



# The Knights of Columbus

## 哥倫布武士會

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哥倫布武士會是由 Fr. Michael J. McGivney 於 1882 年在美國 Connecticut 州的 New Haven 市創立，距離現今已有 132 年歷史。

全球現有約 14,000 武士會，分佈於加拿大、美國、菲律賓、墨西哥、波蘭、巴拿馬、波多黎各、關島及加勒比各地，共有 1,800,000 會員，武士會是世界最大的天主教家庭／兄弟友好服務組織。

武士會成立目的之一是提供經濟援助給會員及家眷，本會擁有一個完美聲譽的保險計劃，這計劃除為會員提供服務外，也在教育、宗教、賑災及社會福利方面作出貢獻。

加拿大殉道聖人堂武士會於 1997 年（即 17 年前）成立，現有會員 80 人，朱達章神父是本會神師（他亦是一位武士），成立目的是透過慈善，團結、兄弟友愛及愛國精神，為聖堂及社區服務。

本會工作範圍，包括：維持聖堂秩序、主日奉獻、收哀矜、支援食物調濟庫 (Food Bank)、售賣慈善獎券，及堂區每月第四周的主日茶座 (Food Court)，提供老人或傷殘人士送餐服務 (Meals on Wheels) 及幫助聖堂的維修工作等等……。

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882 officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.



The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social & intellectual fellowships are promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its

life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy to serve communities worldwide.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

Our Council was founded in 1997 (17 years ago), the current registered membership is just over 80. Fr. Paul Chu is our Chaplain (he is a Knight too) and we have meeting once a month. Our scope of works is as follows: ushering, offering and collection during mass, Meals on Wheels, Food Bank collection, charity appeal, visit the sick and the poor, general maintenance of the church.... and of course, serving the Food Court every fourth Sunday of the month. We hope to you there! 



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### Opening Ode

*Sing ye his praises loud and long,  
And let the unenlightened know,  
In e'vry echo of your song,  
The great deeds done, tho' long ago,  
By Columbus of the valiant soul,  
Who first old Neptune has controlled,  
Despite of envy, intrigue, gold,  
In the dim past of long ago.  
With vessels three o'er stormy sea,  
He thrilled the world of long ago.  
While wisdom linked with destiny,  
In justice scales its weight did throw.  
We are his heirs; we wear his name,  
We boast his deeds, we spread his fame,  
Our order is the shining flame  
That lights the gloom of long ago.*

