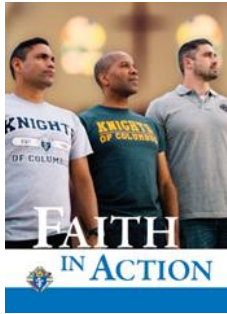


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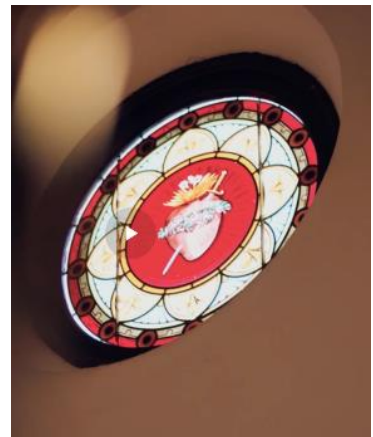
My Brothers,

Welcome to the new Columbian Year! And congratulations on your accomplishments this past Columbian Year! Congratulations also to the new members and newly elected officers of all the councils in District 2. My thanks to the officers who are continuing and those who are retiring that have contributed greatly to the many good works of the Order.



As we plan for the new Columbian Year, it is Important we have a plan – a “*Faith in Action*” plan. Information on many engaging council programs and activities can be found on the Supreme website by clicking [here](#), including free and low cost guides and publications that can be used to inform members and parishioners of their faith and Catholicity. It is important we have programs and activities to engage our members. Reach out to those you haven’t seen in awhile and invite them out to coffee, or to a council meeting. Plan a potluck or social event and let them know you care. Above all, **be visible in your parish**. Participate as ushers, lectors, greeters, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers.

“Cor” meetings and faith formation for the men of your parish continue to be a high priority. Cor (Latin for heart) is intended to “*form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through, prayer, formation, and fraternity.*” If you have not done so already, I urge you to register for information on “Cor” and view a short video by clicking [here](#). Study materials and curricula built on the theme “Cor Ecclesiae” are available from the Supreme Council designed for use in Catholic men’s ministry, particularly in a group study. Information on a study guide based on St. Joseph and Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter which includes excerpts from *Patris Corde*, is available by clicking [here](#). Information on yet another curricula entitled “Men of the Word” is available by clicking [here](#).



A couple of housekeeping matters for this month: be sure to report your council officers elected for the new year to Chapter, State and Supreme as soon as possible. It is also important to plan an upcoming Installation of Council Officers, either in conjunction with a council meeting or as a separate council event (I am open to both).

As we plan for the new year, I challenge each council in District 2 to do their very best in helping their Pastors, parishes and church ministries. We exist to serve the church. While the Knights of Columbus is known for charitable service and fraternity, Father McGivney’s intention in founding the Order was to fortify men first as disciples of Jesus. We are Catholic men and proud of it!

May God bless,
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