



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

COUNCIL #13300

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

WELCOME ABOARD

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COUNCIL 13300, OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Serving the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Community

Wildwood, FL & The Villages, FL

Dear Brother Knight

Welcome to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #13300!

Our regular Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the St Vincent de Paul Family Life Center at 6pm unless you are otherwise notified. Officers and Directors meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Red Council shirts can be purchased in-person or online (www.customapparelthevillages.com) from Custom Apparel, Southern Trace Shopping Center, 3451 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages, FL. Our Council website also contains a link for ordering from them. You can purchase not only Council shirts, but pullovers, caps, and name tags off the web link.

The website for the Council contains a calendar for the fraternal year including planned events, meeting minutes, handbooks, by-laws, council contact list, recognition photos, and more.

The website is: www.kofc13300.com

Login ID: [ourcouncil](#).

Password: [olomc1314](#)

Our Family Director also plans various outings that may include new member socials, golf, baseball trips to the Tampa Bay Rays, etc. These outings are always announced at the business meetings and emails are sent to the entire membership. Please plan to participate in these fun events.

Finally, the Council works very hard at providing charitable contributions of money and time to many worthy organizations in the parish and the Wildwood community. I encourage you to become involved by volunteering with us in these efforts. It is the quickest and best way to get to know your fellow Knights, while providing much needed help in your community.

If you have any questions as you get started in your career as a Knight of Columbus, please do not hesitate to contact me, the Deputy Grand Knight, or the Chancellor, whose contact information is below.

Congratulations on joining an award-winning Council, and becoming one of almost 2million Brother Knights of Columbus around the world:

In Service To One. In Service To All.

Vivat Jesus!

Best wishes, and welcome,

Mike Lepore. Grand Knight. Council 13300. 515-306-0380

Ken Rabideau. Deputy Grand Knight. 352-751-4421

Gerry Haggerty. Chancellor. 352-643-0115

Brief History of the Knights of Columbus

O Heavenly Father raise your faithful servant Michael to the honors of the altar.



Father Michael J. McGivney
Knights of Columbus Founder
(1852-1894)

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by a 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Today, more than a century later, the Knights of Columbus has become the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church.

The Order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need. As recently as 1992, Mother Teresa of Calcutta praised the Knights in a

speech on the occasion of her reception of the first Knights of Columbus Gaudium et Spes Award.

Thanks to the inspired work of Father McGivney - as well as that of millions of other Knights over the past century - the Knights of Columbus now stands at its pinnacle of membership, benefits and service. Currently, there are over 1.6 million Knights of Columbus - more than ever before in our Order's history. Together with their families, the Knights are nearly 6 million strong. In addition, from the first local council in New Haven, the Order has grown to more than 12,000 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Panama, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. Each year, the Order continues this strong growth.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND INSURANCE

As the Order has grown, its benevolence has multiplied. The Order continues to break all previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. In the past decade, the Knights donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and nearly 400 million hours of volunteer service. In 1998 alone, the Knights donated an all-time high of more than \$110 million and 55 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

Father McGivney's founding vision for the Order also included establishing a life insurance program to provide for the widows and orphans of deceased members. The Order's insurance program has

Brief History of Knights of Columbus

expanded substantially to serve more effectively the Knights' growing membership. Year after year, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible quality ratings for financial soundness from A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's. The Order provides the highest quality insurance and annuity products to its members, along with many other fraternal benefits.

CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM

Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. It was on these bedrock principles that the Order was founded over a century ago and remains true to them today.

If you want to join this great organization of Catholic men, it is likely that there is a local council near you. There you will find brother Knights working to fulfill the central mission of the Order: striving in charitable works; serving the Church and unified in following its teachings; supporting brother Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs; acting for the good of their country; and giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the poor. This is Father McGivney's dream, echoing across the century, and living today in the hearts of his brothers and all of those they touch.

UPDATE

In 2022, the Knights had over 2million members worldwide, who together donated over \$185million to worthy charities, and provided over 49 million service hours to their communities. The Knights of Columbus has issued over \$100billion in top-rated life insurance to its members.

A Historical Synopsis of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 13300

On February 25, 2003, thirty-five brother Knights came together to form Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council No 13300 in the St Vincent DePaul parish of Wildwood, Florida. The name of the Council, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, was recommended by Brother Knight Deacon Byron Otradovec who was member of the Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From that beginning this Council has been supporting the Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen and the Lazarus Free Clinic in Wildwood, Florida in addition to supporting the activities of the St Vincent DePaul parish. In the years since then, this Council has been busy leading rallies in Wildwood supporting the "culture of life", organizing Free Throw competitions for the youth of Wildwood, assisting our pastor with masses at the Brownwood Care Center in Wildwood and even reaching out to neighboring communities like Belleview to support the "Hands of Mercy Everywhere" (H.O.M.E) organization for unwed mothers.

At the St Vincent DePaul parish, our Brother Knights are involved in almost every ministry such as the ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, musicians and singers, bereavement ministry, etc. We have also been in the background doing much of the "heavy lifting" to make parish parties and picnics a success. In those efforts we have sometimes been referred to as "the men in red shirts" setting up the venue getting it ready for the event and dismantling it and cleaning up the venue at the conclusion of the event. Those in the Color Corps of Fourth Degree Knights always turn out in full regalia when requested for funerals and special events like when the Bishop comes to visit.



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**The Knights of
Columbus Emblem**

The Knights of Columbus Emblem

The Columbian coat of arms consists solely of straight lines and angles, symbolizing the determination, tenacity, firmness and courage that the Order's founders had to demonstrate in the face of difficulties to surmount, problems to solve to defend their faith and their rights in a milieu ill-suited to the growth of their Movement.

Figures and Symbols

The Columbian Coat of Arms contains three symbolic elements: the sword, the anchor and the battle axe, recalling the noble and illustrious deeds of the Order's founders.

The sword and the anchor, placed one over the other, form a sort of "X" or St Andrew's cross.

The sword symbolizes honor, distinction, bravery and courage.

The anchor, an instrument designed to hold a ship in place, represents that which attaches, stops, consolidates and stabilizes.

The battle axe, placed on the shield, symbolizes action taken to overcome obstacles or ambushes on the road to accomplishing one's objectives.

The bundle represents the solid grouping of people come together to realize a common ideal under the guidance of a recognized leader. It symbolizes teamwork, the strength inherent in unity and fraternity.

The helmet, placed on the upper part of the Coat of Arms represents rank or degree of nobility. On the coat of arms of a warrior it is the noblest and principal ornament.

The little white triangle, above the helmet and pointing upward, symbolizes the flame which lights and guides.

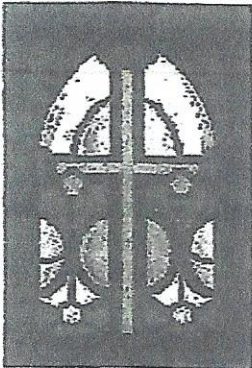
The Colors

The blue (azure), represents the sky, that is, God who watches over the world. It is the symbol of hope, peace, and confidence.

The white (silver) is innocence, frankness and purity of intention.

The yellow (gold) denotes indestructible goods, the richness that comes with hard work.

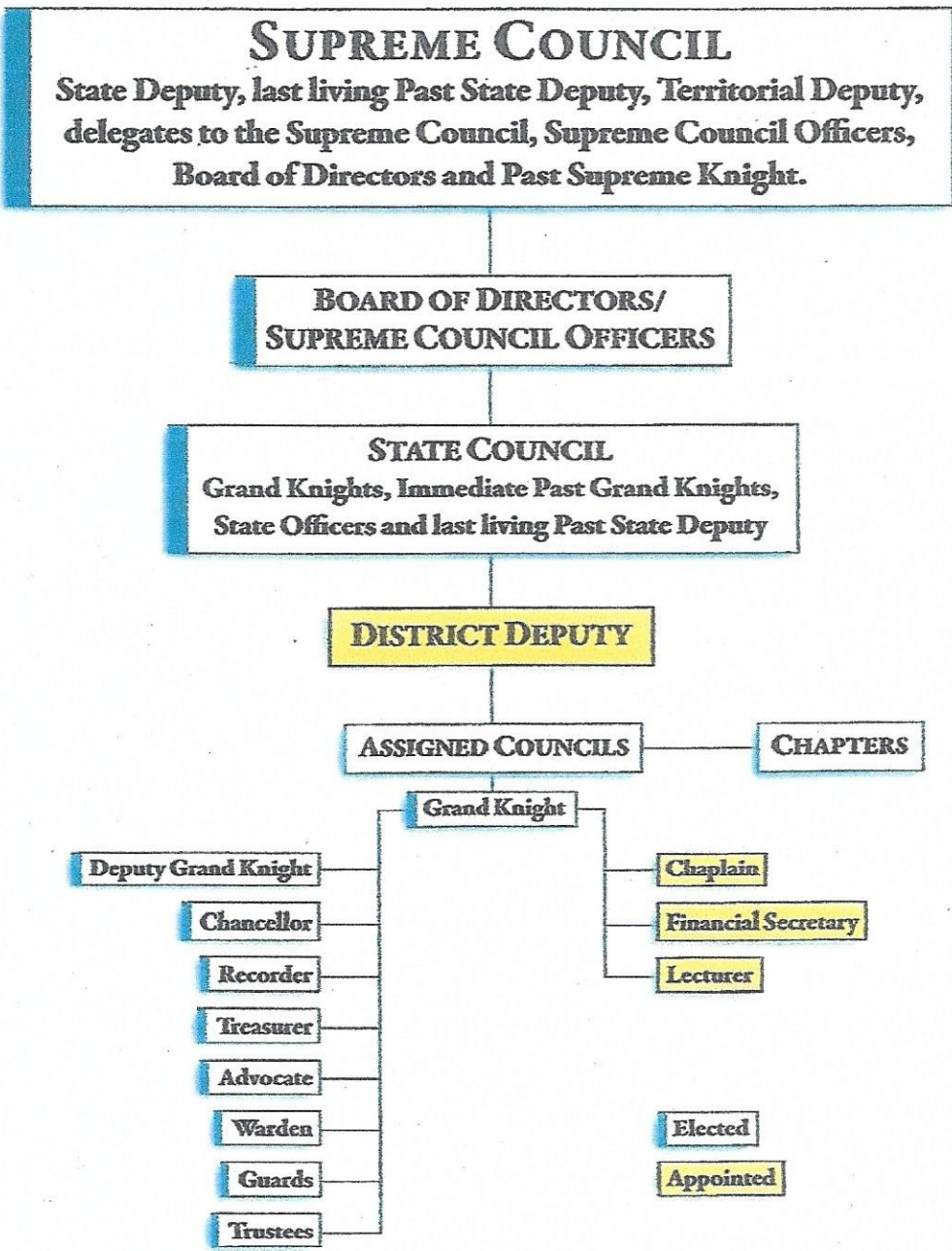
The red symbolizes giving of one's self, courage, valor and heroism in the fight for one's faith, one's language and one's rights.





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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Note. Each Council also has Program Directors in the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

Duties of Council Officers

Chaplain

- Serves as spiritual advisor to the brother Knights and families of that council
- Provides his message to members at the beginning of the meeting as outlined in the *Method of Conducting Council Meetings* (#10318) or whenever it best suits his schedule

Grand Knight

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns checks and orders for payment
- Responsible for the council's First Degree Team

Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the grand knight with operation of the council and any other duties assigned to him by the grand knight
- In the absence of the grand knight, presides at council meetings
- Recommended to serve on the council's Retention Committee

Chancellor

- Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties as assigned
- Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee

Financial Secretary

- Upon recommendation of the grand knight and the trustees, the financial secretary is appointed for a three-year term that is approved by the supreme knight
- The prospective financial secretary must also complete and submit the *Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary* (#FS-101)
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the financial secretary is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office



- Collects money, in the form of dues, from members. Responsible for sending billing notices and initiating retention measures by providing a list of delinquent members to the grand knight to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues
- Ensures that the council membership records are updated and that new members sign the constitutional roll
- Receives from the Supreme Council Headquarters honorary and honorary life membership cards for distribution to qualified members
- Files various reports and membership/insurance transactions with the Supreme Council Headquarters
- Responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the council (U.S. only)
- Keeps the seal of the council and affixes the same to membership cards, resolutions and other official documents as necessary

Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council

Treasurer

- Charged with handling council funds
- Receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the treasurer is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000 when reported on the *Election of Officers form* (#185). Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office

Lecturer

- Appointed by the grand knight
- Responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings

Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and *Method of Conducting Council Meetings* (#10318)
- When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate

Warden

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards

Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

Board of Trustees

- Consists of grand knight and three other elected members

- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustees moving on to become the two- and one-year trustees, respectively

Program Director'

- Appointed by the grand knight
- Collaborates with the grand knight in setting the calendar of council programs for the year
- Manages each service program director and chairman as they implement the council's programs and activities
- Keeps accurate records of council programs for reporting on the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* and the *Columbian Award Application*
- Keeps council's public relations chairman informed of all programs and activities for promotion to local media

Membership Director

- Appointed by the grand knight
- Collaborates with the grand knight and council leaders on council membership goals for the year
- Manages the Recruitment Committee, Retention Committee and Insurance Promotion Committee chairmen as they implement the council's membership activities
- Plans and coordinates the council's schedule of recruitment programs

For additional information, refer to the *Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers and Directors* (#4241).

Protocol

Proper protocol should be followed by all fraternal leaders. Protocol, by definition, is basic common courtesy. The *Knights of Columbus Protocol Handbook* (#1612) contains specific information governing many types of situations where protocol is involved. Keep in mind, however, that where there is no specific rule governing a situation, you will not go wrong by employing common courtesy.

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA) or Patriotic Display of Loyalty
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
5. Chaplain's Message
6. Grand Knight's Report
7. Financial Report
8. Membership Report
 - Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer
9. Other Reports
 - Programs
 - Committees
 - Fourth Degree
 - Insurance Agent
 - District Deputy
 - Other
10. Unfinished Business (*motions carried over from previous meetings*)
11. New Business (*new motions*)
 - Bills Not Previously Approved
12. Good of the Order
 - Awards (*Family and Knight of the Month, etc.*)
13. Lecturer's Reflection (*optional*)
14. Grand Knight's Summary
15. Closing Prayer (*including intentions for sick or distressed members*): Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney
16. Adjournment



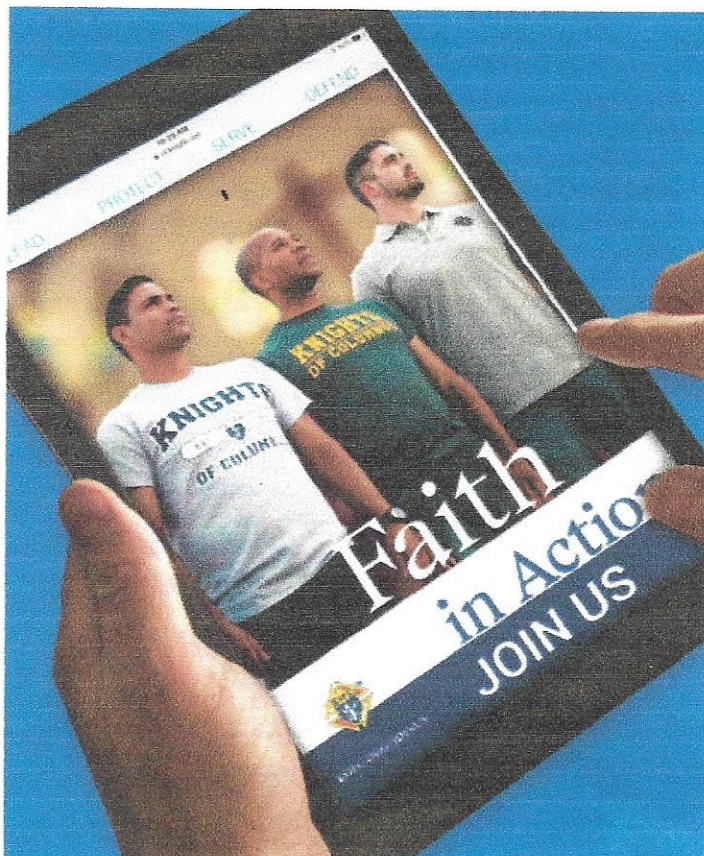
Faith in Action

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Program Categories

The programs highlighted here are meant to inspire your council to put their faith into action. The goal is for the council to conduct programs that draw men closer to their faith, families, and communities. A well-rounded council will have activities in each of the following categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life. Your council may choose to conduct one or more of the programs in this manual, or it may develop programs unique to the parish or community.

This manual highlights 32 recommended programs. Your council is encouraged to implement any program(s) that will make a difference in your parish and community. Obtaining a minimum of 16 program credits, including at least 4 program credits in each category, qualifies the council to earn the Columbian Award.



Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Initiative Pregnancy Center Support / ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

Faith in Action Programs — Table 2
Bold denotes Featured Programs



Council 13300 - Officers & Directors
2023-2024

Grand Knight: Mike Lepore
(515) 306-0380

Chaplain: Fr. John McCracken

Deputy Grand Knight: Ken Rabideau
(352) 751-4421

Chancellor/Membership: Gerry Haggerty
(352) 643-0115

Advocate: Ray Coppola

Recorder: Trey Russ

Warden: Mark Manno

Treasurer: Jerry Jackovich

Financial Secretary: Mike Murphy

Lecturer: Greg Mroczkowski

Inside Guard: Joe Pilz

Outside Guard: Pat O'Neill

Trustee 3 year: Bill Wirtz

Trustees 2 years: Joe DiLeo

Trustees 3 year³: Jerry Regina

Faith in Action Co Directors

Faith: Greg Mroczkowski, Bill Lowderman

Community: Jim Lobue, Tom Kilbride

Family: Vince D'Onofrio, Mike Grindel,

Life: Garry Mang, Ken Edwards



Knights of Columbus - Council 13300

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Chartered: February, 25, 2003

Serving

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish,
The Villages, Wildwood, Florida
and surrounding communities*

Mike Lepore Grand Knight

#1 - 7/28/23

About Us:

We are a fraternal order of Catholic men founded by Blessed Fr. Michael J. Mc Givney in 1882. Our first 3 Degrees bind us together with the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The principal of the 4th Degree is Patriotism.

Our website: www.kofc13300.com provides a wealth of information on our Council and Council Activities. We encourage all Brother Knights in our Council to be familiar with our website.

Meetings

We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center unless otherwise noted.

Council Badges & Shirts

We use Custom Apparel at 3451 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages - 352 750-1600 (this is near the Publix on 466).

You can order on line at: <https://www.customapparelthevillages.com/knights-of-columbus-13300>

Pay for the items when you pick them up.

The easiest road to fulfillment as a Brother Knight is to be involved. Always remember we are here to serve God by serving others. We are a pro-active Council with many opportunities for you to participate in according to your schedule, time and ability. *"Make Him Proud"*

Our 4 Faith in Action Programs are the most rewarding way to become involved. It is also a great way to meet and to know your Brother Knights.

Faith in Action Programs

Each of the 4 Programs has two Co-Directors responsible for fulfilling our annual goals for a number of activities often with supporting Fund Raisers. The success of our programs can only be accomplished with the help and participation of our Brother Knights.

✠ Faith

Examples: Monthly Rosary at Sunday Mass, Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights, Supporting Orlando Diocese Seminarians, Provide sacramental gifts to new members of our faith.

✠ Community

Examples: Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Tutors for Kids, Combat Veterans to Careers & American Wheelchair Ministry (*Annual Guys n' Gals Golf Outing*)

✠ Family

Examples: Support a Catholic education at Trinity Catholic H.S., supporting Food for Families Programs at the Wildwood Soup Kitchen, Our Parish Mother of Mercy Food Pantry

✠ Life

Examples: Support Special Olympics (*Tootsie Roll*), Our Semi annual "Diaper Drive" a collection of funds and baby products for **H.O.M.E.** - **Hands Of Mercy**

Everywhere, a *Christian home for teenage mothers and their babies in Belleview*, Life's Choices - Pregnancy Support Center, March for Life Rosary every October in Wildwood.

Member Experience

Interest Survey

To our new and current members, please know that we value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for the continued success of our council and parish. Our Knights of Columbus council conducts a variety of programs – activities where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to ensure a great Knights of Columbus council experience, we ask that you complete the following survey. Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Widower If Married, Wife's Name: _____

Number of Children: Boys _____ Girls _____

Occupation: _____ Parish/Church: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Please list your preferences for those Faith in Action programs you would be interested in volunteering at or attending.

FAITH	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	LIFE
<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Faith Formation	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Strengthen Families	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Create a Culture of Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Into the Breach	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Refugee Relief
<input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrim Icon Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Throw Championship	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Rose
<input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Kiosk	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Fully Alive	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands	<input type="checkbox"/> Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection	<input type="checkbox"/> Consecration to the Holy Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> Novena for Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Prayer Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Coats for Kids	<input type="checkbox"/> Mass for People with Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Global Wheelchair Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> March for Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food for Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

How much time do you think you can contribute to council activities?

1 hour per month 1 hour per week Multiple hours per week

What are some ideas you have for new or improved programs? _____

Would you be able to assist in leading any new or improved program? Yes No

What do you hope for your membership in our council? _____

Please submit this form to your Grand Knight

