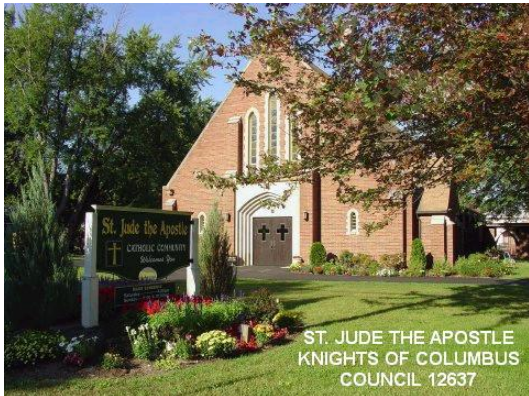


“Why Become a Knight?”



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.



“Please join us in growing our faith, serving our community, strengthening our families, and building our brotherhood in Christ.”



The Guys in the Green Shirts...

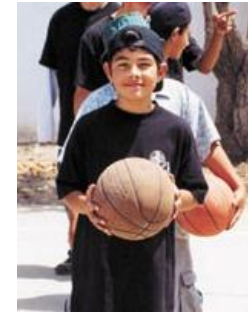
Want to join the Knight of Columbus but don't know who to ask? It's easy! Just look for the "guys in the green shirts"!

The Knights of Columbus sponsor and support many events at St. Jude the Apostle and are easy to spot by our green shirts signifying our unity in brotherhood. Simply introduce yourself and express your interest in becoming a Knight or stop by the monthly All You Can Eat Knights of Columbus Breakfast to learn more!

Or contact Derrick Rumennapp at:
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Serving our community, growing our faith





Guided by four core principles – **charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism**

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 values similar to yours. Knights are involved with your community; they support your local Catholic Church and its causes, while deepening their faith; and they believe in protecting and enhancing their family life.

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.

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

- \$1.1 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.
- \$20 million in the “Knights of Columbus Vicarius Christi” fund, the earnings on which are conveyed annually to the Holy Father for his charities.
- \$1 million in the Heroes Fund, which provides aid to the families of the emergency personnel killed or disabled during the 9/11 attacks.
- \$10 million collected and given to the victims of the 2005 Gulf States Hurricane Disaster.
- 8,000 wheelchairs provided to people with disabilities worldwide

Looking To Make a Difference?

*The Knights of Columbus, Council 12637, has been supporting the Wynantskill area since 2000. As a Fraternal Brotherhood of Catholic Men, we strive to follow the founding principles of: **charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.***

Supporting our community >>>

The Knights of Columbus, Council 12637 supports and participates in many charitable events and programs at St. Jude the Apostle and in the Wynantskill area:

- provide Bibles and savings bonds to children baptized at St Jude
- sponsor and fund the "Coats for Kids" Program
- support the Food Drive at Thanksgiving and “Adopt a Family” at Christmas
- sponsor after school bowling league & Twin Town Little League for children
- drive awareness to keep “Christ” in Christmas

- host an annual Basketball Free Throw Contest to encourage youth activity
- run the All American booth at the annual St. Jude International Food Festival
- support St. Jude “movie night”, promoting faith filled media and family values
- provide “sweat equity” to other ministries at St. Jude with event setup/take down, cooking, and clean-up whenever necessary
- sponsor numerous fundraisers to support local families and charities in need in the Capital District



Building our Community

Monthly All You Can Eat Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Maintaining our Community

Adopted White View Road, litter pick-up twice a year

Our History >>>

In 1882, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney invited a small group of parishioners to gather in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. His goal was simple – to establish an order that would unite men in their faith as well as help provide for Catholic Families in time of need. It was in that humblest of beginnings that the Knights of Columbus was founded.

