michael J. McGivney and a handful of Catholic laymen. The aim of the founder and those first members was to set up a parish-based lay organization that offered insurance benefits. In an era when parish and fraternal societies were popular, Father McGivney felt there should be some way to strengthen the religious faith of his flock and provide financial support for families overwhelmed by illness or the death of the breadwinner.

Today we have grown from that one local unit, or council, to nearly 12,500 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

Membership is over 1.68 million dues-paying members plus their families - approximately 5 million people total - many of whom are actively involved in volunteer service programs for the Catholic Church, their communities, their families, young people and one another.

The Knights of Columbus, at all levels of the organization, contributed a record high aggregate \$130 million to charitable efforts and volunteered more than 61 million hours of personal service to the Catholic Church, community projects and youth programs in 2003. The figures are based on reports of activity received from 73 percent of Knights of Columbus councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, Columbian Squires circles and other jurisdictional entities responding to the Knights' annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.

WHAT WE DO

Have you and your family ever watched the telecast of Pope John Paul II's mid-night Mass from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve? Well, the Knights of Columbus is the organization that underwrites the costs of beaming that telecast from the Vatican, and has done so since 1976. Our satellite uplink program covers the costs of uploading the transmission and pays for the downlink in mission countries as well.

Or perhaps you've seen us standing in front of your local shopping mall or grocery store raising funds for programs supporting people with mental retardation.

The Knights of Columbus uses its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity to gather various facts on the work done by local units. Information collected through the survey includes the amount of money and volunteer hours donated by the Knights of Columbus to charitable and benevolent causes. In 2003, Knights Orderwide raised and distributed \$130 million to charitable and benevolent programs and volunteered 61 million hours of time.

These totals - the highest in the Order's history - are based on reports received from most Knights of Columbus councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, Columbian Squires circles and other jurisdictional entities responding to the survey. Over the past 10 years, the Knights of Columbus has volunteered more than 545 million hours of service and donated over \$1.1 billion to charity.

In a local level, if your community has an active K of C council, you'll find many ways that Knights are involved: running youth religious education programs, delivering Communion to homebound and elderly shut-ins, painting classrooms in catholic schools, volunteering at Special Olympics events or tending a community garden. We collect used eyeglasses for needy people at home and around the world. We put new roofs on senior citizens' homes and write letters to young men studying for the priesthood.

What we do at the local level is pretty much left up to the Knights in the local community. If they see a problem that they think they can muster the resources to solve, they attack it. No programs are mandated by the international headquarters, or Supreme Council office, in New Haven, Connecticut. No funds raised at the local level are sent to the Supreme Council, either. All funds raised stay at the local level, helping causes local Knights want to help. The principal areas of volunteer involvement through our "Surge...with Service" program can be broken down into the following categories: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth.



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**Knights Of
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Family Pancake Breakfast



*Family Pancake Breakfast
was requested by our Pastor
to allow parishioners to meet
other parishioners.*

Cost:

1 - \$ 4.00

2 - \$ 8.00

3 - \$ 12.00

4 - \$ 16.00

Family of 5 Or More \$ 20.00

Walter Nolasco Chairman

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Beverages

You have a choice of hot or cold beverages.

Coffee

Regular Blend

Coffee

Decaffeinated

Orange Juice

Tropicana Orange Juice with Pulp

Hot Chocolate

Carnation

Hot Tea

Lipton with Orange Pekoe

Fresh Milk

Fresh Whole Milk

Main Entries

You can get all of the item listed all for the same price.

Pancakes

Fresh Scrambled Eggs

Pork Sausage Links

Hash Brown Patties

Sliced Bacon

Pancake Syrup

Regular Pancake Syrup

Lite Pancake Syrup

Desert

Sliced Peaches

Cottage Cheese

Fruit of the Week

Suggestions or Comments

Please return this form at the table.

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