



**Knights of Columbus  
Saint Leo Council 1294  
Philadelphia, PA**



## **Who are the Knights?**

The **Knights of Columbus** is the World's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.6 million members. The Knights were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney in St. Mary's Parish in New Haven Connecticut. We are committed to our four principles (degrees) of ***Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism***. Benefits of membership include the opportunity to increase your faith and community involvement; members also receive 12 issues of the order's national publication the ***Columbia*** magazine and are eligible to participate in the insurance program to name a few benefits.

## **Council History**

**St Leo Council 1294** was founded in February 1908. Our Council serves the ***Tacony and Northeast Sections of Philadelphia***. Council meetings are currently held the **First Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM** at our **council home at the corner of Tulip & Tyson Streets**.

## **Activities**

(Just a few examples)

**Church Activity:** Support of Seminarians, Participate in Pro-Life Events, Annual Communion Breakfast, Advent and Lenten Masses

**Community Activity:** Annual Christmas Food Basket Giveaway. Collecting donations for SPIN (Special People in the Northeast Retarded Citizens), Blood Drives. Participate in Tacony Day Parade

**Youth Activity:** Sponsor Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition, coloring and essay contests for area schools.

**Council Activity:** Various social gatherings

## **How to Join**

Men must take the First Degree (initiation) before becoming active in the council. Membership is open to practicing Catholic men 18 yrs of age or older from *any* parish. Application blanks (Form 100) may be obtained from any member or contact the Grand Knight of Our Council **Jeff Scott @ (215) 941-1969** or membership chairman **John McKenna @ (267) 242-3975** for more information.