



Knights' News

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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. Deacon Tom and Deacon Ray are leading our men's group in the small hall at 7:00 am. There is room for more to join us.

Please remember 1-2-3-3. **On March 9th**, the Knights have Hospitality. I will need help setting it up at 9:00 am, serving after both Masses and cleaning up after the 12:30 pm Mass. The second Wednesday of the month, **March 12th**, the Knights have an officers meeting. On the third Sunday of the month, **March 16th**, the Knights lead the **Rosary** before mass at 10:00 am. It was so nice to see my Brother Knights in their uniforms showing unity. On the third Wednesday, **March 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 March business meeting we will continue our **50/50 drawing**. Each member will donate \$1.00. At the end of the meeting a Knight's number 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 February winner was absent.

I will continue 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 dues. You can do that at the business meeting. Jim has a card reader. I would like to thank my brother knights who helped with our Pancake breakfast setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

This past month I had the privilege of being one of eight Honor Guards to serve at a 4th degree's funeral. If you are considering joining the 4th degree and the Honor Guard, please see me. All 3rd degree Knights are welcomed to join.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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. It is a period of reflection and self-examination that necessarily ends with the great celebration of Easter!

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 in March or April. Set up an information table outside the church and invite parishioners to join at all the Masses.

As an even more powerful recruiting tool, membership continues to be free to those joining online. By entering the code "BlessedMcGivney" in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues are waived. The "QR" code 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. Please share your exemplification dates with me and 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 suffering Christ bore for our benefit.

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Calendar of Events**March / April**

March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 7	Stations of the Cross
March 8	Franciscan's Game Day
March 9	Hospitality Coffee & donuts
March 12	Officers Meeting, 9:30 am
March 14	Stations of the Cross
March 16	K of C Rosary at 10.00 am before the 10:30 mass
March 19	Business Meeting, Rosary 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm, Business 7:30pm
March 21	Stations of the Cross and 2 soups (need readers for each station)
March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord
March 28	Stations of the Cross
April 9	Officers Meeting, 9:30 am
April 16	Business Meeting, Rosary 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm, Business 7:30pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

David Lemire—9 th	David Young—17 th	Kevin Kriebel—18 th
Gary Behne—19 th	Rev Patrick Henry—19 th	Gary Spanfelner—22 nd
Keith R Johnson—26 th		

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, Carolyn Boyd, Chris Rehmann, Frank Ricci, Ron Keys 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, fire-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**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible--Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Rick was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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](#), featuring Former State Chaplain Fr. Anthony Vazhappilly. Sometimes we think there are days when we are facing challenges – imagine what Christ endured in his Passion and final hours 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!

I am so proud of who you are and all that you do! 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 back in 1882. Many of those men were recent immigrants working hazardous jobs and were 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 to provide funding for Catholic based works of charity locally and beyond. Over 142 years later, with over \$1 billion of life insurance in force and over \$154 million going to Catholic charities and causes around the world 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 the 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. Your proceeds and investing with your faith are indeed making miracles happen. Can other financial companies you might work with say the same?

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