



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4th – Assembly 67 Meeting 5:30.
- May 8th – 4th Sunday of Easter and Mother’s Day.
- May 26 – Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation.
- May 29 – Ascension of the Lord, if transferred.
- May 30th – Memorial Day (Holiday).

FAITHFUL FRIAR:

You Will Be My Witnesses to the End of the World

Luke presents the Acts of the Apostles as the sequel to his Gospel, both of them being dedicated to “Theophilus.” In the first of these books the evangelist dealt with “all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.” The central figure in Acts is the resurrected Jesus. It is whom the apostles are able to proclaim with confidence, because they have received multiple proofs of his resurrection. But here Luke also introduces the Holy Spirit, whose crucial role is emphasized throughout Acts.

At the beginning of Luke’s Gospel came the announcement to Zechariah the priest of the birth of a son: this occurred at the Temple in Jerusalem. A large portion of Jesus’ ministry is situated in the framework of a long journey to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-19:27) where the Lord finally entered (Luke 19:28-48) and finished his preaching (Luke 20), before celebrating his last Passover and suffering his passion there. It was at Jerusalem that Jesus was buried and that he appeared to the apostles after his resurrection (Luke 24:36-49). The holy city is thus in Luke’s Gospel the terminus of Jesus’ Road, the place toward which

he set up his step, “resolutely determined” (Luke 9:51) to accomplish his Passover, the last stage of which was the sending of the Spirit to his disciples. This is why he ordered the apostles not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for what the Father had promised and Jesus had proclaimed to them: the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus adds, however, that Jerusalem will soon become a point of departure. There it is that the apostles will first proclaim the Lord by testifying to his resurrection. But they will leave the city to bear the good news “throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” It is the story of this expansion of the Gospel that Acts recounts.

The time of Jesus’ visible presence has come to an end. A new era of salvation history—the last—begins without fanfare.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

The First and the Last, the Living

From the Second to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Lectionary for Year C contains six passages from the Book of Revelation.

The author introduces himself: “I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus.”

He has been exiled to Patmos, a Greek island in the Aegean Sea, “because he proclaimed God’s word and gave testimony to Jesus.”

The vision occurs “on the Lord’s Day,” when Christians gather together to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection. Under the impulse of the Spirit, “a voice as loud as a trumpet” orders John to write in a book that he must send “to the seven churches,” represented by “seven gold lampstands.”

Among them John sees “one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.” A “son of man”: the expression comes from the Book of Daniel (Chapter 7). Jesus uses it to refer to himself, combining it with the description of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. It indicates the transcendence of the one who bears the title, and his role as judge on the last day: “the First and the Last” or as John writes elsewhere, “the Alpha and the Omega,” the beginning and the end” (Rev 1:8, 21:6, 22:13).

“I am...the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the nether world.” It is the Lord who is revealed, recognized by paschal faith. His victory over death gives unending life to those who believe in him. His resurrection, attested by those who saw him alive and proclaimed the good news, is the summit of salvation history, the event that determines the present and the “time to come.”

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

A final notice was sent out early last month and **not one member** has responded with payment of their dues. That's 21 members who have not paid, some for several years, plus 10 Honorary Life members who have not paid the voluntary \$6.00 to ensure the Memorial Fund remains solvent for the purchase of a chalice for deceased SK's.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Because of the not having a meeting in March we missed out on starting the process for election of Officers for the coming year. We talked a little about it at the April meeting. In accordance with the bylaws, elections of officers is to be held in May. The current officers indicated a willingness to stay in their office for another year, however, FN Bruening has some reservations about another year due to the increasing demands on his time as a Deacon. If he decides not to take another year, then all officers could either move up, or someone could step up to the plate and accept the FN's position, and keep the two-year rotation of officers in place. Please give it some serious thought, come to the May meeting and let us know your thoughts.

Tom Cunningham, Sr
Comptroller

SCHOLARSHIP

We had one application come in after this article went to press last month. The application was from Shea Mulqueeney, Granddaughter of Dave. The application was approved.

Tom Cunningham, Sr
Chairman

DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

May is the month of Mary – a month traditionally devoted to motherhood, and especially the Holy Mother. Our Lady has manifested Herself in many ways in many cultures and is an endearing part our Catholic faith. One of her manifestations, the “Pokrova”, is particularly important given recent events in Ukraine. The “Pokrova” in Ukrainian, or “cover”, is a powerful icon of Our Lady and sign of Mary's protection. She is surrounded by angels and depicted holding her scarf or veil above people to serve as a shield – a prayer of many Ukrainians today. Please pray the senseless aggression and bloodshed will

cease. Let us never forget the power and impact Our Lady, in Her many manifestations, has had on the



world.

May is also the month of the State Annual Meeting – this year held May 20 and 21 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Sacramento. If you have not already done so, be sure and elect your council delegates and get them registered as soon as possible. Space is limited for in-person attendance, and a link for virtual participation will be released as the dates get closer. The essential business of the state council is conducted at the State Annual Meeting, including electing the state officers, delegates to the Supreme Convention and important resolutions effecting the way we conduct our affairs. Each council is entitled to two voting delegates. The Annual Meeting is also a reminder we are part of a much larger organization spanning the nation and world. Forms for delegate credentials were sent to council Financial Secretaries in March. If they have been lost or misplaced, council officers may request duplicates by emailing the State Office at state.office@californiaknights.org.

May is also the month to make certain all the requirements for Star Council have been met. Have all the required forms and reports been sent to Supreme? Has your council met their Supreme membership goal? Have your council officers and directors completed the mandatory Safe Environment training available at kofc.org/safe? A great way to wrap up the challenging years we have recently experienced would be to take home the Star Council award! Don't forget my challenge of dinner at the Sierra Nevada Taproom in Chico for the leadership of the council with the highest membership gain by year end.

A few of the councils in District 2 have yet to fully promote and participate in a Fraternal Benefits Night, which is also a requirement for Star Council. Another opportunity is coming up on May 16, 2022, with a statewide virtual fraternal benefit briefing featuring CPA Ed Slott, an expert financial planner, speaking on retirement planning. It is never too soon to plan for your financial future and that of your family. The seminar can be viewed on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and requires pre-registering at <https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay16> (or by scanning the QR Code included with this article). In order to meet the requirement for Star council, it is important to publicize this opportunity within your council and

parish (all Catholic men and their families are welcome to attend). For further information, see the flyer



included elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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Flyer as Mentioned:

A promotional flyer for a webinar. On the left, a circular portrait of Ed Slott, a man with glasses in a suit. To the right, a photograph of an elderly couple smiling in a desert landscape. Text on the flyer includes: "Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert, presents Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape". Below the portrait, a bio states: "Ed Slott, CPA is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality & best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable and entertaining advice. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information."

You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2022. Register today to reserve your spot.

May 16: 6:00 PM PDT:
<https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay16>



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues this mission today. That two-pronged approach to the Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and, even though much has changed in our society since 1882, that approach is still so important and needed now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I also work to secure the financial security future for our brother Knights, their families and those loved ones who are left behind. That's why being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs. But when it comes to who will assist us with those preparations, who do we choose? The organization who provides over \$185 million of those financial security proceeds annually to Catholic charities and causes? A brotherhood whose members are setting an example of true Christian charity? The company who leaves no neighbor behind? Or another company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is?

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired, or it's been a long time, to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner and see what products and services we have that will help you and your family. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us. I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have a no-commitment conversation about the possibilities of financial security and savings for you and your family.

God Bless!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

John Becerra	05-17	Alfred Potthast	05-19
James Callas	05-25	Craig Johnson	05-26
Manuel Guerra	05-27		



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:

No activity this month!

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