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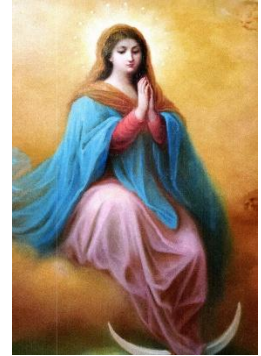
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MAY 2026

Grand Knight Message

In service to one. In service to all



"Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son?"

Matthew 13:54-55

Although most of us think of May as the month of Mary because of her "May crowning," May begins with a feast day for St. Joseph on **May 1st**.

Joseph the worker, Joseph the carpenter, Joseph the foster-father of Jesus who taught him his trade. St. Joseph is a role model for all fathers and for all workers and so is a perfect role model for all Knights of Columbus. May we always keep St. Joseph in our hearts as we serve our families, our Church, and our community.

Our next **Knights of Columbus Mass** will be on **Sunday, May 3rd at 10 am**. Please join us, along with your wife and family members, for this special Mass.

As I stated last month, I will spotlight and thank brothers who have made an impact on me and on our council in my last couple of newsletters.

This month I would like to recognize **Paul Przybysz**. Paul and I became friends on the serving line for the council fish fry about 5 years ago. We hit it off right away and looked forward to working together no matter what the event.

Blessed Mother – Artist – Cosmo Sampietro
(John Picucci Great Grandfather)

We served at St. Mary's 4 pm Mass – he as lector *par excellence* and me as greeter and usher. We worked at almost all of the early *Hot Smokin' Knights* events and, my favorite was sharing the *Into the Breach* program with Paul and 4 other brothers. But then Paul participated in everything he could with the Knights. He was also a 4th degree Knight of Assembly 2810 and a color corps member – another thing we served in together. He was a quiet man for the most part, but he loved to laugh and no one enjoyed being with his brother Knights more. Paul exemplified all of the ideals of our Order and did it with a smile. I admired his love of Christ and his devotion to our faith – he was a role model of the patient, prayerful man. Interestingly, his wife Patty said that Paul wasn't much of a "joiner" up in Buffalo, but when he joined the Knights of Columbus here, we became like a family for him. Paul gave his heart and soul to the Knights and with his passing our council will never be the same for many of us – especially me. **Go Bills!**

Vivat Jesus!

Darren

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

We are still within the Octave of Easter—one single day stretched across eight, as if the Church is insisting that this mystery is too great to be contained in just one moment.

It is a reminder that the Resurrection is not a fleeting event, but a reality to be lived, day by day, in our hearts and in our lives. The Resurrection is not only something that happened to Christ. It is something that begins to happen in the life of anyone who allows Him to draw near.

The Gospel accounts show us this quietly but powerfully.

The Risen Jesus does not appear with overwhelming force or majesty.

He comes softly, stands among His disciples, shows His wounds, and greets them: “Peace be with you.”

Notice this carefully—He does not return without His wounds. He rises with them.

This tells us something profound: nothing offered to Christ is ever lost.

No sacrifice, no hidden fidelity, no act of love, no quiet suffering—even the burdens we carry in silence—can be separated from His victory. All of it can be taken up into His Resurrection.

As Knights, you live a vocation that is concrete, practical, and often demanding.

Your service—to the Church, your families, those in need—can be unseen, sometimes exhausting, occasionally misunderstood.

Yet, in the light of Easter, all of this takes on a new dimension.

Your charity becomes participation in His love.

Your fidelity is not merely duty, but a sharing in His faithfulness.

Your brotherhood reflects the communion He brings.

And that greeting, “Peace be with you” it is remarkable.

It is not the absence of problems.

The doors are still locked. The world outside has not changed.

Yet something has shifted within the disciples.

His presence creates a space where fear, uncertainty, and doubt no longer have the last word.

Perhaps this is part of the mission entrusted to you as Knights:

to carry Christ’s presence into ordinary places—into your homes, your neighborhoods—so that others may sense that quiet, steady peace.

Not a loud witness, but a faithful one.

Not a perfect life, but a life lived in fidelity to Him.

The Resurrection does not begin in extraordinary moments.

It begins in hearts that remain near Christ.

And from that closeness, everything else—charity, courage, fraternity—naturally grows and gradually becomes able to change the world around us.

Christ is risen!

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (May 2026)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



[Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Gospel for May 24, Jn 20:21)

Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission — to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God — and we are commissioned to

do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state of life. We are not just "receivers" of the Gospel; our mission is to bear witness to the Good News in word and action, living the Gospel through our example and outreach to others..

This month, I challenge you to take a few minutes each morning and prayerfully ask Jesus how you can use your gifts for his mission, and set one clear, specific resolution (large or small) for what you will do on that particular day.

Questions for Reflection:

- How seriously do you take this mission that Christ has given you? What specifically has Jesus sent you into the world to do? How can you better live out this mission in the workplace, in your family life, and through your participation in the Knights of Columbus?

District Deputy Message



Brothers,

We have just come through the most powerful and sacred season of the Church year—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter is not just a day. It is a victory. It is

the victory.

The tomb is empty. Death is defeated. Hope is alive.

But here is the question for us, as Knights:

What does the Resurrection change in us?

Because Easter is not meant to be remembered—it is meant to be lived.

The same power that rolled away the stone is the power we are called to carry into our families, our parishes, and our councils. We are not just men who wear the name Knight—we are men sent on mission.

After the Resurrection, Christ did not stay in the tomb.

And He did not tell His apostles to stay in the upper room. He sent them out.

And He sends us out too.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to be visible signs of that Resurrection:

- In our charity, when we serve those in need
- In our unity, when we stand together as brothers
- In our fraternity, when no Knight stands alone
- And in our patriotism, when we stand for what is right

But brothers, let me be clear—Easter joy is not passive. It is active.

It means inviting that man you've been thinking about to join our Order. It means stepping up when your parish needs help. It means being bold in your faith in a world that often wants us to be silent.

The Resurrection was not quiet. The stone rolled. The earth shook. The guards fled.

Our faith should move people too.

So as we begin this Easter season, I challenge every Brother here:

Bring one new man into the Order. Just one. If every Brother does that, we grow not just in numbers—but in strength, in faith, and in impact.

Brothers, the world needs what we have. Strong Catholic men, living their faith without apology.

Let us not leave Easter in the past.

Let us carry it forward—into every meeting, every act of charity, every invitation, and every moment of our lives.

Because we are Easter men.

And an Easter man does not live in fear—he lives in victory.

Vivat Jesus!

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy “Financial Goals”



Each of us is in a different phase of life. Some of us are younger, some of us are older. Perhaps you’ve spent a considerable amount of time planning for your financial future. Or, if you’re like many people, you’re not quite sure where to start.

Knights of Columbus, along with its wholly owned investment subsidiary, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, can help you navigate life’s financial journey with insurance solutions to protect what matters most and investment options to help you plan for your future. Let’s start with a few basics.

You’ll first want to ensure you’re protected in case of the unexpected. Knights of Columbus life insurance can help give you peace of mind whether you have a growing family or simply want protection for years to come. It’s important not to assume that coverage through a current employer is sufficient — what happens if you can no longer work, switch jobs, or retire? Make sure to have a life insurance plan in place to meet your future needs.

As you start to lay your financial foundation, it is essential to start preparing for retirement. The Knights of Columbus can offer you reliable annuity options to provide guaranteed retirement income.

Additionally, through our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can start your personalized investment journey — in alignment with Catholic guidelines — to help you reach your retirement goals.

Last but certainly not least — it is essential to ensure you and your loved ones have the living benefits you need in place. Have you considered disability income insurance or long-term care insurance from Knights of Columbus?

Starting the process of exploring your insurance and financial security goals may feel daunting. But as your agent, I’m here to help. Let’s set up time to talk to ensure you are on the right path to protecting your family, preparing for retirement, and ultimately ensuring your financial well-being.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!
Larry Kennedy

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So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

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PAVILION PROGRESS

Work had been suspended during Lent and Easter. On the weekend 4/11-4/12 the new doors were installed. What a difference, they look great.

Brother Marotti has worked on getting bids for the installation of sheet rock for walls and ceiling. And bids for the electrical work.



It appears that the generosity of the Shaw Family will be more than sufficient to pay for the supplies and labor of the entire project.

What we now need is to know when the Pavilion will be available for workers to put up sheet rock, install wiring, then we will need volunteers to paint etc...

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Proposed Slate of Officers 2026-2027



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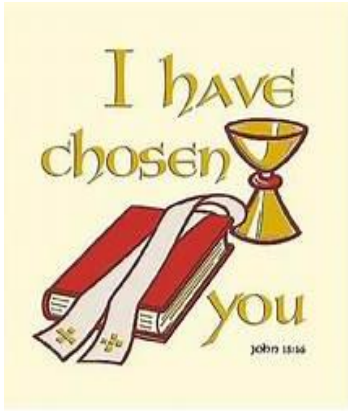


Lecturer
Dr. Jim St. John



Warden
Deacon John

Justino Moreno, our Seminarian Will be ordained May 23



FOR JUSTINO MORENO

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father Justino. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him; in his sorrow, strengthen him; in his frustration, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified. Show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much. Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideal of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.



In the quiet moments of our day, we are called to lift up those who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people. Priests carry the sacred responsibility of guiding souls, celebrating the sacraments, and bringing the light of Christ into every heart they touch. Their ministry is a profound gift, yet it is often accompanied by challenges, weariness, and the weight of spiritual responsibilities that few fully understand. In our prayers, we have the privilege of supporting them, offering spiritual strength, encouragement, and divine grace.



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Lenten Fish Fry

The Fish Frys during Lent were a success as usual. It is a tribute to our Council, that so many of our Brothers volunteered to show up for work and totally enjoyed the event and each other.

Directed by Brothers Chris and Don, we served over 400 guests.



We were able to donate \$525 to St Gerard's Campus and \$1,000 to the Monastery building fund.

Chris and Don send a special thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to make this a success.



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Ramon Marrero 386-793-2251

THE NIGHT OF THE MONTH



JANUARY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH IS AWARDED TO DON WORTHINGTON FOR HIS CO-MANAGING ALL SIX LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS. DON WAS ON SITE FROM START TO FINISH, CHECKING THE OIL TEMP, ASSIGNING TASKS AND ENSURING EVERYTHING WENT WELL. TO THE RIGHT BROTHER DON IS HANDING FATHER ROBERT A CHECK FOR \$1,000, THE PROCEEDS FROM THE LAST FISH FRY.



TO THE RIGHT IS BROTHER TONY FLYNN, RECEIVING A 50 YEAR PIN FOR YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS. ACTUALLY BROTHER TONY HAS BEEN A KNIGHT FOR 62 YEARS, BUT AS GK DARREN STATED, THERE ISN'T A 62 YEAR PIN. AFTER ALL THAT TIME, TONY HAS NOT LOST ANY ENTHUSIASM. YOU WILL SEE HIM AT ALL FISH FRYs, SOCCER CHALLENGES, SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT, BBQ, WELL YOU GET THE IDEA, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON SUPPORT FROM TONY.

May 2026

Sun May 3, 2026	10:00am – 11:00am	K of C Mass St. Joseph Monastery
Thur. May 7, 2026	:800am – 0:00pm	Blood Drive St. Joseph Monastery
Sun May 10, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Business Meeting at the Pavilion
Tues May 19, 2026	All Day	Mother's Day
Mon May 25, 2026	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Thur May 28, 2026	All Day	Memorial Day
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officers Meeting at the Pavilion

May 2026

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June 2026

Thur June 4, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Business Meeting at the Pavilion
Sun June 7, 2026	10:00am – 11:00am	K of C Mass St Joseph Monastery
Tues June 16, 2026	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Sun June 21, 2026	All Day	Father's Day
Thur June 25, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officers Meeting at the Pavilion

JUNE 2026

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May Birthdays

<i>Peyton Phillips</i>	05-03
<i>Melvin Young</i>	05-03
<i>Eric Bonilla</i>	05-18
<i>Joseph Beck</i>	05-27
<i>Sean Hall</i>	05-29
<i>Anbtonia Misztal</i>	05-30



300 CLUB WINNERS

March \$50 Winners

- #24 Margi Geueke
- #7 Margaret Powell
- #288 Pattie Shaw
- #96 Mary St John



"OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST" is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the KofC in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives, into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St. John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ's truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.



"JESUS IN MARY'S WOMB" is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

So, OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST and he shall enter.



Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

If you know of any Brother or family member in distress, please notify one of the council officers.

MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.

Nacci Family, Eric Bonilla, Mel Young, Nestor Ramos, Joe and Joan Beck, Enzo Pistrino
Bob Stearns and son, Peter Capozzi, Judd McNally, Nigel Powell and daughter Megan Cuna
Joe Rios Family, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, PDD Kevin Ryan's son Shane, Glenn Shaw, Ron Kiceina
Tom Flemming, Dave Norris, Brother Patrick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Prayer for the Healing of Loved Ones

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our loved ones who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them from danger, and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, that Your bountiful goodness may be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, Source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth, to the Kingdom of heavenly peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these departed souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen

Pray for our Deceased Brothers

Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, Norman Mugford, Paul Przybysz, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms, Mel Vevera, Rev. Francis Zammit and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler, and our founder Hank Kesselring. May our Lord welcome them home.



Pray for Vocations

"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons."
St. John Paul II





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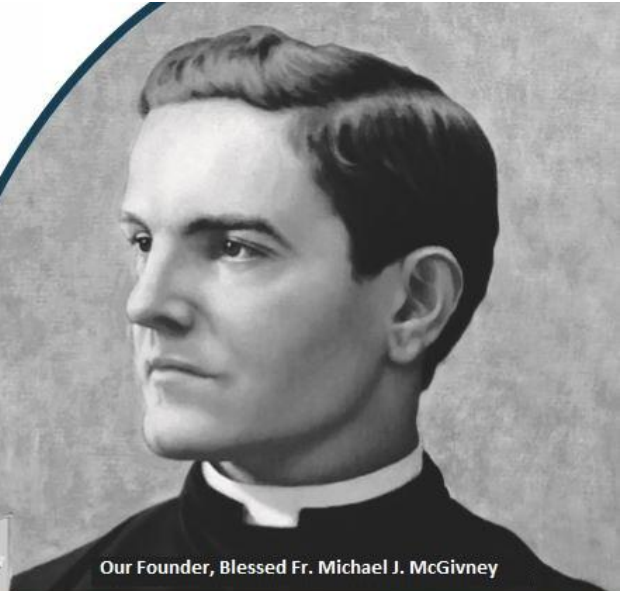
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