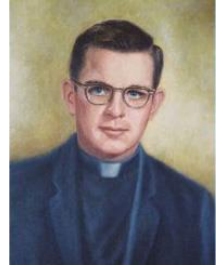


# Father Wessel's Knightly News



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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

**Vic Libetti, Grand Knight**

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a blessed and merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year's celebration with family and friends. The start of the new year typically reminds us of what we need to do to become better people of Christ and family members, and to set goals that attempt to improve our spiritual and physical well-being. The challenges we face as a council and fraternal brotherhood is no different as we struggle to meet our Columbian year goals. I believe we can be the most productive when we bring our efforts into lockstep with those of our parish, church and school by providing direct aide and support to its many ministries and those most in need within our community. Hopefully, with our scheduled events and the full support of our brotherhood, we can provide much of the impetus we need to make us more successful.

The Star Council Award criteria is an ambitious program and defines much of what is required to be successful and to continue Father McGivney's original work and mission; and while our particular efforts may not ultimately be sufficient to receive awards, our efforts in Faith-Filled Family Programs and Membership Growth efforts will go a long way to making us a better and more productive council. We need everyone's help to make this happen.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our December events and helped to aide in their success.

A special thanks goes out to Chuck Midori for making our 2018 New Lisbon Christmas Party another huge success. This annual event runs so smoothly and is so well received, we've come to take it for granted; but, it's only with the dedication of Chuck and his team, the generous support of our parish, our perpetual benefactor of Christmas gifts, and the support of the brotherhood that this event is always such a hit. In recognition, the New Lisbon Center awarded our council a plaque marking 40 years of continuous support for the "Developmentally Disabled Individuals at the New Lisbon Developmental Center."

The new 2018 Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and ornaments were well received by the parish, and sales exceeded our expectations in large part to the support we received form the parish, our brothers who volunteered their time, and the tireless efforts of our event managers Tom Bouillon and Frank Balco who made certain our KCIC events were a huge success.

We attended the Active Day Adult Care ministry as scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. During our Dec 6<sup>th</sup> visit we delivered a small Advent gift bag containing the advent blue book, Miraculous Medal necklace, prayer cards, rosary, scapular and a small bottle of holy water. They loved their small gift and as always appreciate the readings, discussion and communion they receive. If you have a ½ hour on Thursday mornings to join with your brother Knights on this important ministry, speak with our program director about how you can help.

The Malvern Retreat Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended by many of our long-time retreatants with some new faces making their first appearance. Many thanks to Gary Toothman and Gene Kotowski for all the work they do each year to make this a special and rewarding event for our council.

We had another successful hoagie sale on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> even though many of our usual volunteers were away attending their Malvern Retreat. Thank you to everyone that stepped up to fill the gap.

As you can see from our list of events and programs for January, we continue with a very busy schedule. Please familiarize yourself with the following schedules, and let your DGK know in which of those you are available to participate. We hope we can count on the same level of support and participation that made December a success.

Good luck with your new year's resolutions.

Vivat Jesus! †

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## COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dean DeRose

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF FR. RICH'S 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

The Knights of Columbus Council 6530 from St. Joan of Arc is sponsoring a Martin Luther King Day Blood Drive for Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019. Father Rich has challenged the Knights and parish to collect a minimum of at least 60 units of blood on this important day of service. The time will be from 1pm till 6pm in Pedata Hall at St. Joan of Arc Church. One pint of blood donated can help to save up to 3 lives. The donation is painless and lasts about one hour. Walk ins are always welcome but it is strongly suggested that you schedule an appointment at the Red Cross website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free coffee & donut from Dunkin Donuts. Pizza will be served during the drive compliments of Dominos Pizza. If you have any questions about the blood drive please feel free to call Dean DeRose at 856-596-6404 or email [roseman1957@comcast.net](mailto:roseman1957@comcast.net).

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## JANUARY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Jan 3 <sup>d</sup>	10:30 am Active Day Center	Adult Pastoral Care Visit
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Monthly General Business Meeting
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am in Cafeteria	Meatball Making Party
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm in Pedata	Parish Pizza Social
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Active Day Center	Adult Pastoral Care Visit
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Planning & Officers Meeting
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Active Day Center	Adult Pastoral Care Visit
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm in Church	Rosary for Life
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:15 am Busses leave SMOL	March for Life
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Collection after all masses	Roses for Life
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm SJA Gym	Youth Free-throw Tournament
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Pedata	MLK Blood Drive in honor Fr. Rich

JANUARY 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Dec 31<sup>st</sup></b> New Year's Ramblewood	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Business Meeting	<b>5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Rosary
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Meatballs am Pizza pm
<b>13</b> Hoagies	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Planning Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Rosary for Life	<b>18</b> March for Life	<b>19</b> Roses for Life Yth Free Throw
<b>20</b> Roses for Life	<b>21</b> Blood Drive	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Feb 1<sup>st</sup></b> Business Meeting	

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## FEBRUARY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 pm Pedata Hall	Monthly General Business Meeting
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am – 10:00 pm	Cook & Serve Pasta Dinner
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm SJA Gym	Youth Free-throw Winners
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Cafeteria	Planning & Officers Meeting
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	After all Masses	Membership Promo Talk

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Youth Free- throw winners
17	18	19 Planning & Officers Meeting	20	21	22	23 Membership Talk after all Masses
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# Supreme Knight's Message by Carl A. Anderson

## AN APOSTLE OF HOPE

12/1/2018

### ST. JOHN PAUL II ENCOURAGED US TO CONFRONT EVIL IN THE WORLD AND TO BE WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE



IN OCTOBER, I had the opportunity to be in Kraków, Poland, on the 40th anniversary of St. John Paul II's election as pope. While there, I visited the ground floor apartment at No. 10 Tyniecka Street, where the young Karol Wojtyła and his father lived during the Nazi invasion and occupation of Poland.

They had come to Kraków so that Wojtyła could attend the Jagiellonian University. But after the Nazis closed the university, Wojtyła began working in a limestone quarry. In 1941, he returned from work one evening to find his father in bed, dead of a heart attack. He would later say, "At 20, I had already lost all the people I loved."

Standing in the small, austere apartment in front of the wooden desk at which Wojtyła studied, the bed in which his father died and the tiny wooden stove in the kitchen, one could image the questions Wojtyła asked himself, and the prayers he recited, as his world crashed down around him and he struggled to make decisions about the future.

The day after the visit to Tyniecka Street, I was asked whether St. John Paul II is still relevant. With the images of his apartment still in mind, I said, "For St. John Paul II, evil and suffering were not abstractions, they were very real in his life.

"St. John Paul II was an apostle of hope. He told us, 'Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good' (cf. Rom 12:21). And he showed us that this could be done. "He knew that the good is also not an abstraction but is a person — a person whose hands and heart care for others. And he called on each of us to take up this task."

I had also left the apartment convinced it was the experiences Wojtyła lived while there that gave him such great connectivity with young Catholics when he was pope — especially at World Youth Days. In 2002, during the World Youth Day in Toronto, he said: "You are young and the Pope is old.... But the Pope still fully identifies with your hopes and aspirations. Although I have lived through much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope."

Nearly a decade earlier, in Denver, he said to the young pilgrims: "Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the 'path to life.' ...The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place

your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!”

In the same homily, he called on young Catholics to “become more conscious of your vocation and mission in the Church and in the world. ” And he repeated to them the words of St. Paul, “I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy”(2 Cor 7:4).

Still today, I meet bishops, priests and nuns who tell me that such encounters with St. John Paul II kindled their religious vocations. Others have said how his words strengthened their vocation to marriage and in the world.

As we prepare for what 2019 will bring to our Church and the world, let us as Knights of Columbus reflect on his words at World Youth Day in Toronto: “The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God’s love. It needs witnesses to that love.”

I am confident that a young priest from New Haven would have agreed!

By founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney gave us a practical way to bring a greater sense of charity and unity within our Church and our communities.

Vivat Jesus!

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# Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

## TIME AND PRESENCE

12/1/2018

### SOME GIFTS ARE IRREPLACEABLE AND MORE VALUABLE THAN ANYTHING MONEY CAN BUY



Psalm 90 tells us, “Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong ... they pass quickly, and we are gone” (v. 10). More starkly, the Letter of James tells us that we “are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then disappears” (4:14). Jesus himself asks, “Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?” (Mt 6:27).

We can give another person money knowing that we are likely to earn more money tomorrow, but the present moment comes only once and never again. The time we give to another is an irreplaceable gift.

Spending time with a loved one or a person who is grieving or sick is one of the most beautiful gifts we can give at Christmas. For example, on my first Christmas as archbishop of Baltimore, I visited a dying priest in St. Agnes Hospital. It was a gift that brought us close to Jesus, the newborn Savior.

Yes, the pace of life seems to be more and more frenetic nowadays. But are we too busy to spend time with someone in need? If so, we are too busy for our own good.

Time is not the whole story. It’s how we use our time that counts. Showing up and giving of our time is meaningful only if we are fully present to those we visit. Suppose we decide to visit an elderly parent or to be with our families on Christmas. But while we’re with them, we’re constantly checking the time or checking our phones until we are free. If we’re counting the minutes, are we not withholding our presence?

To give the gift of presence, we need to block out other concerns, worries and business, and focus instead on the person or persons at hand.

Isn’t this true of our Knights of Columbus programs and activities? When we’re distributing Coats for Kids and a child tries on a brand-new coat, we should be thinking of no one else but that child, maybe even saying a little prayer for him or her. When we’re helping a family cope with a disaster, we shouldn’t be thinking of the mail piling up on our desk, but only about the family that needs help.

Pope Francis often tells us to accompany one another on the bumpy road of life. He means that we need to focus not on ourselves, but on the other. This is what the gift of presence means.

It turns out that the gifts of time and presence are, together, the one thing we can give the newborn Savior. Have you ever peered into the manger and wondered what to give the One who entered the world to give us everlasting life? I am haunted by a phrase in the liturgy: “you have no need of our praise....”



What can we give the Lord that he does not already have? He wants our time and our presence: time for daily prayer, for Mass, for the rosary. He also wants us to be fully present to him when we pray. And when we are present to the Lord, we will also be present when we serve him in the poor, the sick and the vulnerable. For Time + Presence = Love. May you have a most blessed Christmas!

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## Pope issues plea for peace in the Middle East in Christmas Day



Pope Francis has used his traditional Christmas Day address urging people to overcome their religious and cultural differences to end conflict in Syria, Yemen and elsewhere in the Middle East.

Delivering his sixth “Urbi et Orbi” address to 50,000 people gathered in Saint Peter’s Square on Tuesday, the pope said Jesus Christ had given the world “fraternity” and differences should not be seen as a “detriment or a danger” but “a source of richness”.

“My wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for fraternity,” the pope said. “All of us are brothers and sisters in humanity.”

Just days after Donald Trump, the US president, announced he would withdraw American troops from Syria and urged Saudi Arabia to help rebuild the country, the pope called for an urgent political solution that would allow millions of Syrian refugees to return home.

“May the international community work decisively for a political solution that can put aside divisions and partisan interests, so that the Syrian people, especially all those who were forced to leave their own lands and seek refuge elsewhere, can return to live in peace in their own country,” the pope said.

"Urbi et Orbi" means "to the city and the world".

## **Virtus Training**

We continue to urge all brothers to complete their VIRTUS training, fingerprinting and background checks. New training sessions are available throughout the year. This training is mandated by the diocese, church, and school for everyone in contact with or participating in programs with youth, elderly, and special needs individuals. You may register for one of the scheduled VIRTUS training sessions by visiting the VIRTUS.org website, registering a login-id and password, and selecting a training session and location that fits your schedule. If you need assistance, speak with your DGK/Program Director.

Vivat Jesus! †

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## **Meetings and Ceremonies**

Brothers, please show proper respect to our parish home, to the order, and to our council at all times. Keep in mind we are grateful guests of the church, school and parishioners, and part of an international, fraternal organization charged with social programs that benefit our church community. As such, there is a decorum and respect that is due church and school property, our organization and its officers.

Ceremonials of the Order should be recognized by the brotherhood, well attended, and participate in when requested. Members should arrive on time for the formal opening of the meeting, sit in the seats arranged and provided by the council, appropriately participate in the meeting, conduct themselves within the established meeting protocol, and remain until the meeting has been formally adjourned.

We are more than the fund-raising events of our council, and certainly more than an opportunity to meet socially once a month. We need our membership to actively participate in the business of the council, to attend meetings, to help plan programs, and to support our efforts to increase our membership by attending membership drives and exemplifications.

Vivat Jesus! †

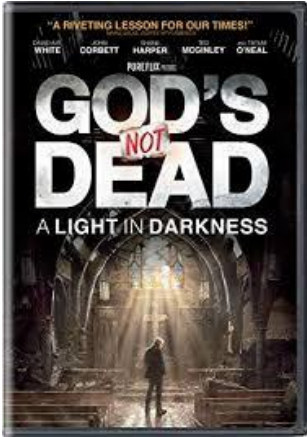
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# Movie Knight

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On Thursday, January 24th @ 7:30pm in Pedata Hall. Come Hungry! Lite refreshments will be served. ***Plan to be fed not just with food.***

To see the complete list of planned movies, follow the "[Popcorn, Franks and a Movie](#)" ministry link at the SJA web-site. †

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## Sick or in Distress

Vic Libetti – Brother and GK  
Michelle Healey – Brother Russ Wells  
Mary Arnold – Brother Russ Wells  
Michelle, sister of Anthony Roselli  
Wife of Anthony Roselli  
Doris Riccardi – Wife of Carmen Riccardi  
Steve Porter – Son-in-Law of Andy Kavulich  
Florence Kiley – Wife of Tom Kiley  
Tom Kiley – Brother Knight  
Henry DeMayo – Requested by Stanley Thompson  
Kathleen Jurgens – wife of Jim Jurgens  
Gary Balitzky – Requested by Jim Jurgens

***Please keep these Knights, their families and causes in your prayers:***

## Don't forget our **Rosaries**

- **Daily Rosary** – 8:25 am Monday – Saturday (*in church prior to 9:00 am mass*)
- **Weekly Rosary** – 7:00 pm (*in church*)
- **Monthly Rosary** – First Saturday of each month at 3:00 PM (*in Pedata Hall*).





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