

# Montgomery Council No. 2323

St Francis', St Martin's, St Mary's, MD



**Established 1921**

# **Who can be a Knight?**

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- **Practical Catholic Male**
  - **Union with the Pope**
  - **Lives up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church**
- **18 Years of Age**
- **Accepted by the local Council**

# What do I have to do?

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- **Pay Council Dues and Initiation Fees**
- **Take the First Degree of the Order**



# What is a degree?

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- **Each degree is a “lesson” on one of the order’s principles**
- **Only part of the Knights that is a secret to the membership**  
*(we are not a secret society)*

# Degrees of K of C

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- **Three Degrees to be a “Full Knight”**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Degree Charity (Council)**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Unity (District)**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Fraternity (State)**
- **Fourth Degree**
  - **Patriotism**

# **What's this about Insurance?**

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- **The Knights of Columbus was founded as a Fraternal Benefit Society in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney “for the care and protection of our widows and children.**
- **The KofC has World Class financial programs designed to meet the needs of our members while taking advantage of our non-profit tax status to provide low-cost, high return products.**

Each council has it's own “Benefits Advisor” who is professionally trained and licensed and only works for the KofC. His job is to keep you informed of YOUR benefits as a member.

**The Knights of Columbus specializes in:**

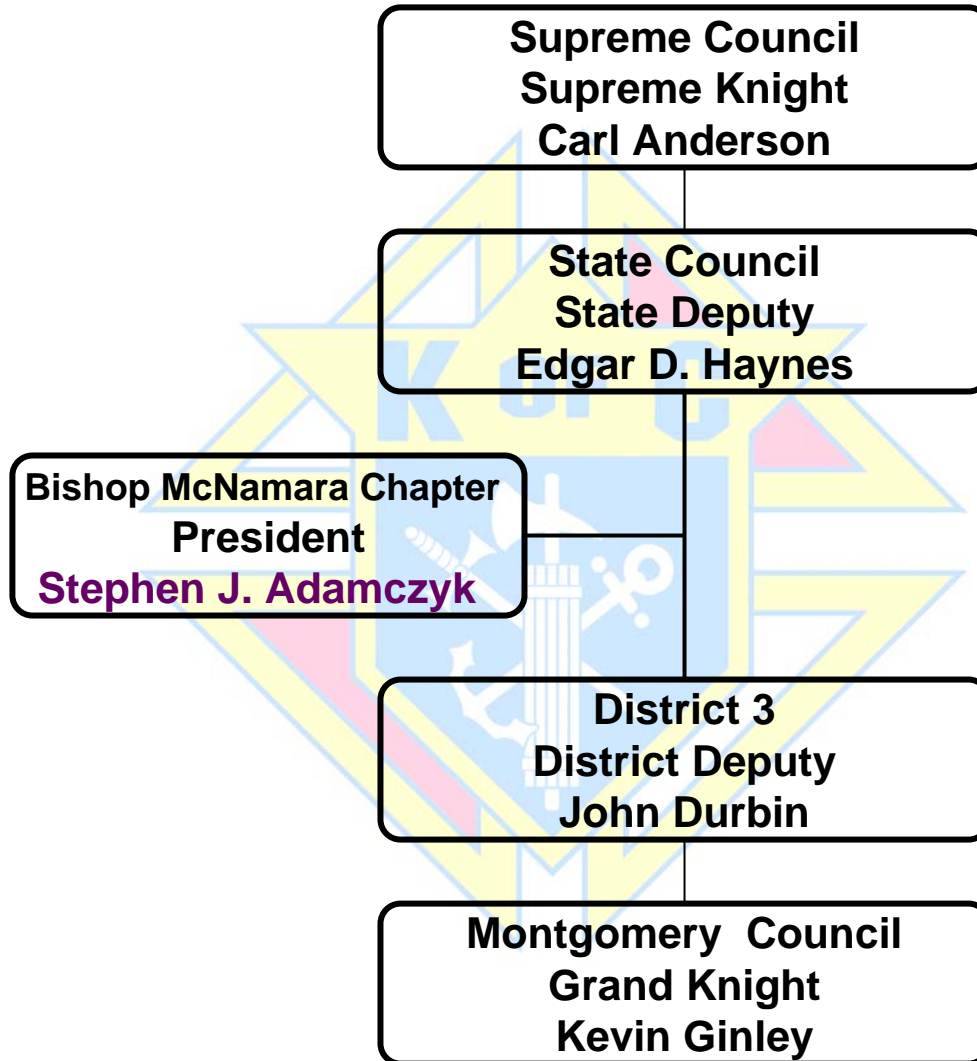
- Life Insurance and survivor planning
- Education planning for our children and grandchildren.
- Pre and post retirement planning
- Long term health care planning

Our programs are voluntary but we do ask that you meet with your council Benefits Advisor. He is a brother knight. He's friendly and there is no pressure at all. He's only here to help you. And remember he IS a brother knight!!!

The KofC is 1 of 4, out of 1800 insurance companies in North America to have all the top financial ratings. Truly an elite opportunity you have available as a KofC member.

# K of C Organization

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# Council Program Areas

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- **Church**
- **Community**
- **Council**
- **Family**
- **Youth**



# Church Activities

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- **Pro-Life**
- **Memorial Mass**
- **Facilities Support**
- **Vocation Support**
- **Quarterly Masses**
- **Devotion to Rosary**
- **Support to Parish and Pastor e.g. Voter Registration Drive**

# Community Activities

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- **Drive for the Mentally Handicapped (The Tootsie Roll)**
- **Special Olympics Picnics**
- **Seniors dinners**
- **Medical Mission in Haiti**
- **Coming soon:- Support for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Togo**

# Youth Activities

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- **Keep Christ in Christmas**
- **Scholarship Program**
- **Free Throw Competition**
- **Academic Achievement Awards**
- **Altar Server Recognition**
- **Children's Halloween and Easter Parties**

# Family Activities

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- **Family of the Month Program**
- **Family Picnics**
- **Christmas Party**
- **Ladies Appreciation**
- **Lenten Fish Fries**
- **Trip to the Renaissance Festival**
- **Weekend In Ocean City**



# Council Activities

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- **Council News Letter**
- **Golf Tournament**
- **Past Grand Nights Dinner**
- **News Years Eve Party**
- **Mardis Gras Spectacular**
- **Charity Ball**
- **Car Raffle**
- **Waggon of Cheer**



# **Why do Men Join the K of C?**

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- **Protecting one's family**
- **Growing in one's faith**
- **Support of the Church**
- **Community involvement**
- **Socializing with men & Families with the same beliefs & values that you share.**
- **In Summary: To be a better catholic**

# Degree Dates

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- **1<sup>st</sup> Degree** – date, time, Location

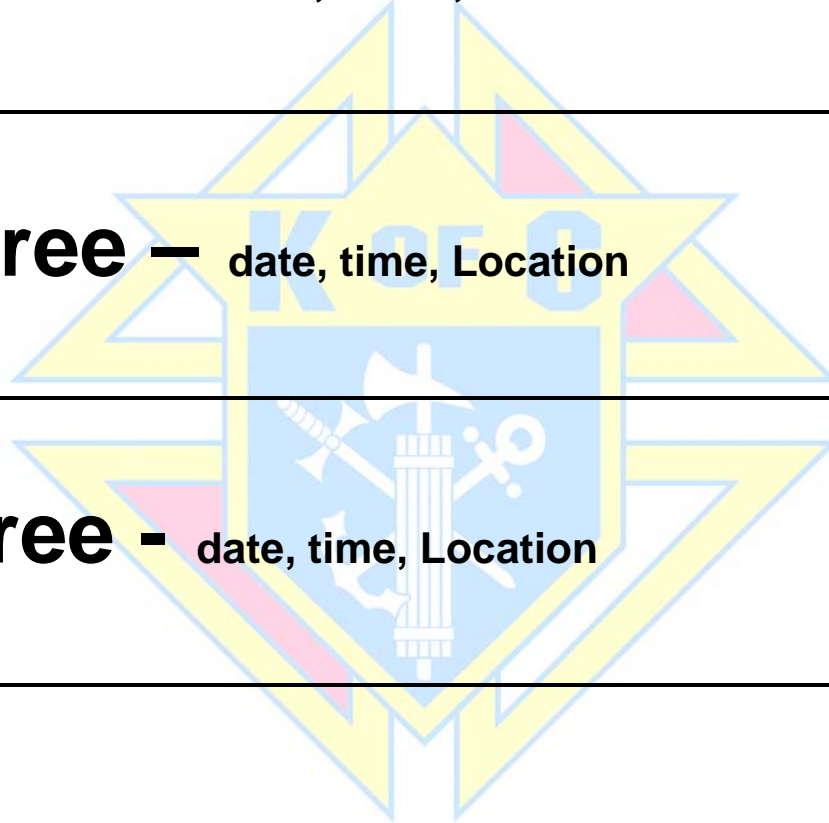
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- **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree** – date, time, Location

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- **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** – date, time, Location

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# What does it cost?

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- **Annual Dues \$45.00**
- **One Time Enrollment Fee \$20.50**
- **Prorated** Your 1<sup>st</sup> annual due will be prorated for the remaining months of your 1<sup>st</sup> fraternal year.



# When do we meet?

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- **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Social Meeting 7 PM**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Business Meeting 8 PM**
- **Fr Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood**
- **Duration, about 1 hour**
- **Snacks, drinks, socializing follows**

# Questions and Answers



**THANK YOU FOR COMING!!**