



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Welcome to St. Bridget Parish's local Knights of
Columbus Council 4902



Our River Falls Council 4902 of approximately 195 knights was chartered in 1960. We are part of a global organization of practicing Catholic men and a pillar of strength for the Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus Order was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut on March 29, 1882. Today there are over 14,000 councils and over 1.8 million Knights around the world.

Knights of Columbus
Bishop Annabring Council 4902
P.O. Box 234
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022
<http://www.kofc4902.org/>

How do Knights put their Faith into Action?

Major Fundraising Projects

- River Falls Days Food Booth
- Pierce County Fair Food Booth
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- WI State KC Charity Raffle

Serving St. Bridget Parish Youth

- Youth Bowling Tournament
- Youth Basketball Tournament
- Free-Throw Shooting Contest
- Pass, Punt, & Kick Contest
- Mass Server Recognition Events
- Student Scholarships
- Children's Christmas Poster Contest
- Donations to Faith Formation and Youth Groups

Serving St. Bridget Parish, the local community, and beyond

- Donations to Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians
- Pregnancy Helpline Donations
- River Falls Food Shelf Donations
- Ecumenical Giving Tree Donations & Volunteer Support
- Area Resource Center (ARC) Donations
- Our Neighbor's Place Donations
- Special Olympics Donations
- Wisconsin Pro-Life Advocacy
- Serve as Deacons, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, etc.
- Emergency Donations in Time of Great Need

Serving our Brother Knights and their Families

- Social Events – Christmas Party, Spring Fling
- Sponsor/Coordinate St. Bridget Men's Fellowship Night
- Euchre Tournament
- River Falls Fish Baseball
- Monthly Meetings – Business, Prayer, Fraternity
(2nd Monday of month)

How do YOU become a Brother Knight?

- Membership Criteria
 - ◊ Male, 18 years or older
 - ◊ Practicing Catholic – in full harmony with the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church and the Holy See
 - ◊ Uphold the Oath of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism
 - ◊ Faithfully Remit Annual Dues of \$24
- Complete and Sign Form 100 Application. Submit, along with check for dues to any of the following Brother Knights
 - ◊ Grand Knight
 - ◊ Deputy Grand Knight
 - ◊ Financial Secretary
- Attend First Degree Exemplification into Knighthood at a Regular Monthly Meeting
 - ◊ Gain Approval from Grand Knight, Chaplain, and Brother Knights
 - ◊ Attend Exemplification Ceremony, and Accept your Oath
- Second, Third, and Fourth Degree Knighthood
 - ◊ Each Brother Knight is Encouraged to Attain These Levels
 - ◊ Exemplifications are Scheduled and Coordinated by District KC Officers
- Insurance Benefits – Optional
 - ◊ Contact Local Field Agent or General Agent's Office for Information

What principles do the Knights uphold?

All of our good works are aligned with these core principles: **Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights 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.

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 – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours 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, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We 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.