

BENEFITS

- COLUMBIA MAGAZINE – Free subscription to the Order's monthly magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics, and families.
- K of C ROSARY – Blessed by the supreme chaplain; presented during the First Degree exemplification.
- DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH – Mass for deceased members and their wives, and deceased members of the Squires program, at birthplace of the Order.
- INSURANCE – Portfolio of top-quality life insurance and annuity products exclusively for members and their families.
- FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFIT – For eligible families: a) Pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) Pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) Offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.
- ORPHAN BENEFIT – \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
- MEMBER/SPOUSE FRATERNAL BENEFIT – Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost.
- NEW MEMBER ANNUITY PLAN – Available to a new member and his wife between ages 18 and 83 for as little as \$100.00 each.
- WIDOW BENEFITS – a) Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) May purchase insurance or annuities up to 90 days after insured member's death; c) Receives a free lifetime subscription to Columbia; d) Eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.

- SCHOLARSHIPS – Eight different scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses, and children plus a \$50.00 scholarship from the council for all children of members who continue their education after high school..
- MATTHEWS AND SWIFT EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND – Scholarship benefits for the children of members killed or permanently disabled as a result of military conflict or as a result of criminal violence while lawfully performing their duties as police/fire personnel.
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Opportunity to build personal leadership skills.
- FOURTH DEGREE – Eligibility to join the "Patriotic Degree."
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP at Age 70 with 25 years of service.
- MEMBERSHIP CARD – Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in over 11,000 councils throughout the world.
- ACTIVITIES – FAMILY/YOUTH/SOCIAL/ATHLETIC – Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by local councils.

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Knights of Columbus Fr. John Cosmic Council #291



**St. James Church
Carthage, New York
&**

**St. Mary's Church
Copenhagen, New York**

The Council was founded December 6th, 1897 and works closely with the parishes in Carthage and Copenhagen providing funds for various projects, where members are active participants in their parish.

The Council conducts monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, breaking the summer months of July and August

The Knights of Columbus is an organization fortified by its past, and driven by its goals for the future. It's through these five areas of service—faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship—that we truly make a difference.

faith As Knights, our faith is our foundation. Dedicated to the Catholic Church's growth and her good works, we support religious outreach, promote vocations, and provide financial support for seminarians and postulates. This way, we help support our Church and strengthen our personal faith.

community As committed as we are to the Catholic Church, so are we to our communities. By actively and financially supporting Special Olympics, by leading the charge in pro-life, or by safeguarding the environment, Knights of Columbus members all over the world have helped countless communities prosper.

family As fathers and husbands, serving our families is not only part of what we do, it's part of who we are. To that end, Knights of Columbus councils offer programs that strengthen family and marital bonds by holding numerous family focused events, including the "Family of the Month" program that honors outstanding families. Most importantly, as Knights, we are able to provide assistance and support to Knights and their families whenever needed.

youth The importance of helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order. Through activities such as the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest, the Substance Abuse Poster contest, and the annual Free Throw championship, the Knights of Columbus assists youth in building a strong sense of civic and religious responsibility.

fellowship To be a Knight means to believe in each other as we believe in our-

selves; realizing that by creating strong, social, and supportive local councils, we help create a stronger Order worldwide and ensure an even stronger future.



As a service organization, the Knights of Columbus owes its many achievements to the tireless efforts of those in local councils where the greatest impact is most often witnessed, both by our families and our neighbors. Whether it's through the support of local athletic programs, sponsoring of special events, or even planning and hosting religious activities, Knights serve as valuable role models for other Catholic men, as well as mentors for all our children. And, hopefully, as a source of inspiration for future generations of Knights.



Our council hosts a large number of council activities throughout the year to include dinners on select Thursday nights, as well as Monday night football.

Annual activities include: Thanksgiving Party, Christmas Party, Saint Patrick's Day Dinner, Awards Night and various other ethnic dinners to include: Italian, Polish, and German nights.

Below is a picture of our Knight of the Year, James Cassoni being presented by our Past Grand Knight, James Gratch:



Other activities are: Church Activities, Youth Activities, Family Activities, Community Service and Council Activities.

