



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

May 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9th – The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

May 12th – Mother's Day

May 19th – Pentecost Sunday

May 26 – The Most Holy Trinity

May 27 – Memorial Day

May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 a 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,

As we close in on the end of our ten-month meeting schedule for Assembly 67 during this Columbian Year, we are still working toward going out with a bang. I’m referring of course to the project of applying for the Star Assembly Award for the first time in our relatively short existence. Most recently we discussed and voted on at a monthly meeting that we will work together as a group in late May to place American Flags on veteran grave markers in one or two of our Chico Cemeteries. As you may have seen in a recent assembly wide email from me there is a signup sheet that will be available at the May meeting to volunteer for times and places to help your brothers with this project. This is new and a rare opportunity to participate in an act of patriotism, the main premise of our Fourth Degree. So please check the email info of April 8th and/or attend the May 1st preceded by a group recitation of the Rosary at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and fellowship and then begin the formal business meeting at 6:30.

God Bless,
Steve Mormann, FN
Assembly 67

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

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PLEASE READ PLEASE READ

We're really behind this year. **We should have nominated a slate of officers last month.** The by-laws state that we will elect next year's officers at the May meeting. For the past 10 -12 years the officers have taken the second year. It gives the FN more time to see his projects through. If the members and the current officers agree, I would like to nominate the current officers as the slate for Columbian Year 23-24. If you disagree with this, please let me know before the May meeting.

Tom Cunningham, Sr
Comptroller

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. Let us never forget the impact Our Lady, in Her manifestations, has had on the world, particularly Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Equally important, remember our own mothers who have had a profound impact on our lives. Let us be ever mindful of both the maternal and the divine and give thanks for all the many blessings our Mothers have bestowed upon us. Be sure and celebrate Mother's Day on



Sunday, May 12.

May is also the month of the State Annual Meeting – this year May 16 through 18, 2024 at the Visalia Convention Center. If you have not done so already, be sure and elect your council delegates and get the registration form in as soon as possible. The essential business of the state council is conducted at the State Annual Meeting, including electing the new state officers, delegates to the Supreme Convention and important resolutions affecting 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 registration, delegate credentials and tickets to events can be obtained online at <https://www.californiaknights.org/sam2024>, along with the full schedule of activities.

May is also the month to ensure 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 end the year would be to win the Star Council award!

Most of the councils in District 2 have yet to fully promote and participate in two Fraternal Benefit Events which is also a requirement for Star Council. If your council has an Insurance Agent, I encourage you to contact him and schedule at least one Fraternal Benefit Event before the year end. The State and Supreme Councils also periodically schedule virtual presentations. Watch your email for announcements about upcoming opportunities. A minimum number of people must attend (10 for councils with ninety-nine or fewer members and fourteen for councils with one hundred or more members) to receive credit for Star Council. Participation is reported on line at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7322809/Fraternal-Benefits-Event-Council-Report-v2>.

As always, I am so proud of what you do and all you do for your community, church, pastors and the faithful of your parish. Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Brother Knights,

Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 142 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 was unable to work. Our Order continues this mission to this day. 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 is 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 \$154 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 and can provide tax advantaged savings for you. We also have guaranteed rate, tax-deferred savings products designed for short term, retirement, and any savings needs in-between. Long-term care insurance and disability income replacement insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected curves that life throws at us. I look forward to speaking with you about the possibilities of financial security and retirement planning for you and your family.

God Bless!

Dave Moeller, FICF

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Knights of Columbus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

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

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



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