



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation and Holiday  
January 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time  
January 18<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Holiday

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**CHAPLAIN:**

**Practical Plan of the Gospel of Mark**

The evangelists did not give us the plan of their exposition of Jesus' life, words, and actions, whether by a table of contents or an introduction.

An attentive reading of their writings, however, reveals that their work is much more elaborate than it first appears, albeit according to the principles very different than ours.

We are used to divisions into chapters, setting forth the facts in strictly chronological and geographic order, so that they can be presented in clear charts.

Mark's Gospel is subtly and skillfully composed. When we begin reading it, we are overtaken by its dynamism and should find it difficult to set the book down before finishing it. If we ask ourselves why we feel this way, we realize that this Gospel is built as a drama that culminates in Jesus' death and the discovery of the empty tomb (Mark 16:8). This abrupt conclusion is gripping. It leaves the reader alone and faced with the mystery and their decision to believe or not to believe and invites us to reread the Gospel with closer attention to the great drama presented according to subtle but rigorously defined principles of rhetorical composition.

As we go along, we shall see that the Gospel is driven by a forceful dynamism, owing to Mark's vigorous style and his manner of organizing his subject matter. He shows Jesus always on the go, unceasingly moving elsewhere, farther, and urging his disciples to follow him without ever stopping and getting settled. There is not the slightest lull in the drama that unfolds. Mark holds his readers breathless by continually prodding his readers to make up their minds. "This is no longer the time to remain neutral, to shilly-shally. You must choose sides—for or against Jesus. He is not shut up in his tomb. Throw your lot with him, the Living One, the Son of God."

It has the advantage of emphasizing the internal dynamism of a narrative manifestly structured to urge its readers to take sides in the action Mark recounts. He wrote it to incite them to recognize, along with the centurion who witnessed Jesus' death, that "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39) and to receive the good news with

joy and faith before the empty tomb: “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here” (Mark 16:6).

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Sir Knights,

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy New Year! God knows how badly we need one!

This Christmas season was so very different in so many ways. At the time of this writing, I anticipate spending Christmas Mass in the church parking lot, probably in the rain. This is something I never imagined, but is as close to real as it will get. I think about all of the things I am used to experiencing and all of the new situations that have come to pass, and I remind myself that "this too shall pass". Maybe, maybe not, but I hope to learn from all this and not just resent the whole thing.

I know myself to be a fallible person, one whom I fear usually sees the glass half full. I suppose this is due to my personality and life experiences, shaped so much by forty years in law enforcement. But my perspective is also honed by my Catholic faith, and that allows me to see there is still something in the glass. All is not lost if I see God's hand in my life, and I do. I have been blessed in so many ways that I cannot let this past year's awful surprises keep me down.

And so, I urge you, my true brothers, to keep the faith, keep the prayers and communion with God foremost in your minds and support each other and your families as though your lives depend upon each other, because in every aspect they do.

May God bless and keep you through this coming year!  
Jim Callas FN

### NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL. I hope we can soon start having a real in person meeting!

I presented the chalice we had to Fr Ritter last month, in my home, after one of the Masses. Because it is so difficult to schedule anything with the pandemic having everyone staying close to home, I felt this was the easiest and best way. I think it was the one he used for the Christmas Day Mass. By now you should have received your billing notice for the 2021 Columbian year. Early and prompt returns would be appreciated. For those of you who haven't paid dues in several years you will notice that we are again offering amnesty. It's the same 10-12 each year. **I can only assume you no longer have any interest in the Knights of Columbus.** If so, please send me a note you want to resign and I'll take it from there. There is really nothing to report on the assembly as we have been in limbo for most of the year. Right now, I don't see us having any type of get together for the coming months. Anyone interested in the new CC regalia, give me a call. **You must have the new regalia to participate in a CC callout**

Tom Cunningham, Sr  
Comptroller

### **From the Scholarship Chairman**

Because we couldn't hold our annual See's candy fund raiser last year, anyone wishing to make a donation of \$20 (price of just one box) or more you can add it to your check for dues. A couple of years with no fund raisers or donations from our Sir Knights, we will have to discontinue the awards. It has been a part of the assembly's programs for 30+ years. **Did it help your child/grandchild?** Think about it, and help a child attain their goal.

Tom Cunningham

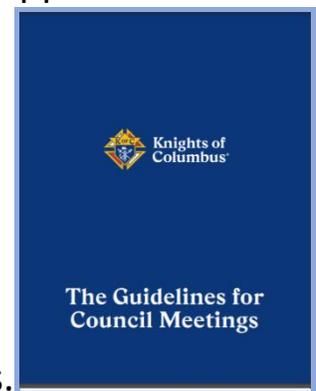
DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a wonderful Advent and Christmas! Granted, given the pandemic, it was likely somewhat different from what we have experienced in the past. Regardless, the spiritual significance remains the same, even if there are limitations on our ability to gather together with family and friends. We should not let that effect our devotion to living the Gospel of Christ and celebrating His presence among us.

With the start of the new year there are several things to share with you. First and foremost, **the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has changed the agenda of our monthly meetings.** Links to the new meeting guidelines and helpful suggestions can be found on the District 2 website at <https://kofc-ca-d2.org>. There are changes to both the council officer meeting and the monthly general meeting. Look for the headings flagged with a red asterisk on the District 2 landing page. By clicking on them you will be taken directly to the new meeting resources on the Supreme website. The changes are intended to make our monthly meetings shorter and friendlier while preserving the legacy of our meeting traditions. The changes are to be applied immediately

and are suitable for both in-person and virtual gatherings.



Statewide virtual exemplifications of the new combined ceremonial as well as an exemplification of the 4th Degree are planned for Saturday, January 30. A flyer with details on how to participate should be released soon. Mark the date if you have new candidates for admission or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members wishing to advance to the 4th Degree. Make it one of your New Year's resolutions to sponsor one or more candidates to both. Just because our council activities are constrained by COVID-19 does not limit our ability to share the gift of membership with other qualified Catholic men. Just ask them! I am also continuing to work on forming a District 2 combined exemplification team.

Free online membership will continue during the month of January. By entering the code "CAKOFCC" in the online application found on the Supreme Council website, the first-year membership dues will be waived. Go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus>.

The featured program for January is "Novena for Life." In addition to prayers and devotions, walks for life will be conducted either in person or virtually in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other communities throughout the state. For information on the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco see their website at <https://www.walkforlifewc.com>. It is also possible to attend activities at the more distant events in Los Angeles and San Diego virtually. Further information can be found online at <https://onelifela.org/> and <https://www.sdatholic.org/event/san-diego-walk-for-life>.

**Be Bold! Be proud of who you are and what you are! We are Catholic men and Knights of Columbus!**

May God bless,  
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

If you happen to run into any of these Sir Knights, please wish them a Happy Birthday! It's the nice thing to do!

January Birthdays:

Rev. Mieczyslaw Maleszyk	01-01	Theodore R. Zaragosa	01-10
Jerome E.K. Bohlander	01-18	James A. Currlin	01-22
Joseph C. Crete	01-25	Peter L. Costa	01-28
David M. Porter	01-28		



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:

Due to the ongoing COVID19 Lockdown, I have, once again, nothing to report. However, I do wish you all a....

**HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!**

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