

#### Two Members of the Knights of Columbus to Join College of Cardinals

Pope Benedict XVI, on Oct. 17, announced the elevation two K of C members to the College of Cardinals: Archbishops John P. Foley and Daniel N. DiNardo. The Cardinals-designate will join 21 other churchmen in receiving their red hats and rings during a Nov. 24 consistory in Rome.

#### Knights Lead New Haven's Columbus Day Celebration

More than 200 Knights of Columbus took part in the 2007 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade on October 7, part of a continuing celebration of the Order's 125th anniversary.

#### New Marian Prayer Program Begins

Beginning Sept. 8, Feast of the Birth of Mary, Knights began spreading devotion to Our Lady of Charity through a new yearlong Marian Prayer Program for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI.

#### Knights Reaffirms Opposition to Abortion, Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Delegates to the 125th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming its "deep commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life."

#### Celebrate 125 years of 'Faith in Action'

The 125th anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration. Councils throughout the Order are urged to observe this event — among their own members and with the community at large — as a reminder of what the Knights of Columbus have accomplished in the past 125 years, the ideals of the Order, and their own local achievements. Use the ideas in this section when planning your council's celebration of our Order's 125th anniversary. Click here to go to downloadable 125th anniversary logos.

#### Recruitment Strategies for Success

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and his faith. For your council's recruiting efforts to succeed, you need to devise a plan of action and follow through on it. Use the above link to access ideas and materials to help your recruitment efforts, to keep our Order growing and strong, and to give every qualified man the opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus.

#### Knights of Columbus Introduces New Annuity Product

In a continuing effort to offer its members and their families convenient, reliable, and stable ways to enhance their financial security, the Knights of Columbus has introduced a new annuity product: the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity. Vantage is designed to provide Knights with a safe and simple way to save for retirement.

#### Standard & Poor's Reaffirms Knights of Columbus AAA Rating

For the 15th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest rating: AAA (Extremely Strong) from Standard & Poor's. With more than 140 years experience, Standard & Poor's is the financial industry's foremost independent rating bureau, providing investment, credit and risk analyses of financial institutions around the world.

‘Keep Christ in Christmas’ and ‘Light Up For Christ’

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it’s refreshing to know that the Order established the “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign and the “Light Up for Christ” program to remind people that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ.

Why Join the Knights of Columbus?

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see just what we are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life by viewing the segment, "Why Join?"