



Knights' News

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The Family Fully Alive

Building the Domestic Church



PRAYERS, MEDITATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
TO ENRICH YOUR FAMILY LIFE

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

I want to thank you for helping set up the kitchen and helping with the landscaping. Our Friday morning Men's Group is going strong. We meet in the small hall at 7:00 am. There is room for more to join us. Please remember 1-2-3-3. **On March 2nd**, the Knights have Hospitality. I will need help setting it up at 9:30 am, serving after both Masses and cleaning up after the 12:30 pm Mass. The second Wednesday of the month, **February 12th**, the Knights have an officers meeting. On the third Sunday of the month, **February 16th**, the Knights lead the **Ro-sary** before mass at 10:00 am.

It was so nice to see my Brother Knights in their uniforms showing unity. We will also be serving our **Valentine Breakfast after both Masses**. On the third Wednesday, **February 19th**, we have our Knight's Business Meeting

Please remember to fill out your monthly activity form. Forms are in the vestibule of the church. Please put these dates down in your calendar so you won't miss a meeting. In our February business meeting we will continue our **50/50 drawing**. Each member will donate \$1.00. At the end of the meeting a Knight's name will be called. If Knight is present, half the money goes to the brother Knight, the other half goes into the Knight's general fund. If the Knight is not present, the money rolls over to the next meeting. Our December winner was #19, Mathew Poje. In January, I went with Jim Collins, Deputy Warden to Placerville to attend the Northern Chapter Meeting. I have been working with Tim Fukuda, Vice Supreme Master and Tremain Hayhoe, Chapter Pro-Life Chairman in an effort to have the Knights statewide help contribute to the Garden of Innocence to offset the cost of cremation for abandoned babies.

I would like to remind you to pay your annual due. You can do that at the business meeting. Jim has a card reader. We will be **selling Valentine Breakfast tickets** after the masses starting February 2nd. I would like to thank my brother knights who helped with our practice cooking of pancakes and eggs.

I am eager to start our exemplification team as we have three new members waiting to be exemplified. I am pleased that more of us Knights are getting involved with our Parish activities. If you are considering joining the 4th degree, please talk to us. All are welcome. Deacon Tom leads our men's group every Friday at 7:00 am. See you at our next business meeting.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. The Knights of Columbus offer many publications promoting family prayer, worship, and spiritual formation. One such is "*The Family Fully Alive*", a compilation of prayers and meditations that families can engage in together in addition to their regular worship at church. The booklets, along with other publications, are available through the Knights for a minimal price and can be ordered online by clicking [here](#). The booklet pictured in this article can also be downloaded free of charge online by clicking [here](#). From the time of Christ to the present, our family values remain much the same. Is our family safe and free of worry, do we have sufficient means to live our lives, and perhaps most importantly, do our values honor God, human dignity, and a respect for life?

Fittingly, the State featured program for February is "HOLY HOUR". A *Holy Hour* Service accompanied with a *Eucharistic Procession* encourages deep personal encounters with Christ through the Eucharistic. It can take the form of adoration and meditation in the form of time spent with Our Lord. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist. Talk with your Pastor about organizing a regular *Holy Hour* or host a *Eucharistic Procession*. Further information and a short video explaining the program can be obtained by clicking [here](#). As such, we are compelled to grow in our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to share His presence with the world.

Also featured during the month of February is the American Wheelchair Mission. Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus has funded the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world, and right here at home. A \$150 contribution can give the gift of mobility to people in need, in Mexico, the Philippines and to veterans right here at home. For further information, and to donate see amwheelchair.org/knights-of-columbus.



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Calendar of Events**February / March**

Feb. 1	Cooking crew to break in stoves and ovens
Feb. 2	Presentation of the Lord
Feb. 2	Help Woman of St. Thomas More with coffee and donuts set up
Feb. 12	Officers Meeting, 9:30 am
Feb. 19	Business Meeting, Rosary 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm, Business 7:30pm
Feb. 16	K of C Rosary at 10 am before the 10:30 Mass
Feb. 16	Valentine Pancake Breakfast (after both masses)
Mar. 12	Officers Meeting, 9:30 am
Mar. 19	Business Meeting, Rosary 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm, Business 7:30pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:John J Courtney—1stKevin C Dixon—1stWilliam J Courtney--8thDeacon Ray Helgeson—26th**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Jerry Foster, Jim Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson and their daughter Kimberly, Dave Porter, Dave Lemire, Carol Daffner, Liz Fierro, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Tyler Shaver, Barbara Maldonado, Michael Crowder, Lou Gervais, Abel Holguin and Pope Francis.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, fighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for Israel and all the innocent victims of war. Pray for 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 Why children are loved so much

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)



Membership for those joining online continues to be free through June 30, 2025. By entering the code “BlessedMcGivney” in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues are waived. The online application can also be easily accessed with the camera on your smartphone using the QR Code included in this article. Be sure and enter your membership number in the appropriate line on the application so you get credit for the recruitment.

Those who sign up online will immediately begin receiving emails, *Columbia Magazine* and a membership card allowing them to attend council meetings. They can easily be moved into a council if accepted by a vote of the membership and by participating in a ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Online members count as new members when they join a council. ***Let's all commit to bringing in one or more new members by year end!***

Once again, my compliments to the councils in District 2 for the support you provide your Pastor and parish communities. I am so proud of who you are and all that you do! Thank you for your charity and service!

Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 - 530-680-0401 -- dabbott79@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Can you believe we are already a month into the new year? I'm not sure when the statute of limitations runs out on wishing someone a “Happy New Year”, but I catch myself still doing so well into Spring! Speaking of being 1/12 of the way through the new year... how are you doing on your resolutions?

Most of us start the year wanting to resolve to take actions that will lead to happier, healthier lives. Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape, exercise more or perhaps spiritually centered around a more prayerful life. Others resolve to spend more quality time with family, friends and those most important in our lives.

As you think about your family, one resolution I can help you keep is financial peace of mind by providing a free, professional review of your financial health and goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? Some brother knights are not even aware of all the financial benefits you are eligible for: life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement savings products. All these products can help protect your family in financial situations where you might find yourself.

Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. How much do you and your family need? I can help with that.

Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are hurt or disabled and cannot work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? What if you get a non-work related injury or disability? I can help sort that out.

Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate.

Don't deplete your family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk.

With concern about continuing market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities provide guaranteed growth and safety as well as on-going income you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will not only be more clear, but that you will have financial peace of mind for you and your family.

Dave Moeller, FICF, MDRT

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