

District Deputy Report March 2023

My Brothers,

March is the month of Lent – commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan. It was a precursor to his public ministry, and a time we can use to renew our devotion to Christ and His Gospels as we journey with him in the desert. We also continue to be blessed with the easing of COVID restrictions, and the return of normal church and council activities.

March is also traditionally the month for membership drives. Founder’s Day, the day Father McGivney created the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut, is generally recognized and celebrated on March 29. Each year we attempt to recruit new members around that date in commemoration of the Order’s



anniversary. Ask your Pastor if you can hold a membership drive one weekend near that date during Lent. Setup an information table outside the church and invite parishioners to join at all the Masses.

As an even more powerful recruiting tool, membership is free to those joining online through June 30, 2023. By entering the code “Blessed McGivney” in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues are waived. The “QR” code on the card accompanying this article, when scanned with the camera on a smartphone, will take you directly to the online membership application.

When members join online, welcome them into your council by having them attend a Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. An online member counts as a new member when they join your council. Several of the councils in District 2 are in the process of forming an exemplification team or have one already. Please share your exemplification dates with the other councils in the district so they can participate too if they have candidates waiting.

The featured program for the month of March is, quite appropriately, *Spiritual Reflection*. Use your time to reflect on the pain and sacrifices Christ bore for our benefit. I encourage you to participate in the *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays during Lent, either at your own parish or by viewing a video on the Knights of Columbus California State Council YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#). Sometimes we think there are days when we are facing challenges – imagine what Christ endured in his Passion and final days on Earth.



As always, my compliments to the councils in District 2 for the support you provide to your Pastors and parish community. Godspeed to the many events and activities you are planning! Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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