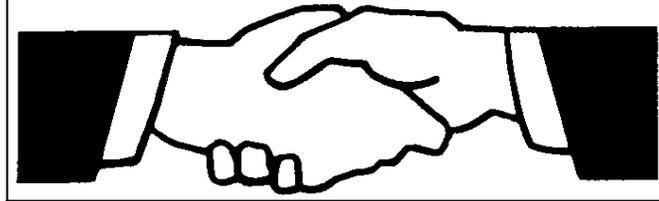


Welcome to the Knights of Columbus

Galena Council #696

Congratulations on taking the first step to learn more about being a member of the Knights of Columbus.



On August 24, 1902, 62 Catholic gentlemen from the local area formed Galena Council #696 of the Knights of Columbus. Between 1920 and 1930, the Council had grown to nearly 500 members. In the 1940's, area towns formed their own councils from the beginnings in Galena.

Today with over 120 members, we are part of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal organization of 1.6 million members. The Knights of Columbus provides members with volunteer service opportunities to the Catholic Church, our families and our community.

Council Activities

Galena Council 696 is involved with many local religious, charitable and civic activities. Just a few of the places where members are involved include:

Marian Hour of Prayer, Living Rosary, corsages at First Communion, flowers and medals at Baptisms, Rosary at deceased members visitation, Memorials for the unborn and Christmas Nativity;

Present medals at Illinois Special Olympics, march in local parades, and "Blue Mass" for area emergency personnel; and,

Fun and fundraising with Catfish Fries, St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Valentine's Dinner.



Galena Knights of Columbus...

Raises over \$2000 for local charities and families with annual Tootsie Roll Drive;

Provides financial, moral and prayer support for diocesan and state seminarians;

Uses fund-raising events to aid church, charitable and civic needs; and,

Donates hundreds of man- hours in the community.



Knights of Columbus worldwide...

Provides over \$20 million in support to over 35,000 seminarians;

Supports a multi-million dollar student loan program for the children of members;

Has more than 1.6 million Members who belong to over 11,000 Councils of the Knights of Columbus throughout the world. Including wives and children of Members, the Knights of Columbus extended family totals nearly 6 million people; and,

The Knights of Columbus contributes more than \$110 million to charitable causes and more than 55 million volunteer hours of community service.

Shouldn't your family join with these other Catholic families to make a difference and "Build a Better ... One Council at a Time?"

Contact us today!

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