



Knights' News

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thank you for all your support over the last two years as your Grand Knight. I will continue as your chancellor if no one opposes me. I am scheduled for a heart pacemaker mid-June. No date has been set yet. I have about 6 weeks for my ankle to heal. I thank all of you who helped cook and serve last month's Burrito Breakfast. Thank my brother Knights for supporting Michael Krzanich in my absence at our business meeting last May. I thank all of you who helped Jim Collins in the blood drive I would like to thank Michael Krzanich and Jim Collins for taking over for me, especially Jim for organizing the Breakfast Burrito Sunday.

In May we had better support for our praying of the Pro-Life Rosary. Many thanks to all of you. I thank you for putting out the flags on Skyway on Memorial Day. Our next **Business meeting will be June 17th**. Our **Pro-life Rosary** is on **June 21st at 10:00 am**. I look forward to all of your support. If you have not filled out your **monthly hours report**, please do so. There are forms in the vestibule or you can fill them out online at (knightshours@gmail.com).

Correction: I made my first mistake saying our next pancake breakfast was in June. We will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration on July 4. Rosary for the unborn at 10:00am before the 10:30 am Mass of Independence on July 4th. Our next pancake Breakfast is July 5th.

Come to the meetings. Elections are this business meeting. Let your trustees know if you would like to run for an office or wish to continue in your present office. This Is our Council. We are successful because of all your help. I welcome your participation and input. Our next **business meeting will be on June 17th**. Hope to see all of you there.

We welcome all of you to join our **Men's prayer group, Friday morning at 9:30am after the 8:30am daily Mass** in the small hall.

**In His Service, Greg DeCristofaro
Grand Knight, Council #7773**

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Congratulations on your many achievements this past Columbian Year! You scheduled and held events, provided funds for charity and scholarships, and systematically supported your Pastor, parish, and its ministries. Let us always remember the foundation of our faith, which is to live and share the Gospels of Our Lord Jesus Christ while putting his teachings into action! With him we can accomplish great things!

There are so many things to talk about this final month of the Columbian Year. Where has the time gone? June is the month for electing new council officers and I am proud of the leadership that is being proposed for the councils in District 2. That being said, the 2025-2026 Columbian Year isn't over yet. In the final weeks of the year please do continue to strive to grow our Order and achieve Star Council. Many of you are close, if not qualified already. The more active Catholic men we have in our churches and councils the more we can do, the more we can serve, and the more we will be a force for good in the world. My congratulations to our new Brother Knights who have joined to date. But don't stop now. Let's make the month of June a powerful finish! Potential members can continue to join for free online by entering the code "Blessed-McGivney" in the online application form found at www.kofc.org/joinus.

A featured program for the month of June is the *Building the Domestic Church Kiosk*, which helps strengthen the faith of our members and parish families by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. The kiosk and related publications are available for a minimal cost of \$150 through the Supreme Council Supply Department. For further information and resources regarding this program click [here](#), or contact the Supreme Council Supply Department at 1-833-591-7770.

As we end the year, please be sure that all required forms and reports have been submitted to the Supreme Council, including the Form SP-7 Columbian Award Application.

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Calendar of Events**April/ May**

June	1	The Ascension of the Lord
June	10	Officers Meeting, 9:30am -- Calendar and Budget prep; Columbian Award
June	15	The Most Holy Trinity
June	15	K of C Rosary at 10:00 am before the 10:30 pm Mass
June	15	Father's Day (return Baby Bottles)
June	17	Rosary at 6:30pm, meal at 7:00pm, Business meeting at 7:30pm: Elections of Officers
June	22	Feast of St. Thomas More and The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
July	3	St. Thomas the Apostle
July	4	Independence Day, Flags on Skyway
July	5	Pancake Breakfast
July	6	K of C Hospitality
July	8	Officers Meeting, 9:30am -- Calendar and Budget prep; Columbian Award
July	15	Rosary at 6:30pm, meal at 7:00pm, Business meeting at 7:30pm: Elections of Officers

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:Steve Neeley—20thTom Kelly—24thRichard Pompati—24thKenneth Macy—28th**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Leo Bourgeois, 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, Dave Porter, Dave Lemire, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Lou Gervais, Frank Ricci, Ron Keys, Deacon Gary, Marissa Li ,Raul and Elvia Soa a Vedra, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Helen Kelly, Gloria Robertson and Pope Leo XIV. Please pray for the repose of the soul for Jim Adams.

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—KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is his name. Amen."

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

Also make certain that all positions that are required to do so have completed Praesidium Academy's online Safe Environment training by clicking [here](#) (many have had their certification expire near the end of the Columbian Year -- it must be renewed every two years).

As we end the year, let us be ever mindful of The Knights of Columbus' principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. They serve as the basis of the Order's personal **CORE** values expected of every member which are:

Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code.

Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do.

Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best.

Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard.

My Brothers, my thoughts are with you as we conclude one year and embark on another. As usual, thank you for your charity and service!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

As Knights we all know the story about how the untimely death of Blessed Fr. McGivney's father nearly derailed his plans to become a priest. As the curate of St. Mary's, he encountered families in similar situations who had lost fathers so it's little wonder why he made financial security for families such a priority. It's interesting to read about Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney's perspective in *Faith and Fraternalism* by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature."

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Blessed Fr. McGivney, and I see myself as continuing to fulfill his vision in helping to protect Catholic families. We have the financial needs analysis tools, cutting edge software and all the financial security products that will help with this financial security planning for you and your family. Sadly, I have met with widows and families in the past who were shocked and surprised to learn that they had not been provided the financial security they needed or, in a few cases, no security at all. The impact on the surviving families is devastating and it saddens me as a representative of Blessed Fr. McGivney that I was unable to help a family in time of need. I hear all the excuses: "I'm young and healthy", "my family has plenty of assets to support them when I die", "My family is fine and they will be okay". Unfortunately, in each of these sad situations, the families were not fine and they aren't going to be okay. Young and healthy people do die unexpectedly. Family assets that seemed so secure can be devastated by medical bills, bad investments or many other unforeseen things.

Please make it a point to meet with me so we can review your family's financial security for their sake, your peace of mind, and to fulfill Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision of financial protection for Catholic men and their families. I look forward to discussing these benefits that our founder bestowed upon us with all of you and your families.

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