

## Knights of Columbus Events and Activities

Our council is *responsible* for coordinating activities such as:

- Monthly Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods Sale
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Columbus Day Dinner
- Family Christmas Party
- Citizens with Disabilities Campaign (Tootsie Roll Drive)
- Laps for Life (Ultrasound Initiative)
- Youth Back-to-School
- Basketball Free Throw Contest
- Soccer Kick Challenge

The council *organizes and/or participates* in parish & other activities like:

- JMJ Pregnancy Center Fund Raisers
- Pro-Life March – St Augustine
- Pro-Love / Pro-Life JMJ Gala
- Food for the Poor Gala
- Coalition for the Homeless
- Daily Bread Program – Feed Homeless
- Seminarian Appreciation Luncheon
- Ordination Dinner & Breakfast
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics
- Autism Speaks Walk-A-Thon
- St. James School Financial Support
- RCIA Financial Support
- Keep Christ in Christmas

## Come see just what we are all about!

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any man, over the age of 18, who is a practicing Catholic. Come to one of our many social events and find out for yourself what the Knights of Columbus are all about. You will not be disappointed.

## Take the first steps to enhance your personal life

If you or someone you know would like more information

### Please contact our Council

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or **Deputy Grand Knight**

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*“Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit”*

**Pope Francis**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Knights of Columbus – St. James Council #12402  
Division III Council of the Year (2015 – 2016)

## Who Are The Knights of Columbus?

### ◆ Ordinary Catholic Laymen



### ◆ Your Friends, Neighbors & Fellow Parishioners

### ◆ Working Together to Serve Others

### ◆ [www.facebook.com/KofC12402](http://www.facebook.com/KofC12402)

***What do They Do?  
What's in it For Me?***

## Who Are These Men Called the Knights of Columbus?

The love of God and love of neighbor are the essence of your Catholic faith. The pillars of our Order help us grow in that love.

*The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, working together to serve others.*

Join the  
Knights of  
Columbus  
St. James Council #12402  
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## The Knights of Columbus

On March 29<sup>th</sup> 1882 the Knights of Columbus obtained its state charter. It was founded by a parish priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Conn. along with a small group of men.



Many Catholic men were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources. Fr. McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending and brought the Catholic men in his parish together in mutual aid by establishing the Knights of Columbus with a "pass-the-hat" insurance system. The rest is history.

## After 134 years: Worldwide Organization

Today the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization, with over 1.9 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Philippines, the Bahamas, and Poland. In 2015, the Knights donated more than \$175 million and over 73.4 million hours of volunteer time to charity.



## About St James Council

Council 12402 was founded at St. James Cathedral on March 25, 1999 with 38 Charter Members and now have over 170 members. We contribute money and/or time to over 15 charitable causes such as: Vocations, JMJ Pregnancy Center, Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Christian Refugee Fund, Feed the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warrior Project, Russell Home, Morning Star School, Bishop Grady Villas, Autism Speaks, Epilepsy of Central FL, Military Chaplain Fund, Catholic Charities, Wheelchair Mission, Center for Independent Living and the Ultrasound Initiative.



## Who wears strange hats?



Council members who attain the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree are considered Full Knight members. Some members choose to also become 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree organization within the Knights of Columbus has ***Patriotism*** as its primary focus. A small group of these men volunteer to be in the Color Corps. ***They are the men you may have seen wearing capes and hats and carrying swords.***



## What's in it for Me?

Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; being involved with your community; supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is also about protecting and enhancing your family life. Our insurance program now has over 2M contracts in force, \$100B of insurance in force, and have had superior financial ratings for 40 consecutive years. Have questions on Life Insurance, Long Term Care Protection, Annuities, IRAs. Contact Fraternal Benefits Advisor Shawn Williams [shawn.williams@kofc.org](mailto:shawn.williams@kofc.org) or (407) 927-8537