

**In Service to One,
In Service to All**

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

We encourage you to consider joining our organization.

**We meet on the 2nd and 4th
Thursday of each month in the
Upper Room of
St. Joseph Parish,
59 Main Street,
High Bridge, New Jersey**



Knights of Columbus Principles:

The good works Knights do are based on our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. *There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.*

During the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.5 billion to charity, and provided nearly 700 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives. Charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to the Order’s Food for Families; numerous Culture of Life projects and many other purely local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

Unity – *None of us is as good as all of us.* Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn’t mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died. The Order’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who give more than 10 million hours every year of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. *In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.*

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that *Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.*



The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 in Connecticut by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. The Order has grown to nearly 1.9 million members in more than 15,000 councils in 17 countries.

**It is the world's foremost
Catholic fraternal benefit
society.**

Please visit our website at
www.kofc10627.org
for additional information.

St. Joseph Council #10627 was chartered in 1991 and remains true to the founding principles of the Order.

We do so through the efforts of our members and their families. While we are based at St. Joseph Parish in High Bridge, our council also works with St. John Neumann's Parish in Califon.

The generous support of parishioners, our outside fund-raising activities and the many hours of hard work of our members have allowed us to assist our church, community and youth in many ways.

The value of St. Joseph Council's contribution to our church and community (including the value of volunteer service according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics) has been nearly \$750,000 in just the last five years! In the recent decade, that contribution exceeds \$1.1 million dollars!

We are succeeding but we need more Catholic men.

So if you are looking for a way to serve God, your church and your community among a great group of men who share your Catholic values, look no further than the Knights. As we say,

"None of us is as good as all of us."

Please join us!

Recent council activities:

Faith

- Assisting our parishes as Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, RCIA, Faith Formation, Ushers, Pro-Life Activities, parish website, snow removal, parish facilities improvements & repairs, etc.
- Hosting our clergy at annual "Pride in Priests Dinners" for the Diocese of Metuchen
- Providing financial support and encouragement to Seminarians

Youth

- Providing scholarships to high school seniors
- Conducting annual Basketball Free Throw tournaments and annual Soccer Challenge tournaments
- Conducting annual Spelling Bees
- Supporting Boy Scout Eagle projects and recognizing area scouts who achieve Eagle rank
- Giving awards to area Girl Scouts who achieve their "Gold Award"

Family

- Hosting an annual Knights of Columbus Family Week activity
- Supporting events such as Parish Picnics, Parish Breakfasts and Lenten Suppers
- Recognizing mothers on Mother's Day
- Hosting Family Bowling events

Fellowship

- Providing assistance to members in need
- Hosting family & fellowship events throughout the year
- Conducting an Annual Charity Golf Day tournament

Community

- Contributing to the Special Olympics, Shannon Daley Memorial Fund, Run for Life, disaster relief, High Bridge Youth Soccer, High Bridge Youth Basketball and other community activities
- Providing support and volunteer assistance for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry including gift cards through the "Thanksgiving/Christmas for the Needy" program; providing reusable shopping bags for food pantry clients; and making bi-weekly pickups of food from ShopRite and providing financial support through the Knights' "Food for Families" program
- Coordinating parish AED Certifications
- Involvement in Culture of Life activities such as the annual March for Life, recognizing the Day of the Unborn Child and Respect Life Month and initiating educational programs about the dangers of abortions
- Providing financial support to Life Choices, the Friendship Center for New Beginnings and St. Anne's Center
- Conducting annual "Baby Showers" to provide items for mothers who've chosen life for their babies in cooperation with Life Choices Pregnancy Center and the Friendship Center for New Beginnings
- Providing financial support to individuals with intellectual disabilities and the ARC of Hunterdon
- Supporting our active duty military troops through Operation Shoebox
- Assisting military veterans at the Lyons Veterans' Facility to attend Mass, and with clothing drives and activities at the Veterans Haven North facility
- Supporting the annual I-78 USA flag replenishment program