



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April Fools Day
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Wednesday of the Month (Assembly Meeting – 5:30 pm)
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday of the Passion of the Lord – (Good Friday)
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vigil
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## **FAITHFUL FRIAR:**

From the Third to the Fifth Week of Lent

The first two Sundays of Lent are characterized every year by the Gospels of Jesus' temptation in the desert and his transfiguration.

In Year C, the emphasis is placed on the penitential aspect of Lent with a view to forgiveness of sins: Jesus' call to conversion (Luke 13:1-9), the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32), and the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11).

The second readings are excerpts from Paul's letters and, once, from the Letter to the Hebrews. These texts, of great doctrinal and spiritual richness, need to be reread and pondered.

As to the first readings, they continue to evoke some especially significant stages of the history of salvation.

The Sunday liturgies offer us three itineraries, each having its own characteristics. But neither should we forget the weekday Masses and Liturgy of the Hours that day after day shed light on and guide the progress of the Christian community on its way to the yearly celebration of Easter.

Biblical texts have a particularly important place during Lent, which in spiritual tradition is the time especially devoted to Bible readings. But it is important to understand well in what spirit and in what perspective the Lenten liturgies prepare such a rich and abundant fare for the table of the Word.

Certainly, the Scriptures have a strong catechetical value. But without spurning this fact, the liturgy selects the readings with another viewpoint: by unveiling the meaning and implications of the mystery, God's word allows us to participate in an active, conscious, and fruitful manner in its celebration in order to live by it day by day.

This is why biblical reading and prayer go hand in hand in the liturgy. Both draw us into the dynamics of God's plan and its fulfillment throughout the year.

Lent proves to be the favorable time during which we should apply ourselves to this reading-prayer of Scripture.

## **FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

### The Chrism Mass

Since the Easter triduum does not begin until the evening of Holy Thursday, the rest of the day belongs to the season of Lent, which has no specific final liturgy. The office is the same as it has been throughout the season. Yet the Missal contains a distinctive Mass, the "Chrism Mass," for this day. It is a "ritual" Mass that is concelebrated with the bishop presiding; every priest in the diocese is invited, and those who do participate renew their sacerdotal promises.

It is admittedly difficult to gather the people and clergy together with the bishop on Holy Thursday for the Chrism Mass.

It belongs neither to the Easter Triduum nor to Lent. Yet it points to the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination, and anointing of the sick, whose paschal character is thus highlighted.

The text of the liturgy for this Mass strongly affirms the priestly nature of the people of God, among whom ordained priests have a special ministry. At the same time, the role of the bishop in the diocesan Church is highlighted: he is the one who ordains the priests and gives them their assignments; but, and equally important, he is the primary dispenser of the sacraments—especially baptism and confirmation—since, even when he does not celebrate them personally, the holy chrism that he has consecrated must be used.

### NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

I hate to keep bringing it up but only 9 additional members have paid dues. I will be sending out the final notice early in the month. What a waste of assembly funds. That \$1.72 (3 billings) for every member in arrears, not counting the cost of printing and envelopes. I know times are difficult for some, and I'm open to other arrangements. All you have to do is drop me an email or call and we can work something out. Supreme instituted a program in January, whereby if you have failed to stay current in the Third Degree for a period of time, they have the option of requesting relief. Your membership will be placed in a different category and [removed from the assembly roster](#). THINK ABOUT IT

Tom Cunningham, Sr  
Comptroller

### SCHOLARSHIP

NO APPLICATIONS! The time period for applying has expired and I did not receive a single application for this year. The same thing happened in 2021

Tom Cunningham, Sr  
Chairman

## OTHER NEWS

Please keep Richard Reiner in your prayers as he faces open heart surgery the end of March or early April.

Please pray for the Family of Vernon Hunerlach who passed away on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the age of 94 ½. A Fourth-Degree member for 66 years.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

Easter is perhaps the summit of the religious year as we relive Jesus' sufferings and celebrate His ultimate sacrifice and conquering of death. In Him we find more than an example, we find a way of life. Our Christen beliefs are manifested in the many acts of charity we carry out, both personally and through our Knights of Columbus councils. And, there continues to be ample opportunity for charity given the dire world situation and the war in Ukraine. Please be generous with your charitable donations – designate the proceeds from a fundraiser to the Supreme Council Ukrainian Refugee Fund and stand in solidarity with over 25 councils and 1,800 Brother Knights in Ukraine. For further information click [here](#). To view a message from Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly to our Ukrainian Brothers click [here](#). Councils that donate at least \$1,000 to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund may claim a program credit in any program category on the



Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7).

The featured program for April is the *Good Friday Family Promotion*. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, councils are encouraged to conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday. For further information and resources on activities your council can conduct during Holy Week and the Easter season click [here](#), or contact the statewide Chairman, William J. Uberti, at 858-842-4000 or email [cdrbilluscg@earthlink.net](mailto:cdrbilluscg@earthlink.net).

As we move into the final quarter of the year. I would like to renew my pledge to **buy lunch or dinner at the Sierra Nevada Tap Room for the leadership of the highest recruiting council in District 2**, including their wives, Chaplain and Field Agent. With that in mind, please plan on scheduling at least one recruiting drive and Exemplification of

Charity, Unity and Fraternity before year end. I would like to see all the councils in District 2 become Star Councils.



Please continue to use the “QR” code recruiting card with its smartphone friendly app taking potential members to the online “Join Us” form on the Supreme website. Online membership continues to be free through June 30, 2022 by entering the code “McGivney2020” where prompted. And don’t forget our Hispanic Brothers in Christ – recruiting materials and opportunities are equally available in both English and Spanish.

My Worthy Brothers, even in the face of adversity, we should continue to celebrate our successes, especially in this fourth and final quarter of the year. I am so proud of all you have accomplished, both in terms of council activities, charitable works, and assisting our churches to continue functioning during the current challenging times. Keep up the good work and let us finish the year strong!

**Thank you for your charity and service!**

May God bless,  
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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,  
Spring is arriving, and along with the flowers blooming and the weather getting warmer, comes another indication of the season: Tax Day! Although delayed by a few days, it is still inevitable unfortunately. It’s a time when most of us focus on the income we’ve made ... and how much of that we have to hand over to the government. I heard a

joking suggestion that the income tax form could be simplified and reduced to just two questions and a statement:

- How much did you earn last year?
- How much do you have left?
- Send it all in!

Seriously, now is a good time to review your finances and make sure you are on the right path. With Tax Day arriving, the focus this time of year is on minimizing taxable money... and one great way is by contributing to an IRA for retirement. Whether you are getting close to retirement, into a career or just started working, it's not too early to plan. But many of the folks I talk with have lots of questions:

- What's the difference between a Traditional IRA and a Roth IRA?
- Which one is better for my circumstances and how much can I contribute?
- Can I earn too much money to qualify for a tax deduction?
- What if I contribute to a 401K at work? Am I still eligible?
- What if my wife doesn't work...can she contribute to an IRA?

There are many rules you don't want to run afoul of when it comes to contributing to an IRA and making the correct determination about its tax deductibility.

I can help you! A Knights of Columbus annuity can be used as a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. A traditional IRA may help you save money on your taxes and the Roth IRA has some interesting tax advantages as well. Our annuities pay a competitive, guaranteed interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. And, one of the best features of an annuity is that it is designed to provide retirement income you cannot outlive—guaranteed! You can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$500.

Let's plan to meet and discuss. I would be happy to explain the advantages of a Knights of Columbus annuity... as well as our other products: our highly rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and our disability income insurance.

God Bless!

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:**

Jonathan Ambriz	04-05	Bradley Mallory	04-11
Epifanio Ruiz	04-15	Gregory Wright	04-19
Ronald Parisio	04-21	James La Barbera	04-24
Richard Reiner	04-27		



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:**

No activity this month!

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