



Preparation Information to make the 2nd & 3rd Degrees In the **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS**

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OFFICERS of the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Council Name: St. Thomas

Council Number: 13861

Council Town: Sanford

District Number: 15 – Sanford, Springvale, St Thomas,
Limerick.

Council: Grand Knight: John Chandonnet

Council: Deputy Grand Knight: Dennis Breton

Financial Secretary: John Greenlee

Council Chaplain: Pastor--- Very Reverend Philip Tracy

State Chaplain: Very Reverend Aaron Damboise

Supreme Chaplain: Most Reverend William Lori (Arch Bishop)

State Deputy: Norman Gray

District Deputy: Dennis Guay (Sanford)

Supreme Knight: Carl Anderson

Pope: Francis

Bishop: Robert Deeley

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FACTS

1. **Founder of K of C:** Reverend Michael J. McGivney, Curate of St. Mary's Parish, New Haven, Connecticut
2. **Charter Granted to K of C** March 29, 1882. Given by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut.
3. **General objectives why this Fraternal Society Founded:**
 - (A) Provide fellowship among members
 - (B) Aid the cause of religion
 - (C) Perform charitable, educational, and patriotic works for the benefit of their fellow members and their nation
4. The name, Knights of Columbus, adopted February 6, 1882, (1st name thought of was Sons of Columbus)
5. 4 Principles of Our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism
6. To show Patriotism, the Knights got the words "Under God" added to the Pledge on June 14, 1954
7. To qualify to become a Knight, one must be 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic
8. **What pledge did you take as a First Degree?** Pledge of Secrecy – not to reveal any of the Ceremonies of the Order unless to a qualified Brother
9. Address the Grand Knight when speaking to him from the floor as "Worthy Grand Knight"

How to Salute the Grand Knight: give him the Tree of the Cross, he in turn, gives the Arms of the Cross, making the Sign of the Cross Always give the sign when asking to speak to the Grand Knight: proper stand proper sign

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(Just for your information)

COLUMBUS

1. When was Columbus born? October 31, 1451. Where? Genoa, Italy

2. What was Columbus famous for? Discover of New World
3. What Queen helped Columbus make his journey? Queen Isabella
4. How many ships did Columbus have? 3
5. Name his ships? Santa Maria, Nina, Pinta
6. When did Columbus first land? October 12, 1492
7. How long was the ship Pinta? 75 feet long
8. Of the three ships which was the largest? Santa Maria – 90 feet long
9. At what age did Columbus die? 54 years old
10. When Columbus discovered land, who did he find there? Indians
11. Where and when did Columbus die? May 20, 1506, buried in Valladolid

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The **Emblem** of the Order dates from the Second Supreme Council Meeting of May 12, 1883 and it was designed by James Mullen who was Supreme Knight.

A quick glance of the Emblem indicates a shield mounted on the Malta Cross represents the Cross of Christ which all graces of Redemption were procured for mankind.

This represents the Catholic Spirit of the Order.

On the Shield mounted are 3 objects.

A Mace standing vertically and crossed behind it an anchor and a short sword. The Mace symbol of Authority in Roman Day, Anchor a Mariner symbol for Columbus and short sword weapons of the Knights engaged in battles of Mercy. The Shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action and the Letters K of C proclaims this specific form of activity.

Colors on the Emblem

Red symbol of Faith

White color of the Eucharist – also Christ Like Charity

Blue color of our Blessed Mother's Mantle upon which she wrapped her son
– Blue symbol of Hope.

You Definitely Need to know ALL Sacraments

SACRAMENTS

What is a Sacrament –It is an outward sign made by Jesus Christ to give us grace.

How many Sacraments are there? Seven

What are they and their outward signs? **Baptism:** Water, **Confirmation:** Holy Oil, **Holy Eucharist:** Bread & Wine, **Penance:** Absolution & Sorrow for Sins, **Matrimony:** Rings Vows, **Holy Orders,** and **Anointing of the Sick**

Which of these Sacraments can be received **more than once?**

Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony, and Anointing of the sick

Which of these Sacraments can be received only once?

Baptism, Confirmation, & Holy Orders.

You Definitely Need to know ALL Ten Commandments

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord thy God, thou shall not have strange gods before Me.
2. Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep Holy the Lord's Day
4. Honor thy father and mother.
5. Thou shall not kill
6. Thou shall not commit adultery.
7. Thou shall not steal.
8. Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shall not covet thou neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shall not covet thou neighbor's goods.

You Definitely Need to know ALL Rosary

THE ROSARY

(There are many question asked on the Rosary)

1. **How many sets of Mysteries are there?** There are 4 sets of 5 mysteries:

Joyful (1. The Annunciation, 2. The Visitation, 3. The Nativity, 4. The Presentation in the Temple, 5. The Finding in the Temple), **Sorrowful** (1. The Agony in the Garden, 2. The Scourging at the Pillar, 3. The Crowning with Thorns, 4. The Carrying of the Cross, 5. The Crucifixion and Death), **Glorious** (1. The Resurrection, 2. The Ascension, 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit, 4. The Assumption, 5. The Coronation, & **Luminous** (1. The Baptism of Christ, 2. The Wedding at Cana, 3. Preaching of Christ on the Kingdom, conversion and reconciliation, 4. The Transfiguration, 5. The Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist),

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THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the Hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Comfort the imprisoned.
6. Visit the sick.
7. Bury the dead.

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Admonish sinners.
2. Instruct the uninformed.
3. Counsel the doubtful.
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Be patient with those in error.
6. Forgive offenses.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Capital Sins: (A.K.A. The 7 Deadly Sins)

1. Pride
2. Covetousness
3. Lust
4. Anger
5. Gluttony
6. Envy
7. Sloth

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. **Wisdom**, 2. **Understanding**, 3. **Counsel**, 4. **Fortitude**,
(The strength to bare pain & misfortune calmly & patiently)
5. **Knowledge**, 6. **Piety** (Devotion to religious duties & practices and loyal to parents devoted to family) and 7. **Fear of the Lord**

These RELIGIOUS BELIEFS are for your information, they are questions they have asked the Candidates in the past Years.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

1. **To qualify to become a Knight, one must be 18 years of age and a Practical Catholic.**
2. **What is a Practical Catholic?** It is one who lives up to the commandments of God and the precepts of the Church.
3. **What are the precepts of the Church?**
 - To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
 - To fast and abstain from meat on appointed days.
 - To confess one's sins at least once a year.
 - To receive Holy Eucharist during the Easter time
 - To contribute to the support of the Church
 - To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage
 - To join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.
4. **How many Holy Days of Obligation are there?** 6: Christmas (Birth of Jesus Christ), New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary), Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter), Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th), All Saints' Day (November 1st), and The Immaculate Conception (December 8th).
5. **Name the earthly successor of St. Peter?** Pope Benedict XVI
6. **Name your Pastor?**
7. **Name your Bishop?**
8. **Which Sacrament did these Men you just mentioned receive that no married man, woman or child cannot receive?** Holy Orders
9. **What does the Mass represent?** Death on the Cross-Last Supper
10. **Who is the principal of the Mass?** Jesus Christ who offers to his heavenly Father through the ministry of his ordained Priests his body and blood which was sacrificed on the Cross.
11. **Why is the Mass offered?** 1.) To adore God as Creator and Lord, 2.) To thank Him, 3.) To ask God to bestow on all men His blessings, 4.) To satisfy the justice of God for sins committed against Him.
12. **How many kinds of actual sins are there?** Mortal & Venial Sins
13. **What is actual sin?** Any willful thought, desire, word, action or omission forbidden by the law of God
14. **How can we keep from committing sin?** Prayers, Receive Sacraments, Keep in mind that our bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit, Keep occupied by work, By avoiding occasions of sins

15. **What are some of the Perfections of God?** Eternal, All-Good, All-Knowing, All-Present, Almighty
16. **Where do you find the Chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church?** Apostles' Creed
17. **Name the 7 Sacraments?** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders
18. **Name 3 Theological Virtues?** Faith, Hope, & Charity
19. **Chief Marks of the Church?** One, Holy, Catholic-Universal, Apostolic
20. **How many Commandments are there?** 10
21. **Name the 5th? 7th? 2 Greatest Commandments? 3rd Commandment?** I shall not kill. I shall not steal. To love God with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself. To keep the Sabbath Day Holy.
22. **What does the word Sacrilegious mean?** Mistreating of a Sacred person, place, or thing
23. **Do we as Catholics pray to Crucifixes, Statues of Saints as so many other Religions say we do?** No-but to the person it represents
24. **If you came upon an accident and a person wished to be Baptized could you do it and if so how?** Yes, by pouring water over the head and pronouncing, "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and The Son, and The Holy Spirit. Amen.
25. **Who is the usual minister of Confirmation?** Bishop
26. **What does Confirmation do for us?** Helps us profess our Faith as strong and perfect soldiers of Jesus Christ
27. **When was the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist instituted?** At the Last Supper
28. **What is an Examination of Conscience?** Sincere effort to call to mind all sins we have committed since our last confession
29. **To receive the Sacrament of Penance worthily, what are 5 important things to remember?** Examination, true sorrow, firm purpose, confess, perform penance given
- How many persons in God?** 3: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit
32. **There are two kind of Grace. What are they? Sanctifying Grace** makes us pleasing to God. **Actual Grace** helps us to do good and avoid evil
33. **Pentecost is known as the:** "Birthday of the Church"