



**Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council #11293
Allen, Texas 75002**

New Member Council Information, 3/22/24: (website: stjudekofc.com)

St. Jude Council #11293 of the Knights of Columbus is located at St. Jude Catholic Church in Allen, TX. The Council was chartered on April 1, 1994, through the dedication and work of 32 men of our Parish. The Council is named after the Apostle St. Jude, also known as Thaddeus, who was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Savior. St. Jude Thaddeus is invoked in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them; therefore, he is the Patron Saint of desperate cases and lost causes. The Knights of Columbus cornerstones are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Important Point – For most, if not all Council events, **families** are encouraged to attend.

St. Jude Council offers men a place to lead their families & communities in faith & service and put their Faith in Action!

St. Jude Council Key Points of Contact

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The four main Faith in Action areas: **Faith, Family, Community and Life**. **Faith in Action Guide** definitions follow:

Faith - Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. When we entered the order, we were reminded to constantly inform ourselves in the Catholic faith.

Family - Programs in this category are developed for families, by families. Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents.

Community - As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our god. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families or in our communities.

Life - The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum.



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To view all program areas, use the following hyperlink: [Service Programs List for 11293 \(uknight.org\)](https://uknight.org)

If you want to volunteer for a specific program, contact the Program Director. He will assist you.

Tools to Assist you in Getting Involved

1. **Take the Ministry Safe, Sexual Abuse Awareness Training Program Course.** Requirement: You must be Safe Environment trained to be able to participate in events where children are present. You must be cleared through the Diocese Safe Environment training requirement and have a background check performed. Both must be completed to be cleared. Your initial training session is with Gail Moaleu, our St. Jude (SJ) Safe Environment Coordinator, if you haven't been cleared previously.

Link for training: <https://dallas.setanet.org/obligations.php>

Email Ronnie Cechan rcechan@yahoo.com and Gail Moaleu gmoaleu@stjudeparish.com your certificate when completed.

2. Take the Allen Independent School District (AISD) Food Handling course: This certificate is good for 2 years, at no cost and allows you to participate in AISD Concessions programs. This program is one of our Council's major fund raisers.

Link for the training: [Allen ISD Food Handler Course](#)

Link for the test: [Food Handler Test](#)

3. **Review our Council events calendar. Highly recommend reviewing weekly. The link is:** <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/events.asp?CNO=11293&DATE=7/15/2023>
4. **Post your volunteer hours in "Members Only" section** – It is important that Knights document our volunteer hours. All Councils participate and service hours are reported to the Supreme Council.
5. In the event of an emergency, (fire, weather related, etc.), click on this icon below for potential items to have ready in your family "Go Kit."



ERC Go Kit



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Who We Are

- Largest Catholic Family Service Organization
- Financially Support and Serve our Parish, Clergy, and Community
- 400+ Members at St. Jude
- Participate in nearly all 60 Church Ministries
- Lead by Example, Others are Watching Us

What We Do

- Mission: To Know, Love and Serve God
- Focus on Our Core Principles:
 - Charity, Unity, Fraternity
- Put Our Faith into Action Every day to Help Others
- Recognition of Faithful Service:
 - Knight / Family of the Month / Year

In fraternal year 2022-23, our Council generated \$153,850 in fundraiser income, in part to support these key programs:

• Church Service Programs	\$67,300
• Clergy Appreciation	\$13,000
• Youth Programs	\$12,400
• Pro-Life Programs	\$11,250
• Community Service	\$7,760
• People in Need	\$6,400

In fraternal year 2022-23, we were awarded “Council of the Year”- in the Dallas Diocese.



Hike for Life



Welcome Weekend



Lenten Meals



Allen Concessions



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Council Meeting Agenda

Our Council meetings are held once a month on the third Thursday of the month. This meeting is necessary to coordinate our activities. The agenda below is not just for our Council, but all Councils of the Order. It is taken from The Knights of Columbus, "The Guidelines for Council Meetings."

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance (USA) or Patriotic Display of Loyalty**
4. **Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**
5. **Chaplain's Message**
6. **Grand Knight's Report**
7. **Financial Report**
8. **Membership Report**
 - Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer
9. **Other Reports**
 - Programs
 - Committees
 - Fourth Degree
 - Insurance Agent*
 - District Deputy
10. **Unfinished Business (motions carried over from previous meetings)**
11. **New Business (new motions)**
 - Bills Not Previously Approved
12. **Good of the Order Awards (Family and Knight of the Month, etc.)**
13. **Lecturer's Reflection (optional)**
14. **Grand Knight's Summary**
15. **Closing Prayer (including intentions for sick or distressed members): Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney**
16. **Adjournment**

*Become knowledgeable about the Fraternal Benefits that can keep your family safe by reviewing them with Field Agent assigned to St Jude Council, John Zeman, john.zeman@kofc.org.

Please send any recommended revisions to this document to DGK Larry Alberts: LJA915@verizon.net