



# Knights' News

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## SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

**God bless the people of  
Ukraine and their struggle  
against Russia.**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

### WORTHY BROTHER KNIGHTS

There can be interruptions of any event and meeting. Last month I wanted to have a productive start to the new Fraternal Year...officers meeting, new meeting location and an active agenda, but Covid interrupted! Regroup was necessary.

I'm starting to find and looking for motivated Knights to manage and run committees within our organization. I've talked with a few of you and if you have that drive it would help our team. Using committees would allow us to cover a larger amount of ground to accomplish the many things we need in the organization and also fulfill our destiny as Knights.

Looking for a few good men! There are informational pamphlets and Form 100's located in the church vestibule for recruiting Knights. If you would like to have a few on hand, let me know and I can get that to you (you can ask Jim Collins also). We have members in our church that are not Knights, that need to be asked...and waiting for that opportunity. Be ready to reply to "I'm too busy" by telling them the commitment is small and time commitment is productive (they don't have to come to every meeting). We will be having more events to include all of our Knights, so everyone can participate. Having our Knights help out at events, guarantees they will be back to support us some more. It's important if you are in charge of a Knights' event to try to include as many Knights as you can to help...and by all means, LET THEM DO IT!

There is nothing worse than to have a job with people telling you how to do each step. General George S. Patton said "Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what needs to get done and let them surprise you with their results." Nobody likes to be micromanaged. As a leader you know this, so let's put it in action. If there is a specific result, make sure it's discussed in detail to get detailed results. Yes, using drawings or a checklist is a great way to get good results. We are many people with different backgrounds and experiences. That is what makes an impressive team!

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## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

As we begin the month of August, I congratulate the newly elected officers (or soon to be elected officers) of the councils in District 2. To the outgoing officers, I wish to convey my thanks for outstanding leadership during an extremely challenging year. All responded to the needs of your parish communities and accomplished many remarkable things! I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

Many changes are coming in the new Columbian Year, including implementation of a new program from the Supreme Council supporting pregnancy centers called "ASAP" (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). Essentially, for every \$500 a council donates to a qualified pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will add \$100 (up to a maximum of \$400 per year). Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes are also in dire need of supplies. Councils are encouraged to sponsor baby or maternity home drives to collect essential items like diapers, wipes, and clothing. For further information on this new program click [here](#).

The Feast Day of The Blessed Michael McGivney falls on Saturday, August 13. Not coincidentally, his feast day falls between his birthday on August 12 (1852) and the day of his death due to complications from tuberculosis on August 14 (1890). **Please plan a special prayer reflection or Mass to honor our Founder on his Feast Day, August 13.** If you are not already a Blessed Michael McGivney Guild member, join online for free at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) and begin receiving a monthly newsletter with the latest news on the beatification of our Founder.

Another program with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Fund Drive for People With Intellectual Disabilities**. Although not occurring until October, it is never too soon to start planning. The official dates for the drive this year are **October 21, 22 and 23, 2022** (although councils are free to order Tootsie Rolls and/or schedule and hold a fundraiser benefiting people with intellectual disabilities at any time during the year).

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***Calendar of Events******August / September*****August: Mass ever Wednesday at 6pm**

August 3 -- Reconciliation at 5pm, Mass at 6pm

August 10—Knights Officers Meeting 0900a Achieve School

August 17 – Mass 6:00pm. Followed by Installation of Officers, Business at 7 pm

**August -- Garage sale (parking lot). Time: TBA**

September 21 -- Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7 pm

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**Greg Kidder—4<sup>th</sup>David Marcus—7<sup>th</sup>Larry Ussery—7<sup>th</sup>Michael Weldon—9<sup>th</sup>Leo Benedetti—14<sup>th</sup>Frank Salas—16<sup>th</sup>David Webster—21<sup>st</sup>**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Jim Collins, Richard Reniero, Beverly Hegenbart, Sandy and Kathy DeCristofaro, Duncan Barnard, Barbara Brown, Cheryl Barron, Al Potthast and Pope Francis.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters and the Corona Virus. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and our armed forces who are trying to keep us safe. 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 De-Cristofaro at 873-4132.

**KNIGHT HUMOR**

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

**AND**

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'

## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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I'm certain one or more organizations in your local community serving people with intellectual disabilities would benefit from money and manpower derived from your charitable efforts. Such include Special Olympics, the ARC (for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), Camp Recreations and local independent living or residential care facilities. For further information and resources regarding the Annual Fund Drive for People With Intellectual Disabilities, click [here](#).

I continue to challenge each council in District 2 to organize their own Combined Exemplification team to perform the Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Further information on the roles and materials required can be found online at [kofc.org/ceremonials](http://kofc.org/ceremonials). **Free online membership using the online application found at [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)** (or by scanning the QR Code pictured here with a smartphone) **has been extended through June 30, 2023.** The new promo code is "BlessedMcGivney" and is not case sensitive.



**Thank you for your charity and service!**

May God bless, Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 530-680-0401 -- [dabbott79@gmail.com](mailto:dabbott79@gmail.com)

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

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Last Sunday we had a nice BBQ for Deacon Mike Mangan. There was a lot of work to get things ready for the event. Greg DeChristofaro and a team of Knights did setup, cooking and cleanup. Special thanks to the cleanup crew! It's fun to set up, and prepare for the party, but quite a chore to wipe tables, wash pans and cooking tools after everyone has eaten and left. Big thanks to Kevin Kriebel and Jim Collins for enduring the heat and smoke, BBQing all of the hamburger patties and hot dogs (only one patty lost). New grill was good...minor maintenance things to address. Greg DC doing Greg DC things (everything at once), John Thomas directing food prep (while injured) and my daughter Claire (aka Clairebear) from start to finish, setup, prep, clean and then stayed after to help wash tables, wash pans and put things away...definitely proud of her...she is joining the Lions-Leos as a volunteer next month! Ron and Sue always last to leave and Greg Kidder..."First one there - Last one out"!

Make note: **Next officers meeting will be 2nd Wednesday, 10 August @ 0900** (9:00am) behind the church at the school conference room...We will have more discussion as needed for location and meeting time and dates. All Knights invited.

Make note: Our regular meeting dates have changed...**3rd Wednesday of every Month @ 1900 (7:00pm). Mass at 1800 (6:00pm) at the church.**

**Please respond to emails! Let us know that you see this.**

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## **KNIGHT'S CORNER**

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Many thanks to all our brother Knights who helped with Kids' Zone in the park. Everyone had a great time. We all are grateful for all of you who were able to attend Darrel Voelker's funeral. Darrel was very active in our council and the 4<sup>th</sup> degree in his younger years. Also, many thanks to both our knights and lady knights who helped with the coffee and donuts after mass.

At our July meeting we approved the purchase of a new BBQ. Thanks to Greg Kidder and Ed Boyd, the BBQ was assembled and ready for use. On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> we were able to use our new BBQ for cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for Deacon Mike's ordination reception. Thanks to all our brother knights and lady knights who pitched in to help prepare, cook, serve, and clean up. We will need to take sign ups in the future, so we have enough help for cleanup.

There is still a need for helpers at the First Baptist Food Bank on Clark. They need help on Thursdays from 10am till noon and on Fridays from 10am till 4pm. Lunch is included. If you can help for all or part of the time, please call Greg DC at 873-4132.

Let us all pray for America, our firefighters, police officers and healthcare workers. Let us continue to help one another, our parish, our community, and our country to recover from the Camp Fire, the Corona Virus and civil unrest.

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## **INSURANCE INFO**

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE •  
LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

We are pleased to have **Jeffrey A. Tolley** (License # OM31427) as our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Insurance Agent.

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## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

Our newsletter editor, Russ Neal, has had to change his email address. The new one is:

[Russneal68@gmail.com](mailto:Russneal68@gmail.com)

Please disregard the old address. Thanks.

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