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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I became a Knight in 1979 and since then have been a member because of what I have personally witnessed; how men have transformed their lives and the lives of their families, how groups of these transformed men have changed the lives of the needy in their communities and have helped revitalize their parishes. The Knights help make men good men; they make good men great men; and, they make great men even better.

The Knights are known as a Men's organization, but are in many ways truly a family organization. Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights over 135 years ago to provide financial protection for a Knights' family. This protection is still available today to Knights and their families through their exclusive and voluntary insurance program.

It is said that the Knights of Columbus make men better fathers, better husbands, and better Catholics. Founded by a priest, Fr. McGivney, it is no surprise that a man's faith can grow, develop and further improve by being around men who profess and share their Christian faith to others. When men are welcomed into this Catholic organization, they embrace the sacred responsibility of becoming a strong believer of God and follower of Christ guided by the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Prayer is a strong pillar of every activity. Unity is enhanced through regular monthly council meetings and other social gatherings that strengthens fraternal bonds. The Knights develop close connection with the Church through regular attendance in the Holy Mass, participation in the celebrations of various devotions to Mary and the Saints and other parish religious events and gatherings that help deepen their spiritual life.

Knights in Utah are helping our church in so many ways, including supporting our seminarians, young men studying for the priesthood and religious life, who will lead our parishes in the future, and help the Knights in further deepening their Catholic faith. Improving their faith lives also help them build the unity and spirituality of their families. An active Knight of Columbus models Catholic teachings and Christian living for his families through service, charity, and prayer. Other social and fun gatherings are special occasions for fraternity and in building stronger families. Members of their family are always welcome to work side-by-side with other Knights during events at church or in the community. Their children can participate in sports, religious as well as artistic, scientific, and scholastic events.

Therefore, I urge you to join the Knights of Columbus in your parish. Any practical Catholic man 18 year old or older can join. With other men like you, YOU can make a big difference in your family's lives, an important difference in your parish, and have a big impact in your community. Join me, and some of the best men you will meet, in the Utah Knights of Columbus. For more information, see a Knight in your parish or send an email to membership@utahknights.org.