



Knights' News

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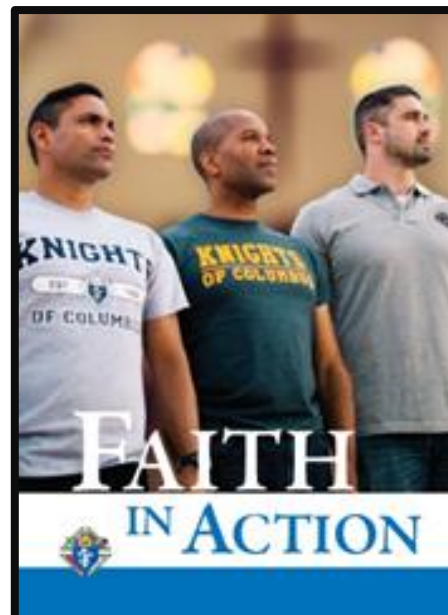
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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

First, a special word of thanks to all those who served as officers last year. We owe a special thanks to our Brother Greg DeCristofaro who has served as Grand Knight for the past two years. He has set a tremendous example for all of us in his dedication to his office despite major health challenges. Outgoing Trustees, Jerry Foster and Ron Martin, also set impressive examples of serving our council when faced with health issues. The remaining officers have shown that they are up to the challenge by volunteering for another year of service.

We are also inspired by the dedication of our District Deputy, Dave Abbott, who has continued to serve our council for years beyond a possible retirement. We also thank our Field Agent, Dave Moeller, for visiting our council and providing timely assistance to those who need insurance or are seeking to cash in policies after the death of a Brother Knight.

We welcome our most recent Knights, Gabriel Poje and Chris Penna, who joined our ranks in late June. We look forward to a special Exemplification ceremony for them in July. They will be joining us in a flurry of July activities including putting out flags on July 4 and serving pancake breakfasts on July 5. Thanks to all Brother Knights who volunteered for these events.

On July 31, I hope many of you will join me at the funeral, burial, and memorial reception for our Brother Knight, Ed Jimenez. We need to support one another in life and in death. We are also called to provide assistance to widows. Ed's wife, Jan, is planning a special send-off for Ed.

Council 7773 is having an impressive impact on our parish. On the third Sunday in June, I counted 15 Brother Knights who showed up for the rosary before the 10:30 Mass—a great testimony to our support for the Pro Life cause.

Then, on June 28, about the same number wore their uniforms to promote new membership from the ranks of English and Spanish speaking men in the parish. We passed out membership cards and a summary of our charitable works (in English and Spanish) to many inquirers. Throughout the year, we will continue to invite all men in the parish to join our fraternity to become better Catholic Christian men.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Welcome to a new Columbian Year! As we begin another year of service, I want to congratulate each council on its accomplishments during the past year. I also extend my congratulations to our newly elected officers and welcome all new members who have joined our councils throughout District 2. My sincere thanks go to those officers who continue in leadership and to those who are concluding their service. Your dedication and commitment have helped make possible the many charitable works and fraternal activities that strengthen our Order and our parishes.

As we look ahead, it is important that every council develop a clear plan for the coming year—a true **Faith in Action** plan. Supreme Council provides a wealth of resources, programs, and publications designed to help councils engage members and serve their communities. These materials can be used to strengthen faith, promote Catholic values, and encourage active participation in council life.

Member engagement remains one of our highest priorities. Reach out to brothers you have not seen in some time. Invite them to coffee, a council meeting, or a social gathering. Consider organizing a potluck, family event, or parish activity that encourages fellowship and strengthens our bonds of fraternity. Most importantly, be visible in your parish community by serving as ushers, lectors, greeters, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

Another important focus for the coming year is **Cor**, our faith formation initiative for Catholic men. The word *Cor*, Latin for “heart,” reflects its purpose: to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

If your council has not yet begun exploring *Cor*, I strongly encourage you to do so. Supreme Council offers excellent study materials and curricula, including the *Cor Ecclesiae* series, and the *Men of the Word* study guide. These resources provide meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth and can serve as the foundation for a vibrant men's ministry within your parish.

A few important reminders for the month ahead:

- Submit your council officer reports to Chapter, State, and Supreme as soon as possible.
- Begin planning your Council Officer Installation. Installations may be conducted during a regular council meeting or as a separate special event.
- Review your council calendar and establish goals and activities for the year early so your members can become engaged and involved.

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Calendar of Events**July / August****July:**

Sat. 4:	7:00 - 8:00 am:	Place flags on the Skyway for July 4; Moose Lodge Breakfast
	4:00 - 5:00 pm:	Take down flags on the Skyway; clean holes July 3
Sun. 5:	11:30 am - 12:15 pm:	Pancake Breakfast (9:00 am set up)
	1:30 - 2:15 pm:	Pancake Breakfast (4:00 pm clean up)
Wed. 8:	9:30-10:30 am:	Officers Meeting: Personnel Report 365; budget; calendar
Wed. 15:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting
Sun. 19:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass
Wed. 22:	8:30 - 10:30 am	Installation of Officers followed by brunch (Tentative)
Fri. 31:	10:00 am	Brother Ed Jimenez Funeral, burial, reception

August:

Wed. 12:	9:30-10:30 am:	Officers Meeting plan Chapter meeting, approve audit, plan pancakes
Sun. 16:	10:00 - 10:25 am:	Rosary before Mass
Wed. 19:	6:30 - 9:00 pm:	Rosary, meal, Business meeting Plan Chapter Meeting, pancakes

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Nicholas Murray—2 nd	Lawrence G Locke—8 th	Thomas W Schaub—8 th
Jerome Foster—11 th	Ronald E Martin—12 th	Greg DeCristofaro—14 th
Andrew Martin—14 th	Edward W. Boyd—17 th	Michael Krzanich—18 th
John M Thomas--20 th		

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti (hip surgery), Ron Martin, John Thomas, Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Jerry Foster, Jim Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson and their daughter Kimberly and son Kenjon, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Lou Gervais, Frank Ricci, Ron Keyes, Deacon Gary, Raul and Elvia Saavedra, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Helen Kelly, Gordon Massae, Ed Gomez, and Pope Leo XIV. Please pray for the repose of the soul for Ed Jimenez.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces in Iran and for those who fell victim to the natural disasters. Pray for all the health professionals, police and law enforcement officers, fighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for the U.S., Israel and Ukraine and all the innocent victims of war. Pray for a safe 250th, 4th of July, and America which stands for One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

For additions, deletions, corrections, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro, at 873-4132.

KNIGHT HUMOR— PERKS OF BEING OVER 50

- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- No one expects you to run--anywhere.
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You can eat dinner at 4 pm.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

As we begin this new Columbian Year, I challenge every council in District 2 to renew its commitment to serving our pastors, parishes, and church ministries. While the Knights of Columbus is widely recognized for charity and fraternity, Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order first and foremost to strengthen men as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are Catholic men. We are Knights of Columbus. Let us proudly live our faith through prayer, service, and leadership in our families, parishes, and communities.

May God bless you and your councils throughout the year ahead.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

I welcome the opportunity to serve all of you this year in the basic principle of our order:

- Charity: I challenge myself to be there for each of you in all your needs and to lead you in developing a greater love of God and neighbor.
- Unity: I challenge myself to keep our Council together as a united band of brothers and to lead you to be brothers dedicated in unity to one another.
- Fraternity: I challenge myself to reach out to each of you as a brother, to be sensitive to your needs, and to go the extra mile for each of you. I will challenge you to help one another as brothers in all we do together in this Council
- Patriotism: I challenge myself to honor our country and our flag. I will promote opportunities for all of us to show respect and honor to our country and our flag; also, I will promote the ongoing celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country.

In His service and Yours, Jim Collins
Grand Knight, Council #7773

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

For my topic this month, I want to discuss a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement. What do you want your retirement to look like? If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life. Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you desire for years to come? Even if you don't believe your retirement will span decades, what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the day-to-day expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead for your retirement with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest part may very well be taking that first step: sitting down and reviewing what your retirement can look like. I'm here to partner with you in finding the solutions that work best for you and your family. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need. Please contact me today.

Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings. Happy Birthday America!

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