



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th, Independence Day

July 5th, HOLIDAY

FAITHFUL FRIAR:

From the Seventeenth to the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

On the Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary Time, Year B, we temporarily set aside Mark's Gospel in order to read in John's the account of the multiplication of the loaves and, afterwards, for four Sunday, the discourse on the Bread of Life (John 6:1-69).

The Hebrew Scriptures, especially well chosen, shed light on each successful part of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Whereas there is a famine in the land, Elisha feeds one hundred persons with twenty barley loaves he has been offered (2 Kgs 4:42-44-Seventeenth Sunday).

The recalling of the gift of manna is unavoidable: thanks to this mysterious food from heaven, God feeds his people during the forty years of their march through the desert (Exod 16:2-4, 12-15-Eighteenth Sunday). Similarly, the prophet Elijah, exhausted and disheartened, finds "at his head" a hearth loaf and a jug of water, which gives him

strength to walk “forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb” (1 Kgs 4:8-Nineteenth Sunday).

Jesus’ invitation to his hearers to “eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood” reminds us of the pressing call of Wisdom. (Twentieth Sunday)

When, at the end of the discourse on the Bread of Life, Simon Peter proclaims, in the name of the Twelve, his unshakable attachment to Jesus, we think of the solemn renewal of faithfulness to the covenant that took place at the time of Joshua, at the great gathering of the twelve tribes of Israel in Shechem: “We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God” (Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b-Twenty-first Sunday).

In the course of this long sequence, placed in the middle of Ordinary Time, Year B, we progress at a rhythm quite different from that of preceding and following passages. With Mark, we are constantly moving; it is quite another thing with these five Sundays. Having left the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus has multiplied the loaves and fishes, we remain in Capernaum. But the difference does not stop here. The discourse on the Bread of Life develops as if in a spiral. We often have the impression of not progressing, even of going backwards, of hearing again and again what has already been said. It is worthwhile to disregard this impression and to strive to enter into the particular movements of John’s style.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Our Faithful friar has now assumed the role of Our Faithful Navigator. That means he has to produce two columns for this Newsletter and since we are on a two-month break from Assembly meetings, I believe he deserves a break for now. I look forward to his input for the Faithful Navigator since he does a great job with the Faithful Friar.

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

We had another member from Council 4780 join us last month. For the Columbian Year 20-21 we took in 12 new Sir Knights. However, we lost 6 members – 1 withdrawal, 2 transferred out and 3 passed away leaving us with 88 total members. Of them, 2 are Honorary and 15 are Honorary Life members. This is the best growth year we have had

in a very long time. I looked back through about 25 years of old records, and I can't find a better year for membership growth. As you are aware we do not meet during July and August, but we are planning a face-to-face dinner meeting on first Wednesday in September at ODS. In looking back through the audits since 2009 we have had a steady growth in our total assets. In 2009 it was about \$5700 and today we have \$17,250. All but \$4150.00 is restricted monies, i.e., Memorial Fund, \$6650. Scholarship Fund, \$ 6450.00. About half of the money in the MF is further restricted as regalia monies. Have a great summer and stay cool if you can.

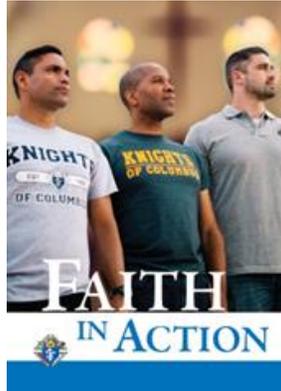
Tom Cunningham, Sr
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DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

Welcome to the new Columbian Year! Congratulations on a successful Columbian Year just completed! Despite the pandemic, you all accomplished many extraordinary things last year. Council 4780 in Susanville achieved Triple Star Council, recruiting enough new members to reach 350% of their council membership goal. Council 1137 in Chico, while adapting historic events to the pandemic, returns to a newly remodeled and renovated church with an interior resembling a cathedral. Council 7773 in Paradise continues to rebuild with a devoted group of Knights and parishioners serving as the cornerstone for future growth and stability. Council 9135 in Corning achieved 200% of its Supreme membership goal and is looking forward to putting a brand-new church hall fully into use. Council 13765 in Chico continued to engage members with parish cleanups, drive through fundraisers and special events throughout the year including "Knight's Night" providing opportunity for Knights and parishioners to further their faith formation.

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 activities can be found on the Supreme



website by clicking the link below:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab0>

Or download the *Faith in Action* guidebook in PDF format by clicking on the link following:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10907-faith-in-action-guidebook.pdf>

As our churches and meeting places open up it is important, we have programs and activities to reengage our members. Reach out to those you haven't seen in a while and invite them back. Plan a reopening picnic, potluck or social and let them know you care.

My congratulations to the newly elected officers of the councils in District 2. Many chose to continue for a second year and lead their councils under somewhat “normal” conditions. A couple of housekeeping matters: be sure to report 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 begin meeting face-to-face once again, I challenge each council in District 2 to organize their own team capable of performing the Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Designed to be done in a church, I speak from personal experience when I say it can have a profound impact on incoming members and their families. Further information on the roles and materials required for the ceremonial can be found online at [kofc.org/ceremonials](https://www.kofc.org/ceremonials). **Free online membership has been extended**

through December 31, 2021 so we may have need for the teams sooner rather than later – more on that in a future article.

Once again, welcome to the new Columbian Year! As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

In last month's message I mentioned taking stock of all the things that need to be done around the house. And I further suggested that taking stock should extend to seeing where you and your family stand when it comes to financial protection. It's interesting to read about Blessed Michael McGivney's perspective in *Faith and Fraternalism* by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." As Knights we all know the story about how the untimely death of Blessed Fr. McGivney's father nearly derailed his plans to become a priest. As the curate of St. Mary's, he encountered families in similar situations who had lost fathers so it's little wonder why he made financial security for families such a priority.

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Blessed Fr. McGivney and I see myself as continuing to fulfill his vision in helping to protect Catholic families. We have a new financial needs analysis tool, cutting edge software and all the financial security products that will help with this financial security planning for you. Sadly, I have met with widows and families in the past year who were shocked and surprised to learn that they had not been provided the financial security they needed or, in a few cases, no security at all. The impact on the surviving families is devastating and it saddens me as a representative of Blessed Fr. McGivney that I was unable to help a family in time of need. I hear all the excuses: "I'm young and healthy", "my family has plenty of assets to support them when I die", "My family is fine and they will be okay". Unfortunately, in each of these sad situations, the families were not fine and they aren't going to be

okay. Young and healthy people do die unexpectedly. Family assets that seemed so secure can be devastated by medical bills, bad investments or many other unforeseen things.

Please make it a point to meet with me so we can review your family's financial security for their sake, your peace of mind, and to fulfill Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision of financial protection for Catholic men and their families.

God Bless,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

Please wish these Sir Knights a Happy Birthday!

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Gregory DeCristofaro	7-14	William Bruening	7-14
Darryl Stewart	7-20	Morgan Trotter	7-20
Martin Sanchez	7-21	Jeff Heaney	7-23
Matthew Crete	7-24	Joe Silbernagel	7-28
Carlos Casarez	7-29		



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