



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

OCTOBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 October	Columbus Day (Holiday)
17 October	National Boss's Day and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
30 October	Fifth Sunday of the Month – Rosary at ODS after 8am Mass

FAITHFUL FRIAR:

From the Twenty-ninth to the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are only five Sundays left in the “sequence of events” of Luke’s Gospel that we read throughout Ordinary Time, Year C.

First, from the Twenty-ninth to thirty-first Sundays—come three excerpts from chapters 18 and 19. The Lectionary’s choice is marvelously judicious. From these two chapters it has retained the three passages that occur only in Luke: the parables of the unjust judge and the persistent widow, the Pharisee and the tax collector, and the story of Zacchaeus.

The fact that after having received his information from the original “eyewitnesses,” Luke alone has integrated into his “narrative” these parables and this episode testifies to the importance he accords them.

The three Sundays during which they are read therefore constitute an independent sequence in the unfolding of Ordinary Time this year.

The two parables have the obvious theme of prayer, but involve much more. The first ends with a saying of Jesus that is rather surprising: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” At the end of the second, it said that the tax collector went home “justified,” but the other did not, because “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

As for Zacchaeus, “salvation has come to his house,” and he too becomes “a descendant of Abraham. For “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

These, then, are three texts that, each in its own way and building to a crescendo, speak of justification that comes from faith granted to the one who does not rely on his merits but opens himself to the gratuitous mercy of God.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our first yearly meeting was not well attended, and I sincerely hope that more of you will consider coming to future meetings. It's an opportunity to engage with like-minded brother Knights from different Councils, enjoy a friendly libation and dinner, discuss future plans and most importantly, pray the Rosary of Our Lady. The only down side I can think of is you have to put up with me for a couple of hours.

There are two items of importance I know will get due consideration at our next meeting, and perhaps a number of others as well. If you desire input, you need to be there to give us the wisdom of your thoughts, or we will continue to stumble along without you. Please attend to spare us from ourselves!

The two aforementioned items are the Christmas Dinner, in lieu of a Dec. mtg, and the Sales of See's Candy. We have our Worthy Captain, SK Steve Mormann who will chair

the dinner committee and SK Kiernan O'Leary (KO) will make a decision enabling presentation regarding the candy sales.

I cannot over-stress the importance of your active participation in our Assembly. Otherwise, we face the dismal aspect of seeing the same few faces ad infinitum, or at least until Father Time slips us each the punched ticket. Not a pleasant thought.

God Bless, and see you soon!

Jim C FN

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

If you're interested in the annual candy drive for the scholarship fund, come to the meeting on Wednesday. Whatever we decide we want to begin the program the weekend before Thanksgiving. We are going to discuss a couple different ways to run the fund drive this year. We will also be discussing the annual Christmas Dinner held on the first Wednesday of December instead of the usual meeting. They are always fun, and we get a chance to mingle with our Sir Knights and their wives who we don't see very often.

Please keep the unfortunate people suffering from terrible destruction caused by Hurricane Ian.

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.

A 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 to report this

and other activities your council participates in by completing the form available online by clicking [here](#).



October also marks the second 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 councils schedule membership drives on or around Columbus Day. This year, in honor of Blessed McGivney's beatification, the Supreme Council continues to offer **free online membership** for those who join. Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus or scan the QR image accompanying this article with their cellphone and enter the code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to take advantage of this offer. Change someone's life just like someone changed yours. Invite qualified Catholic men to take advantage of this free



online membership opportunity!

As the November elections near, I would ask you please inform yourself on the various candidates and ballot measures and vote responsibly. The California Catholic Conference of Bishops recommends prayer and reflection with regard to Proposition 1, which amends the state constitution permitting late term abortions. Further information on Proposition 1 can be found on the California Catholic Conference website at <https://cacatholic.org/prop1>. You are also encouraged to participate in a Novena starting on September 29, 2022 which can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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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 like Social Security? Yes, but Social Security benefits alone are 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 the Knights of Columbus. 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 causes based on our Catholic faith. Fidelity, Ameriprise, or others cannot make that same commitment.

Want to learn more? Let's discuss!

God Bless,
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

Please wish these Sir Knights a Happy Birthday!

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



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:

Sorry to say that there is not much happening with the Color Guard for this month.

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