



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

April 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April Fool's Day
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Annunciation of the Lord
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Day of Prayer

## SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

As hinted in the Gospel readings on Easter Sunday, John, in writing the final pages of his Gospel, had only one definite goal: to define paschal faith, to show how the “eyes of faith” allow the human eye to perceive hidden truths.

However often one has heard it, this last saying of Jesus in John’s Gospel, after the accounts of the appearances, can be disconcerting. We have difficulty seeing how it can be so: we have much need to verify things ourselves! Sometimes we would rather subject something to an assortment of tests rather than trust our own eyes. But we also sometimes accept someone’s testimony on the basis of their word, having no need to see the thing ourselves.

It is not enough to see in order to believe. The apostles, like us, had to go beyond experience to attain faith in the resurrection; and this, we forget all too easily, was not easy for them. They saw Jesus' suffering, his nailing to the cross, death and burial. That this was he, three days later, would hardly have been obvious. Therefore, it would be unjust to suppose that the apostles' faith had no merit.

In order to believe, one must dispense with clear and certain evidence. The testimony of the apostles allows us to partake in their experience as privileged witnesses and believers, attaining, in their wake, the paschal faith that is able to recognize in the man Jesus, "crucified under Pontius Pilate," "the only Son, God, who is at the Father's side" (John 1:16).

The story of the double appearance of the risen Lord to the apostles and the finale to John's Gospel has a definite, liturgical, and especially Eucharistic flavor.

"The first day of the week," when the Lord appeared to the apostles, is the day when the Christian community comes together to celebrate the Eucharist, sacrament of the Lord's presence during his absence.

As on the evening of Easter, he brings peace and, with it, forgiveness of sins, joy, and the effusion of the Spirit. The celebration ends with the directive to go out and bring to the world the good news of the resurrection, to witness to it, to show that faith is the source of happiness.

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Worthy Faithful Sir Knights,

Easter has come and gone early this year so already behind us. I hope that some of you took the opportunity to participate in some of the Lenten activities and in particular during holy week. Of note are those of us who took part in the Eucharistic Adoration on the Thursday and Friday preceding it. There was a crew of Honor Guards who assisted with the pre and post ceremonial and several of us were present in shifts around the clock in and outside the church for adoration and to guard the Eucharist. Otherwise, there has been some work and progress carried out regarding our vote to pursue a patriot activity of American flag placement on Veteran's graves. This will be reported upon in more detail during unfinished

business at our meeting. I again look forward to seeing you there preceded by a group recitation of the Rosary at 5:30 pm and then by dinner and fellowship before we begin the formal business meeting at 6:30.

May God Bless,  
Steve Mormann, FN  
Assembly 67

### NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

Second notices for dues went out early last month and of this March 30th I have received a total of 4 payment. That still leaves **21** members – most are the same members who haven't paid in years. If you no longer wish to be a member, just drop me a note and I will have you removed from the roster. **If you have a legitimate health issue or a disability**, contact your council Financial Secretary and request you be placed on the disabled list. The assembly **cannot do it**. All other please remit your dues in a timely manner. Thank you.

Also, Please pray for the soul of SK James Nokleby who passed away on March 22 of this year.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

Welcome to the Season of Easter! Although we just celebrated Easter on Sunday, March 31, the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better yet as one "great Sunday". 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 the Knights of Columbus.

As we move into April there are two events I would like to call to your attention. The first is a Fraternal Benefits Night on Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time, featuring speaker, television personality and best-selling author Ed Slott. The topic

is “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning”. Slott combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provide insight into the latest tax and planning information. The presentation will be streamed online and is available to Knights and non-members alike. If you have not already registered, you can do so by clicking here, or scanning the QR Code accompanying this article with your smart phone. By participating in the benefits night and inviting others in your council and parish to do so too, you also earn the Founder’s Award, one of the requirements for Star Council. Please plan on participating and invite others you know to do so as well.



Second, I urge you to use the free online membership available through June 30 of this year to invite qualified Catholic men to join our Order. By entering the code “BlessedMcGivney” in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus), first-year membership dues will be waived. Be sure and enter your membership number in the **appropriate** line on the application to receive credit for the recruitment and valuable VIP points that can be redeemed at [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com). Credit for the recruitment and valuable VIP points at **knightsgear.com**.

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## JOIN ONLINE FOR FREE!

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free. \*

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Those who sign up online will immediately begin receiving emails, Columbia Magazine and a membership card allowing them to attend council meetings. They can easily be moved into a council if accepted by a vote of the members, and by participating in an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Online members count as new members when they join a council. Let's all commit to bringing in a least one new member by year end.

Finally, it is important we 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 your parish communities. Keep up the good work and let's finish the year strong. May God Bless

Dave Abbott

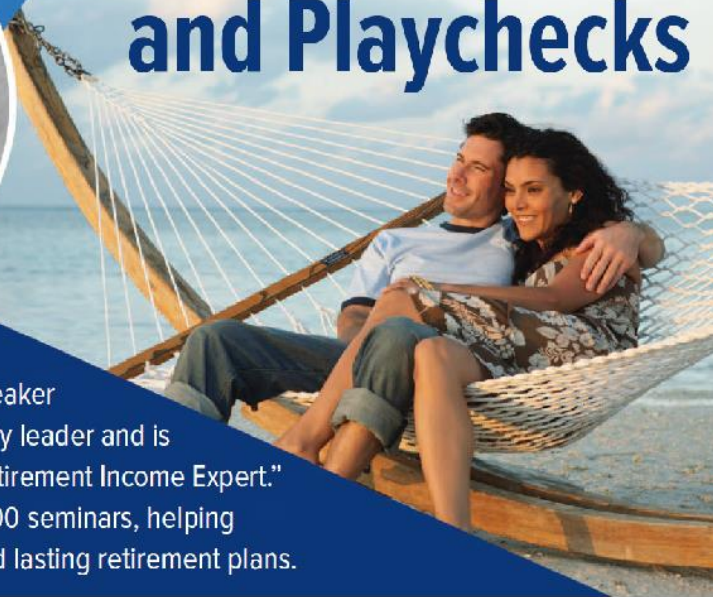
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## Knights of Columbus Insurance:

Brother Knights,  
Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of Spring, we

celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. 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 as inevitable as... well... death and taxes. It's a time when most of us focus on the income we've made.... and how much of that we 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 to minimizing the amount of taxes you will pay on your savings moving forward. Do you believe that your tax burden will decrease, stay the same or increase in the future? I'm guessing you answered "increase" as they most assuredly will. As I mentioned, taxes are inevitable but there are ways to reduce and even eliminate taxes on your savings. And good news! Your financial security benefits with the Knights of Columbus include savings products that are tax advantaged which means your savings grow tax deferred and may even be withdrawn tax-free.

Let's plan to meet and discuss. I would be happy to provide you and your family with a comprehensive financial review and provide more details about tax advantaged savings. Or, as I like to say, explain how to keep Uncle Sam from becoming an uninvited beneficiary of your savings.

God Bless!

Dave Moeller, FICF, MBA  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:**

Gregory Wright	04-19	Ronald Parisio	04-21
James La Barbera	04-24	Richard Reinero	04-27

If you happen to see any of these Sir Knights, please wish them a Happy Birthday!



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:**

Dear Brother Sr. Knights, I would like to thank you for your participation as Honor Guard for Our Divine Savior Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Special thanks to Kieran O'Leary, Dave Abbott, and John Pereria who joined me celebrating the Blessed Adoration. I look forward to 4 possible new members joining the Honor Guard. Please keep practicing drawing swords to carry swords and from carrying swords to return swords with your gloves on. (It makes a difference). Future date to keep open for confirmation with Bishop Soto are 4/12/24, St. Domonic, Orland; 5/11/24, Our Divine Savior and St. John the Baptist, Chico; 5/31/24, Immaculate Conception, Corning and 11/2/24, St. John the Baptist, Chico. Please bring a black mask with you in the event we need to wear a mask. We need to look the same.



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