



Knights' News

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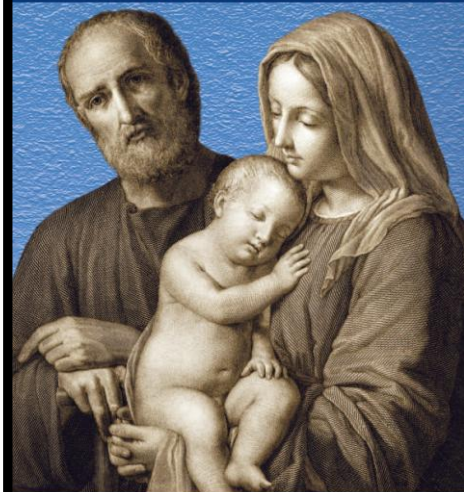
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The Family Fully Alive

Building the Domestic Church



PRAYERS, MEDITATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
TO ENRICH YOUR FAMILY LIFE

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thank you for all your support for Mike Krzani and myself while I continue to heal. It is by your prayers and God's mercy that I am doing much better.

Last month we had a very successful pancake breakfast thanks to all of you who pitched in to help. I would like to thank Richard Shaver and Frank Nunes for helping me say the Pro-life Rosary. Sorry to say we were short on membership support.

Our attendance at our business meeting is improving. Looking ahead, Valentines Day is on February 14th. We can put on our **Valentines Day Pancake Breakfast on February 15th** after both Masses.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. If we put on our **St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 21st**, we will do **coffee and doughnuts on March 1st**. You will need to discuss this at our February 18th meeting when we are **exemplifying Andy Martin after Ash Wednesday services at 6:30 pm**.

Our next **Pro-life Rosary** is on **February 15th at 10:00 am**. I look forward to all your support. If you have not filled out your **monthly hours report**, please do so, there are forms in the vestibule.

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 about 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 have funded the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world. 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.

Membership for those joining online continues to be free through June 30, 2026. 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. Be sure and enter your membership number in the appropriate line on the application so you get credit for the recruitment.

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Calendar of Events**February / March**

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| Feb. | 11 | Officer's meeting, 9:30 am |
| Feb. | 14 | Valentines Day |
| Feb. | 15 | Rosary before Mass at 10:00 am |
| Feb. | 15 | Valentine Breakfast after both Masses |
| Feb. | 18 | Rosary at 6:30 pm, Meal at 7:00 pm, Business meeting at 7:30 pm |
| Feb. | 18 | Exemplification of Andy Martin, small hall 6:30 pm |
| Feb. | 18 | Ash Wednesday |
| Mar. | 1 | Coffee and donuts after both Masses |
| Mar. | 11 | Officer's meeting, 9:30 am |
| Mar. | 15 | Rosary for the unborn |
| Mar. | 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| Mar. | 18 | Rosary at 6:30 pm, Meal at 7:00 pm, Business meeting at 7:30 pm |
| Mar. | 21 | St. Patrick's Dinner |

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, 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, Carol Daffner, Liz Fierro, Gerald and Joy Regalia, Kendell Rensink, Michael Crowder, Lou Gervais, Carolyn Boyd, Chris Rehmann, Frank Ricci, Ron Keys, Deacon Gary, Marissa Li, Raul and Elvia Soa a Vedra, Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro, Barbara Jo Navaro, Frank Nunes, Kathy Keesling, Phil and Helen Kelly, Joe DiDuca and Barbara Braun and Pope Leo XIV.

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 Ukraine 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**STORY OF ELIJAH**

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

AND...

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea, and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming."

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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 to your Pastor and parish communities. Thank you for your charity and service!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

I have had a few conversations in the past with brother Knights asking what happens with the proceeds from our Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products and wondering why other insurance companies might be insinuating our products are somehow not comparable. Those discussions made me realize that it might be worthwhile to mention why our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered those Catholic men together in the basement of St. Mary's church in New Haven, CT back in 1882. Many of those men were recent immigrants working hazardous jobs and dying young leaving their families destitute. Blessed Father McGivney even experienced this firsthand when he had to leave the seminary to go home and assist his family when his own father died. Through the grace of God and financial assistance from the bishop, he eventually went back to the seminary and the rest, as they say, is our amazing history.

One of the primary reasons Blessed Father McGivney gathered those Catholic men was to help provide financial security for them and their families. Through insurance, these new Knights and their families could have that financial protection AND the additional proceeds could be used by the order to provide funding for Catholic based works of charity locally and beyond. Over 143 years later, with over \$123 billion of life insurance in-force and over \$190 million supporting Catholic charities and causes around the world just last year alone, I would think our founder is looking down and smiling.

Although some of the insurance proceeds are provided back to our insured brothers and their families in the form of dividends (although not guaranteed) each year, the Knights use the additional proceeds from your insurance coverage to support Catholic based causes true to Blessed Father McGivney's vision: supporting vocations, Catholic schools, churches and hospitals, and financial aid to victims of disasters around the world are a few of the great causes. At the California Knights Convention a few years ago, a video was shown of the wheelchairs that are provided to those who could not otherwise afford them. Seeing a poor Catholic man in a third world country who had no option but to drag himself around without legs his whole life being placed into a wheelchair for the first time and seeing the sheer joy and tears of gratitude he displayed was heartwarming beyond words. In addition to providing financial security for your own family, investing with your faith and the proceeds that it provides are indeed making miracles happen. Can other financial companies you might work with say the same?

God Bless,

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