



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

## OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 67 meeting 5:30
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day (Holiday)

### **FAITHFUL FRIAR:**

The Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel readings for the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Sundays in Ordinary Time, Year B, occur, in Mark's Gospel, between the second and third predictions of the passion (Mark 9:30-32; 10:33-34).

Accompanied by his disciples, having started on the way to Jerusalem, the Lord resolutely moves on. They are following—“afraid” (Mark 10:32). Between these two predictions, according to Mark, some Pharisees approach Jesus: “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” Indeed, the Law had foreseen such a possibility and had prescribed the procedure to follow (see Deut 24:1-4). Jesus does not deny this. He does not enter into the casuistry of the manner to use—or abuse—this concession. He refers his questioners to the original intention of God when he created man and woman. Back at “the house,” the disciples ask him about it again. Jesus takes this opportunity to say that one cannot contravene God's intention in this matter without committing a grave sin. Then people bring him children for him to touch. He embraces and blesses them, placing his hands on them; for he sees in them an image of the disciple who welcomes the kingdom without pride or ulterior motive (Mark 10:2-16—Twenty-seventh Sunday).

From the Twenty-seventh Sunday to the Thirty-third, we read excerpts from the Letter to the Hebrews, one of the longest in the New Testament. This piece of writing has the earmarks of a treatise rather than a letter. It raises a certain number of problems debated by exegetes: its author unknown, its date

uncertain, its addresses unmentioned. It disconcerts modern readers by its frequent allusions to the Temple sacrifices and by its use of a subtle symbolism to interpret ancient texts and events in order to suggest connections between earthly and heavenly realities, history and eternity. But if we overcome this feeling of disorientation here, we find ourselves captivated by the doctrinal and spiritual wealth of this treatise that has not really become obsolete; the seven excerpts selected by the Sunday Lectionary give a good sampling of this letter.

The structure of this letter, in which doctrinal developments and exhortations unceasingly intermingle, is too complex to be given a definitive outline. But at least we can discern four main lines of reflection. The Son through whom “God spoke” is above all creatures: we must therefore firmly cling to his teaching, a source of salvation. He is the true, unique, faithful and compassionate high priest.

These second readings have no connection with the other two readings for each Sunday. But they were chosen because of the light they shed on the mystery of Christ and salvation celebrated by the liturgy.

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

### Benedictine Core Values

**OBEDIENCE** - it is found in the value of listening. Obedience is putting into practice what is learned by listening with the ear of the heart.

**HUMILITY**- Benedictines seek knowledge by recognizing their individual capacities and limitations, accepting help and offering self for the good of others, and being aware of God’s presence which means that nobody is alone.

**DISCIPLINE** - the Benedictine way of life is strengthened by disciple in prayers, work, and relationship with God, one’s self, community, and the world.

**SIMPLICITY**- it is practicing a simple lifestyle with taking only those are of basic necessity. It is in order to accord themselves with the poor and so to give to the needy whenever there is abundance of blessings.

**HOSPITALITY** – it is a blessing to show hospitality and receive it as well.

**COMMUNITY** – a Benedictine community is expected to give mutual service for all without exception and without expecting for a reward in return.

**SILENCE** – it is the ability to find peace amidst the different noises of this world. To be able to find the gift of silence is to create a peaceful harmony with all kinds of circumstances.

**RESPONSIBILITY** – it is taking concern for the good of others and thus, rejecting the thoughts of selfishness.

Give **SERIOUS** consideration/reflection to becoming an Oblate of Saint Benedict

## NOTES FROM THE COMPTOLLER:

Say an extra prayer for the firefighters in their gallant efforts trying to get the massive fires ravaging Northern California under control. And the people whose lives have been torn apart by the destructive fires. We are still looking for a priest somewhere, to present the chalice we have on hand. It doesn't do anyone any good sitting on my shelf. Think about the annual candy sales this year and be prepared to voice your opinion on this or some other way of raising funds for the scholarship program. Fr. Francisco, pastor at St Johns', has transferred into our assembly. Not much else to report on this month.

Tom Cunningham, Sr  
Comptroller

## DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

October is the month of Mary and dedicated to her Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is considered a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world. Pray the Rosary often and give thanks for the protection the Holy Mother gives us, our family, and our church.

The State featured program for October is, in fact, the *Family Rosary*. As a council, involve your Pastor, set a date, and conduct your own *Family Rosary*. Further information, along with materials for conducting the program, are available from the Supreme Council and can be ordered online by clicking [here](#). Also, please take a few moments and report this and other activities your council participates in by completing the form available online by clicking [here](#).



October also marks the first anniversary of the Beautification of the Blessed Michael McGivney. The Beautification Mass took place on October 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, the archdiocese where Father Michael J. McGivney was ordained in 1877. Again, I encourage councils to mark this special date with prayer and recognition for our Order's Founder.

October is traditionally a month for membership recruiting as the first of two statewide membership drives occurs on Columbus Day weekend. This year, in honor of Blessed McGivney's beatification, the Supreme Council continues to offer **free online membership** for those who join prior to December 31, 2021. Prospects simply need to visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) or scan the QR image accompanying this article with their cellphone and enter the code **MCGIVNEY2020** to take advantage of this special offer. Change

someone's life just like someone changed yours by asking qualified Catholic men to take advantage of this



opportunity!

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the newest priests and religious ministering to the faithful in District 2! This includes Father Francisco Hernandez, formerly with the Diocesan Vocation's Office, who is the new Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church along with Father Dean Marshall, the new Parochial Vicar. Both are transferring their membership to Chico Council 1137. Also, Father Arnold Parungao, formerly with St. John Vianney Church in Rancho Cordova, St. Francis Catholic High School and St. Robert Parish in Sacramento, is the new Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville. Welcome and know the Knights are here to serve and help you however we can!

Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Brother Knights,

No matter where you are in your life's journey, retirement is either in your long-range plans, around the corner or you are already enjoying it. Hopefully with funds to last through your lifetime that allow you to live at the income level you and your family had become accustomed to. In years past, almost all employers (private, public, military, etc.) provided pensions which led to a worry-free retirement where you couldn't outlive your retirement income. Although some government agencies and a few private companies still provide this advantageous form of retirement (known as defined benefit plans), most have migrated to defined contribution plans (401k, 403, TSP, etc.). Defined contribution plans are much more beneficial for the company but not so much for the employee. Certainly, an asset 'nest egg' built up with the help of your employer is better than nothing but gone are the days of a retirement free of worries about living longer than the statistical life expectancy that most defined contribution plans are set up to fund.

Or are they?

There are retirement financial products available that build up with guaranteed returns and then can be turned into income streams upon retirement that you can't outlive. Is it Social Security? Yes, but that's not enough to live on comfortably and its future is a bit shaky especially for our younger brother knights. So, what am I referring to and where can you get such a product to add to your retirement planning? I'm talking about

annuities and they are available to you through your membership in the greatest and largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. As with most financial products, there are many annuity options and some are risky and complicated. However, the beauty of our annuity products lies squarely in their simplicity and security.

Simple from the standpoint that they are fixed in nature (not subject to market fluctuations). There are no hidden management fees or annual charges (surrender charges may apply though).

Secure because they are backed by our organization, the Knights of Columbus, who earns the highest ratings from independent rating services while maintaining high ethical standards. And just important for all of us, our proceeds go to social causes based on our Catholic faith. Fidelity, Ameriprise or others cannot make that same commitment.

Want to learn more? Contact me and let's discuss!

God Bless,

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:**

Harold Frazier	10-07	Nathan Castillo	10-10
Alberto Mercado	10-18	John Lopez	10-22
Israel Garcia	10-25	James Abel	10-27
Michael Gainok	10-28		

**Please wish these Sir Knights a Happy Birthday!**



## **COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:**

Nothing to report this month.

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