

## Founder's Day Sample Press Release

Use this sample press release to publicize your council's Founder's Day events.

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### **For immediate release**

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### **Knights of Columbus Celebrates 125th Anniversary of Founding**

*(Insert city name)* — On Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate Founder's Day, marking the 125th anniversary of the reception of its charter from the state of Connecticut. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world will be joining in this commemoration of 125 years of service, faith and fraternity.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Conn., and a small group of Catholic laymen. The organization received its charter from the state of Connecticut on March 29, 1882. In forming the organization Father McGivney hoped to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement while establishing an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of members in the group who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

Founded in New Haven, Conn. by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world with more than 1.7 million members in the Americas, Asia and Europe. In 2005, the organization donated more than \$139 million and 64 million volunteer hours of service to charitable causes. *(Include contribution and projects of local council.)*

In celebration of Founder's Day *(council name and location)* is sponsoring *(description of any planned activity)*.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any man, over the age of 18, who is a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See. For more information, contact *(name of contact person)*.

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