



# 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. The Knights of Columbus was first started in New Haven Connecticut by a priest named Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882. Fr. McGivney is up for canonization and has been raised to the title of "Venerable." We meet on the third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 PM with dinner and social hour prior to each meeting. The requirements to become Knight are 3 fold, i.e. you must be at least 18yrs old, male, and a practicing Catholic in line with the Holy See.

## 2. Contributing:

We encourage our members to become active in the Church as well as our Council. 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.

## 3. Council Fundraisers

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world with more than 1.8 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
- Annual Clergy Night Dinner

### Pro-Life -

- Birthchoice & Mary's Shelter
- Toby's & Laura's House
- Priests for Life

### Community -

- Blood Drives for Memorial Hospitals

- Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities
- K of C Wheelchair Foundation
- Special Olympics

### 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
- EWTN
- Christian Services
- 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, & Oktoberfest. The latter raises money for the Marine Semper Fi fund and Navel Hospital at Camp Pendleton. We meet and participate in mass at our Qlty Corporate Communion. Afterwards our families share a meal together either at the Church for a potluck dinner or BBQ or a local restaurant. Sunday Pancake Breakfast are another great family event. But, at our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, the Kid's smiles say it all! Surfin' Scriptures meets at T St. in San Clemente on Saturday mornings during the summertime for surf, swim, and Bible study. And we host our annual Golf Tournament each summer at one of the finer golf courses here in the area. Another high profile fundraiser is the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive in October, where we raise money in front of grocery stores to support Bishop Brown's Summer Camp for adults with intellectual disabilities. 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. Since our insurance is for Knights only, all dividends come back to the shareholders. Each Council has a Field Agent who is there to help with your planning for the future.

May God truly enrich you my brother,

**Tim Kosor, Membership Director**

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