About the Knights of Columbus

Requirements: The KOFC is a Catholic fraternal Organization. You must be a practicing Catholic in the eyes of the Church. There are no requirements after you join except your monthly dues, but we hope each member can contribute at least a minimum of 24hrs a year to keep the council healthy.

Meetings: We meet as a group at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Knight Hall. The meetings allow us a chance to exchange ideas, discuss upcoming events, and socialize together. The meetings are not mandatory, but are the only vehicle to table new issues and have the council vote on those issues. The meetings generally last an hour or so.

Family Events: We sponsor two annual dinners, St. Patrick's Dinner & Columbus Day Dinner, where many families attend and enjoy the meal and festivities. Our Corporate Communion is another family event, where we all attend the same mass as a group, and then proceed to share a meal together either at the Church or a local restaurant. The Pancake Breakfast after Sunday Morning Mass is fun, and when we do the Easter Egg Hunt during Lent, the Kids smiles say it all! We also sponsor a Family Bingo Night for our parish and our St. Edward School children and their families. Then we have our newly Surfin'Scripture Committee that has fun at the beach h while taking in the upcoming Sunday Scriptures.

Parish/Community Support: We do many things to support our Community, School and Parish. Blood Drives to support our local hospitals, Running the BBQ Booth at the Fiesta, helping Father Sallot fix, repair, or purchase items for the church, as well as offering Handy Work for our Parish elderly or widows, helping out at the Catholic Worker House in Santa Ana, are just a few of the ways we support our community.

Communications: We send out a monthly newsletter via email (or regular mail if no email available) www.kofc12451.org is our website with many links and lots of information, current calendar of events and contact phone numbers. Our Headquarters in New Haven, CT has their web-site at www.kofc.org.

Fundraising: We have a few events each year that raise the majority of our funds which we pass along to charity. The two major fund raisers are the Super Bowl Raffle (Jan/Feb) and the Golf Tournament (July). Another high profile fundraiser is the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive in October, where we raise money to support Bishop Brown's Summer Camp for adults with intellectual disabilities. Participation in some way by the membership in these 3 events is expected to ensure success. A list of some of our regular recipients of our council funds:

Battle against Breast Cancer (support for Mission Hospital's Breast Care Unit)
Blood Drives for Saddleback Memorial Hospitals in Laguna Hills and San Clemente
Columbian Charities (support local charities as sponsored by Columbian Foundation)
Disabled Children Support (Disabled Children Summer Camp in Orange County)
FOCUS (College faith formation group)
Handi-Knights providing labor and costs for small repairs to parishioners in need.
Operation Interdependence (provides care packages for deployed soldiers)
Missionaries of the Poor (Aid to the needy in Jamaica and the Philippines
Priest Annuity Fund (provide annuity payments to Parish Priest who are in K of C)
Respect Life (Many local and national Pro-Life groups are supported)
Scholarship Fund (provide Catholic High School Scholarship to needy parish family)
Seminarian Fund (support 2 seminarians with expenses)
Special Olympics (support the Orange County Special Olympics)
St. Edward Catholic School (Holiday Ball, Monte Carlo Night, Fiesta)
St. Vincent De Paul (support for the local chapter to support the needy in Orange County)
Wheelchair Charity (provide support for wheelchairs for those who cannot afford them)

As a brother Knight, please take a few minutes to think about how you might serve God by serving in one of these activities and fill out the attached questionnaire.

May God richly bless you brother!
Ted Wilson, Membership Chairman
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