

## Scholarships

Since its inception, the Knights' local scholarship program has provided over \$58,000 to 74 recipients. Conducted under a 501(c) (3) Charity Fund, tax-deductible funds are sometimes donated to honor the memory of individuals.

## Charitable Gifts

Each year the Council contributes funds to worthy organizations such as the **Alzheimer's Association**, the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, **Operation Second Chance** (supporting our wounded veterans). The Knights have participated in all of the major fundraising appeals in the Archdiocese as well as the program to construct the St. Michael Religious Education wing. Our dinners and our annual golf tournament are major sources of our charitable gifts.

## Youth Education

Each year, we participate with the St. Michael Religious Education Committee to conduct the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest and hold the 'Catholic Bee' to encourage our youth in their Catholic Faith. These programs have been ongoing since 1996.

## Youth Liturgical Minister Program

Each year in the fall we work with St. Michael's Liturgy Committee to recognize our youth who have begun providing support at our liturgies. We include youth who contribute as altar servers, lectors,

music ministers and ushers and give thanks for the involvement of their parents. This program was initiated in 2015.

## Recognition for Mothers and Fathers

Each Mother's Day and Father's Day we recognize Mothers and Fathers in their essential roles in support of Family Life and the development of our youth.

## Support to the Columbia Pregnancy Center

In conjunction with the international Knights of Columbus, **OUR** Council raised funds and purchased an advanced ultra-sound machine for the Columbia Pregnancy Center. The Center provides free ultra-sounds to clients seeking information.

The free tests help clients understand the importance of their life decisions and encourages them to protect life.

In recognition of our efforts with the ultrasound machine and other contributions, the Columbia Pregnancy Center awarded the 2020 St. Giana Molla award to our St. Michael Council. This award is presented in recognition of significant work in support of the center.

## Support to Seminarians

Each year our Council provides monetary support and encouragement to two Baltimore Archdiocesan seminarians. In addition the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights separately support two *other* seminarians. This year all four seminarians became 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

Knights. The proceeds from our Christmas card program support this effort.

## Consecration to Holy Family

Each year our Council is consecrated to the Holy Family and conducts spiritual reflections at each meeting, along with prayers for the sick and distressed individuals and for the unborn.

## Annual Novena

In January we conduct a novena in support of Life. The novena has consisted of attendance at Mass and may well expand to include virtual participation in our new environment.

## Respect Life

Each year in January, regardless of the weather, our Knights travel to Washington D.C. participate in the **March for Life**. We are also known for our support of those with special needs via the well-known '**Tootsie Roll**' program and our participation with St. Michael Respect Life Committee's activities.

The Knights installed our **flagpole** with a plaque **honoring the veterans** from St. Michael's. The Knights are also responsible for the **Memorial to the Unborn**.

## People You Know

You probably know some of St. Michael's Knights. Did you know that our Chaplain Fr. Mike is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight? Deacon Cliff and Deacon Harbey are also Knights. Knights are involved with many aspects of life at St. Michael Church. We are Lectors,

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, cantors, Hospitality Ministers, on Church Committees ... We are here to help others.

### **WHY?**

*(from a meditation by Michael Josephson)*

“Living a life that matters doesn’t happen by accident. It’s not a matter of circumstances, but a matter of choice.”

So how did you do? Now that you know of some of our accomplishments, what do you think? What’s your answer to Number 12?

We welcome your opinions and comments. Care to evaluate?

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Catholic Men over 18 years of age are eligible to be Knights. ANYone can help!

Being a Knight means YOU automatically play a part in all our programs. Are YOU a Knight?

The Knights are doing stuff ...

We can use YOUR help ...

Are You READY yet?

DID YOU KNOW you can join virtually?

It’s literally virtually easy!



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Test YOUR knowledge of our Knights of Columbus of St. Michael’s of Poplar Springs Council #10525

Our local council was established on December 9, 1990, and in thirty+ years has adopted programs and activities in support of our Community and our Parish Family life.

But sometimes our programs get a bit lost in the shuffle of our daily concerns.

SO...Here’s a little quiz.

See if you

“ *Already*

*knew*

*that.*”