

Why become a Knight?

In today's world, many Catholic men are looking to fulfill their desire to spend meaningful time with their family, to serve their community and their Church, and to grow in their faith. Joining the Knights of Columbus provides these men and their families with volunteer opportunities and activities that accomplish these goals. If you are such a man who is dedicated to making a difference, then membership in the Knights of Columbus is for you.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus also offers a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care, and annuity products exclusively for members and their families.

Who are the Knights?

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church.

Knights share camaraderie with men who hold similar values. Knights are involved with their community; they support their local Catholic Church and its causes, while deepening their faith. Knights believe in protecting and enhancing their families' lives.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic lay organization with more than 1.7 million members in 13,000 councils located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Poland, and several other countries.

Knights serve your world

Together, members of the Knights of Columbus improve their world through remarkable achievements and staggering numbers such as:

- \$1.4 billion is the amount raised and distributed to the Church, community, youth and fellowman in the past 10 years.
- 593 million volunteer hours in service through the "Surge ... With Service" outreach program since 1998.
- 1.2 million Knights and their families are covered by the award-winning insurance the Knights provide.
- \$38 million contributed to aid and support thousands of seminarians and postulants in their religious journey since 1980.
- \$10 million collected and given to the victims of the 2005 Gulf States Hurricane Disaster.
- Achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2015, volunteering more than 73.4 million hours of service.
- 8,000 wheelchairs provided to people with disabilities worldwide.
- Knights of Columbus Refugee Relief Fund provides medical equipment for victims of war and natural disasters.

Knights serve your neighborhood

On July 4, 1975, the St. Irene Council #6710 was founded in Warrenville. Currently, there are 155 members serving St. Irene Parish.

Since its founding, St. Irene Council has been recognized for its outstanding service to the Church, Community, Youth, Family, and Council.

Orderwide programs include:

- ❖ Free Throw Championship
- ❖ Scholarship Essay Contest
- ❖ Youth Spelling Bee
- ❖ Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- ❖ Respect Life activities
- ❖ Support for seminarians, veterans and mentally disabled individuals
- ❖ Priesthood Sunday in October
- ❖ Blood Drives



EXTENT OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Your involvement in the Knights of Columbus service programs is totally up to you. You decide what you want to do. There are no *requirements* other than to pay dues. And, if this is all you want to give, you would be making a substantial contribution to the activities of the Knights.

Personal time and effort can be given in any amounts from a few hours a year to more extensive involvement as an officer of the council. The council conducts a wide variety of programs throughout the year to meet the interests and time commitments of our members.

In addition to council involvement, many of our Brother Knights are involved in a number of Parish activities. Many Knights have leadership roles in St. Irene Parish including the Priests and Deacons.

You are encouraged to attend council business meetings. Council 6710 holds its business meetings at 7:30 PM on the Second Thursday of each month in the St. Irene Parish Activity Center.



Some St. Irene Council Programs

Church support:

Parish ushers & readers.
Parish extraordinary ministers.
Funds and Manpower for the Parish:
Replace light bulbs in church, put up outside Christmas decorations, repairs as needed.

Community support:

Tootsie Roll Drive to help the intellectually disabled.
Adopt-A-Highway Butterfield Road cleanup
Blood Drive Sponsor

Family support:

Council Christmas party.
Council Family Hayride and Bonfire.
Kane County Cougar baseball outing

Youth Support:

Scholarship program.
Sponsor Youth Competitions:
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, Free Throw, and Spelling Bee Contests

Council Support:

Food Concession Fundraisers
Annual Turkey Raffle and Card Party
Annual Super Bowl Party and Raffle

Vocations encouragement:

Seminarian financial support.

For More Information:

Grand Knight: Tom Perez (630) 301-1481
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The Knights of Columbus



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Family,
Fraternal,
Service
Organization**

**St. Irene
Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**