

Delta Church Drive Pulpit Speech Option A

Length: ~ 3 minutes

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you. As Father said, my name is [NAME] and I am the [Office Role] of [Name of Council] Knights of Columbus Council [Council #].

I am here to invite men in this parish to join not only our Knights of Columbus Council but to be part of a brotherhood of Catholic men totaling more than 1.9 million members around the world and 15,000 councils which was started by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT in 1882.

To be clear, I joined the Knights of Columbus because it offered me a lifestyle and a brotherhood through which to live my Catholic Faith.

We **believe** that living our faith makes a difference.

We **choose** to live differently than secular society and put our Faith into Action.

We strive to **avoid** that which leads us to sin.

We are in service to this parish and strive to exemplify virtue, integrity and most importantly what it means to be men of faith.

If you join, you will be invited to monthly meetings, participate in our ***Faith in Action*** programs...but most importantly you are “signing up” to be part of a brotherhood of men who intentionally strive to live their Catholic Faith in their homes, marriages, jobs, council, parish and community.

We take this commitment very seriously and if you decide to join us, you will be asked to do the same.

I am looking for Catholic men, who see all the challenges and evils of the world taking over people’s lives and say, “Not in my home, not in my parish, not in my council. I choose to live my faith in every aspect of my life. Not because it’s easy. I choose to do it because it’s hard. That’s what Knights of Columbus do.” Men who believe this are whom we are looking for.

I am looking for Catholic men who wish to be part of an international Brotherhood who, along with their families, strive to be a beacon of God’s light, knowing that we are all powerless without Him.

The annual membership fee is \$30 and for that you are part of the largest and most trusted Catholic Fraternal Men’s organizations in the world.

If you are a Catholic man at least 18 years old, I invite you to join us.

And if you are already a member of the council but have been away for a while, allow me to personally invite you to get involved again.

For more information, I and my brother Knights will be available at the exists to speak with you and answer any questions that you might have.

The initial step of signing up is easy. Simply go to kofc.org/join .

This link and my contact information is also in this week's bulletin if you would like to contact me at a more convenient time for you.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak with you.

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Option B**

Length: ~ 2 minutes

Thank you Father, for this opportunity to talk about the Knights of Columbus and what our local council does here in our parish and community.

In 1882 Father Michael McGivney started the Knights of Columbus to uplift his parish in New Haven, Connecticut. His vision was for councils to put programs of Faith in Action that would protect families and build a better world. He wanted families to grow in faith modeled after the example of the Holy Family. This is why we gave you the Holy Family prayer card as you entered Mass.

As an international Order the Knights of Columbus has a history of outstanding accomplishments and a record of service to Church and Country. What is an important reality is that local councils like ours make his vision our mission. I joined our council because of what we do right here, helping real people with real needs. We put charity into action!

The one council program that has really inspired me is....

Other council members really like our programs that...

Often times we hear that people are too busy with family and work to help out. This is really not the case. We don't want you to leave your family to participate in a charitable program, we want you to lead your family in charitable action. What I found was that just an hour here or an hour there could make a big difference to people in need, while putting our common faith into action.

Today, we have a great opportunity for you to take a test drive, so to speak. With just you email address we will be happy to send you information about charitable outreach programs.

Please fill out the card in the pew and hand it to one of our Knight Ambassadors at the doors on the way out of Mass. No obligation, we will only send you some information once a week.

If you're ready to join now it is very simple; go to KofC.org/join us.

Again, thank you Father for allowing me this opportunity to tell our story of faith and charity.

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Option C

Length: <1 minute

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Talking Points for Pastor/Chaplain Announcement Delta Church Drive Pulpit Speech

- The Knights of Columbus has a legacy of faith and service. Knights have long supported Catholic family life and worked to serve the less fortunate, whether they be in the local community, throughout the country or abroad.

- Share some of the programs the Knights do in the parish/community. Or share something the council has done that has aided or impacted your ministry as Pastor/Chaplain. The programs that we are most proud of are:
 - 1).

 - 2).

 - 3).

- Invite and encourage all men of the parish to consider joining the Knights. No matter where you are in life, the Knights will help you be a better man, a better

Catholic, and live out your vocation while helping those in need.