



Knights of Columbus Philadelphia Council 196



Who are the Knights?

The Knights of Columbus is the World's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.6 million members. The Knights were founded in 1882 by Fr Michael J. McGivney in St. Mary's Parish in New Haven Conn. We are committed to our four principles (degrees) of *Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism*. Benefits of membership include the opportunity to increase your faith and community involvement; members also receive 12 issues of the order's national publication the *Columbia* magazine and are eligible to participate in the insurance program to name a few benefits.

Council History

Philadelphia Council 196 of the Knights of Columbus has the proud distinction of being the "*first and oldest council in the State of Pennsylvania*". Founded in December 1896. Our Council serves the South Philadelphia Area.

Council meetings are currently held the **Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM** in St. Monica's Jr. School Hall at 17th and Ritner Streets. Philadelphia PA

Activities

Include but are not limited to some of the following:

Church Activity: Support of Seminarians, Participate in Pro-Life March on Washington, DC, Annual Communion Breakfast, Advent and Lenten Masses

Community Activity: Collecting donations for Association of Retarded Citizens of PA (ARC), Blood Drives, Clothing and food drives for the homeless.

Youth Activity: Sponsor Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition, coloring and essay contests for area schools.

Council Activity: Various social gatherings

How to Join

Men must take the First Degree (initiation) before becoming active in the council. Membership is open to practicing Catholic men 18 years of age or older from any parish. Application blanks (Form 100) may be obtained from any member or contact the Grand Knight of Our Council **Quinto Andreoli @ (215) 389-8114** for more information.