



# About the Knights

Fr. Louis Knight Council 12451, Dana Point, CA

## 1. Our Council

Our Council was chartered on June 16, 1999. It was named Fr. Louis Knight Council 12451 in honor of our founding Pastor here at St. Edward the Confessor. Fr. Louis Knight was both a Knight of Columbus and our first Chaplin. We currently have over 200 members including both our Pastor Fr. Steve Sallot and our current Chaplin Fr. Loc Tran, all serving our Church and our Community. Other Priests who are KOFC include Bishops Todd Brown, Jaime Soto, Cirillo Flores, and Priests Chris Heath, Mario Juarez, Avelino Orozco, Matt Munoz, Steve Correz, John Struzzo, Achilles Mayanga, Mel Long, David Klunk,, and the Orange Diocese Vocations Director Fr. John Nenemen.

## 2. Contributing:

We encourage our members to become active in the Church as well as our Council. Many members are Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors or involved other ministries including Missionaries of the Poor, Religious Education, Church Choir, Cursillo Retreats, School Parent Activities, and Right to Life. The Knights of Columbus is a volunteer program structured to provide fraternity among Catholic Brothers, faith in our families, and Charity to the Church and Community. However, there is no minimum or maximum to contribute. Each member contributes to the best of their ability. We meet on the third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM with dinner and social hour prior to each meeting.

## 3. Council Fundraisers

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world with more than 1.7 million members in over 14,000 councils. Last year, Knights of Columbus donated 64 million volunteer hours and \$139 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their Church, communities, councils, families, and youth. Our Council is growing and remains very active, always searching for new ways to better serve our Church, Families, and Community. Some examples of our Council's Contributions are:

### St. Edward School/Youth -

- Flag Poles & Trophy Case
- Fiesta BBQ Booth
- Scholarship Fund
- Free Throw & Soccer Contest

### Vocations -

- Seminarian Scholarship
- Priest Annuity & Retirement Fund

### Pro-Life -

- Birthchoice & Mary's Shelter
- Toby's & Laura's House

### Community -

- Blood Drives
- Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities

- Breast Cancer/Mission Hospital
- K of C Wheelchair Foundation
- Catholic Worker House (Homeless Charity)

### Patriotism -

- Operation Inter-dependence / Toys for Tots (Packages for our Marines & their Families)
- Missionaries of the Poor (3rd World Charity)
- Marine Semper Fi Fund, & Naval hospital

### Church/Faith -

- Handi-Knights (Handymen-Church & Parish)
- San Felipe de Jesus Heating System
- Focus (Growth of College Catholic Faith)
- Sickness and Duress (Prayer & Support)
- Bishop's Color Guards & Mass Servers

## 4. Family Events: & Activities

We sponsor two annual dinners here at St. Edward., the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, & Columbus Day Italian Feast... Our Quarterly Corporate Communion are where we all attend a mass as a group. Afterwards our families share a meal together either at the Church or a local restaurant. The Sunday Pancake Breakfast is another great family event. When we do the Easter Egg Hunt, the Kid's smiles say it all! Surfing the Scriptures is a new activity that promotes spiritual awareness.

We have a few events each year that raises 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. And new this year is an Oktoberfest to raise funds for our military families in need. Participation by the membership in all of these events is expected to ensure success. Our most visible arm, the 4th Degree Color Guard, presides at parades, Confirmations, funerals and other call-outs from the Bishop.

## 5 Insurance:

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Wholesale Life Insurance Companies in the world and is optional to new members. They also provide Annuities, Education Savings, and other policies. All these programs are optional but can be a great way to provide financial security to your family at a reduced cost. Each Council has a Field Agent who is there to help with your planning for the future.

For inquiries on becoming a Knights of Columbus member please contact:

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