

St. Patrick Parish Ministry Feature

Knights of Columbus



In October 1881, a group of men bound together by the ideals of Christopher Columbus and called together by their twenty-nine year old priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, held the first meeting of what would become the world's largest Catholic family and fraternal service organization. They vowed to be defenders of the three things that were most important to them: their country, their families, and their faith. They became the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has been called “the strong right arm of the Church,” and has been praised by popes and other world leaders for their support of the Church, programs of evangelization and education, civic involvement and aid to those in need. The Order also provides the highest quality insurance, annuity and long-term care products to its members, along with many other benefits. The Knights of Columbus has grown from a few members in one council to more than 1.7 million members in over thirteen thousand councils in fourteen countries worldwide. During the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.325 billion to charity and has provided nearly 626 million hours of volunteer support for charitable causes. Visit www.kofc.org for more details or contact the Administration Building at (330) 534-1928. Our local council is the Msgr. Francis J. Hughes Council 2072.