

Father Wessel's Knightly News



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Motto: "We are one body in union with Christ" – Romans 12:5



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Vic Libetti, Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the events that made for an extremely busy and successful January. Planned activities for February and March promise to keep us just as busy, and I hope the council can continue to count on your support.

Join me in welcoming Ed Steck who has accepted his appointment to the post of Family Director. Families are the building blocks of our parishes and, indeed, our Faith, and it is his mission to manage programs that help insure the religious sustainability of the family and our order. Ed will need your help to chair its many responsibilities such as: "The Domestic Church, Consecration to the Holy Family, Food for Families, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Prayer Night, and Good Friday Family Promotion", to name just a few. Please help to insure his success in this critical job by accepting assignments.

A special thanks to a few of our council directors and chairman, Dean DeRose, Tom Kiley, Gene Kotowski, Ted Shearer, and Jim Stanley that made each of our events successful.

The Parish Pizza Social managed by Jim Stanley was very well coordinated and staffed, and very well received by the parish at large; and the final hoagie sale of the season was another great success.

The Rosary for Life and Novena coordinated by Tom Kiley was participated with parishioners, the St. Joan of Arc Rosary Group, council brothers, and the Moorestown Council 1082; all who prayed to the Holy Family for the sanctity of life and the safety of the March for Life participants.

Many thanks to Gene Kotowski who once again coordinated the many arrangements and activities required for the Jan 18th March for Life; then subsequently managed the Roses for Life collection after masses on Jan 19th and Jan 20th for the benefit of First Way of Burlington County Pregnancy Center.

Ted Shearer had a very nice turnout for the District Youth Free-throw Tournament and many of our VIRTUS and Safe Environment trained brothers showed up to help in support of the effort.

The MLK Blood Drive honoring Martin Luther King and the birthday of Fr. Rich was a great success, both in terms of the quantity of blood collected and with the orderly scheduling and collection of units from donors. Everyone was pleased with the improved process. Well done Dean.

As you can see from our list of events and programs for February and March, our hectic pace of activities and events continues. Please check the schedules contained in this newsletter, and let your DGK/PD 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 January a success.

Brothers, as you know, growing membership is a very difficult task, so let us not leave all the work to our Chancellor, as though it can be done alone. I'm sure many of us have opportunities to ask our friends, neighbors, and parishioners if they might be interested in joining the K of C. If we all make an effort to provide leads, I'm confident our Chancellor, Field Agent and membership programs can convert them to active members. Thank you for your help.

Vivat Jesus! †

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dean DeRose

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF FR. RICH'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

The Knights of Columbus Council 6530 from St. Joan of Arc Church and The American Red Cross would like to thank the parishioners, the community and parish staff for their support of the blood drive that was held on Martin Luther Day in Pedata Hall. This annual event was again a great success and we were able to collect a new record of 73 units of blood. The Monsignor Rich challenge of at least 60 units collected was successfully met and then some. Each unit collected can potentially help to save up to three lives. Thanks to Dunkin Donuts for their certificates of free coffee & donuts and Mike Klaitz of Domino's Pizza of Marlton for their donation of pizza for the blood donors. Our next drive will be on Monday, October 14th, 2019 for The Columbus Day Blood Drive. Please mark your calendar. Hope to see you there.

COUNCIL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Jim Stanley

Brothers all,

Many thanks for your immeasurable help and support for January's Parish Pizza Social. This was probably the best attended Parish Pizza Social since its inception, and what a great pleasure to see so many of our brother Knights working shoulder to shoulder to pull off this huge success. With so many of our brothers out sick during the month, everyone stepped up and filled in to do us proud. We remembered too late that our brother Joel DeTorres was one of those out ill, and neglected to arrange for an alternative 50-50 ticket hawk. Nonetheless, we received many very appreciative comments from our parishioners, and everyone had a great evening. Brothers, thank you.

DIRECTOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES MESSAGE
Ted Shearer

YOUTH FREE THROW TOURNAMENT

Brother Knights, thank you for the great turnout in support of our youth free-throw tournament. Your support helped the event run very smoothly, and was very much appreciated as we had a great turnout from the youth of our community. Hopefully, I can count on your support once again for the **District Level Championships**.

The following students won their respective age groups and now advance to the District Level which will be conducted on Feb 16th at 1:30 pm in the St. Joan of Arc Gym. Good luck to all these entrants advancing to the District Level.

FR. JOHN P. WESSEL, COUNCIL # 6530

AGE GROUP	BOYS	GIRLS
9 Years	Frederick Huston	Isabella Loras
10 Years	Colin McHale	Jackie Brown
11 Years	Pailino Apistar	Alexa Von Hohenstein
12 Years	Jack Mogell	Mackenzie Williamson
13 Years	AJ Tedeschi	Lindsey Rutledge
14 Years	Jack Orr	Morgan Williamson

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AGE GROUP	BOYS	GIRLS
9 Years	Steven Pisasale	Kaitlyn Roscioli
10 Years		Abigail Riley
11 Years		Alaina Staab
12 Years	Dominic Passarella	Katie Brown
13 Years	Michael Kelton	Sadie Lynn Dugan

14 Years	Jeremy Linden	Adrienne Hwang
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EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Business Meeting	2 1 st Saturday Rosary
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Parish Pasta Dinner
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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MARCH SCHEDULED EVENTS

Mar 1 st	7:30 pm in Cafeteria	Monthly General Business Meeting
Mar 2 nd	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
Mar 6 th	10:30 am Active Day Center	Scripture, Ashes, Communion
Mar 8 th	3:30 – 5:30 pm in Pedata	Lenten Fish Fry
Mar 9 th	6:30 pm in Pedata	Parish Pizza Social
Mar 15 th	3:30 – 5:30 pm in Pedata	Lenten Fish Fry
Mar 15 th	7:30 pm in Pedata	Planning & Officers Meeting
Mar 16-17 th	After All Masses	Intellectual Disabilities Collections
Mar 19 th	6:00 pm in Convent	Sister's of SSJ Dinner
Mar 24 th	After All Masses	Pancake Breakfast
Mar 29 th	3:30 – 5:30 pm in Pedata	Lenten Fish Fry

March 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Business Meeting	2 1 st Saturday Rosary
3	4	5	6 Ash Wed Active Day Adult Scripture, Ashes, and Communion	7	8 Fish Fry	9 Pizza Social
10	11	12	13	14	15 Fish Fry Planning Mtg.	16 Intellectual Disabilities
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24 Pancake Breakfast	25	26	27	28	29 Lenten Fish Fry	30
31	April 1st					

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Supreme Knight's Message by Carl A. Anderson

A HISTORIC MILESTONE

AS WE CELEBRATE THE PLACEMENT OF 1,000 ULTRASOUND MACHINES, OUR WORK TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE CONTINUES



THIS MONTH in Columbia, we celebrate a remarkable milestone in the history of the Knights of Columbus: the placement of the 1,000th ultrasound machine in a pro-life pregnancy center. We began this initiative with the placement of two ultrasound machines in Iowa and Florida in 2009.

This program is saving hundreds of thousands of lives and I am sure that one day soon, because of the efforts of thousands of brother Knights and countless pro-life volunteers we will save the lives of 1 million unborn children — the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus.

Although our program formally began in 2009, its genesis was really decades earlier in a conversation with Dr. Jérôme Lejeune one afternoon in my home. I had arranged for Dr. Lejeune to come to Washington, D.C., to testify before Congress on the humanity of the unborn child.

He was the world-famous geneticist who had discovered that the most common form of Down syndrome, also known as trisomy 21, resulted from a condition in which a person has 47 chromosomes in each cell rather than 46. After this discovery, Dr. Lejeune spent the rest of his life working to make the lives of those with Down syndrome better.

This is what he told Congress: “At two months of age, the human being is less than one thumb’s length from the head to the rump. He would fit neatly into a nutshell, but everything is there — hands, feet, head, organs, brain — all are in place. If you look very closely, you would see the palm creases, and if you were a fortune-teller, you could read the good adventure of that person. Looking still closer with a microscope, you could detect the fingerprints — every document is available to give him his national identity card!

“With the extreme sophistication of technology we have invaded his privacy. ... We now know what he feels, we have listened to what he hears, smelled what he tastes and we have really seen him dancing full of grace and youth. Science has turned the fairy-tale of Tom Thumb into a true story.

“The incredible Tom Thumb really does exist. Not the one of the fairy tale, but the one each of us has been. For it is from this true story that the fairy tales were invented. If Tom Thumb’s adventures have always enchanted children, if they can still evoke emotion in grownups, it is because all the children of the world, all the grown-ups they have turned into, were one day a Tom Thumb in their mother’s womb.”

As an advisor to Pope John Paul II, Dr. Lejeune proposed the establishment of a new Vatican entity — the Pontifical Academy for Life. We discussed possible initiatives for the future academy, and he confided that the pope had asked him to serve as its first president. But Dr. Lejeune would die of cancer in 1994, the same year that it was established. Later, I had the honor of being appointed a member of the academy by Pope John Paul II and re-appointed by Pope Francis in 2017.

Dr. Lejeune and I had also discussed ways in which we could help those considering abortion to better perceive this reality.

Decades later, when advances in 3D ultrasound technology made this truly possible, the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative was a natural response — and the response of so many brother Knights since then has been truly inspiring.

Building a culture of life requires all of us to strive for the just treatment of innocent unborn children and to accompany with compassionate concern women facing crisis pregnancies.

This month, we celebrate a historic milestone, but there are still many more milestones ahead of us in the lives of thousands of vulnerable unborn children. Our Ultrasound Initiative must continue to expand into every community where it is needed.

Sometimes, those of us in the pro-life movement may feel like the poet who stopped by woods on “the darkest evening of the year.” But like that poet, we too should resolve that although “the woods are lovely, dark and deep” we have promises to keep and miles to go before we sleep. Many lives depend upon our continued determination.

Vivat Jesus!



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

IN A WORLD OFTEN OVERSHADOWED BY SIN, THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST REMAINS OUR TRUE HOPE AND GUIDING LIGHT

WE HAVE TURNED the corner. The shortest, darkest days of the year are slowly growing longer and lighter. Yet, in the cold of a winter's night, it may be hard to envision the warmth and light of spring.

It was amid darkness that the Savior was born. At first, the darkness of the crude stable where the incarnate Son of God entered the world was punctuated only by the flickering lights of candles and torches. Yet Jesus was born not merely in the dark of night but also amid the dark night of humanity's sinful state. Despite God's signs and messages spoken through prophets and kings, darkness seemed to reign over the good earth God had made.

Was there any hope that the flickering lights in a rough Bethlehem stable could even be seen in the darkness, let alone overcome it? Was there any chance that the Child in the manger, born into the poorest of circumstances, was in fact "the light of the world" (Jn 8:12)? As the story of Jesus' birth unfolded, the night sky was brightly lit not only with stars but also with angels reflecting the beauty and brightness of the One who is "God from God and light from light." And over this stable hovered a star, brighter than the rest, the star of the Epiphany, by which the greatness of the little Child was first revealed to the nations.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:5).

As the year 2019 dawns upon us, we may feel that darkness still reigns over the world. Looking about, we see under cover of darkness a brutal disregard in society for the sacredness of human life — especially the lives of unborn children, the frail elderly and the chronically ill. We see amid the darkness many people living at the point of a sword for the faith that they profess. We see the sorry plight of immigrants and refugees. We live in a culture perpetually outraged, increasingly polarized, tragically plagued by violence. We see the darkness of sin in our Church, with the appalling abuse of children by some of its own leaders. We look with gloom as many, especially the young, forsake the light of faith for the false promises of a godless secularity. We also sense the darkness of sin lurking in our hearts and homes. We find how easily we prefer this darkness to the light of grace.

Still, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Could it be that even in our times the flickering light in the Bethlehem stable might still shine forth? The light of the Epiphany star heralded a light that would never fade. The light of heaven itself shone forth as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus during his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus, "the light of the world," would manifest his Father's glory in the power of the Spirit as he preached the Good News, healed the sick, expelled demons and cured the sick. "I have come to set the earth on fire," Jesus said, "and how I wish it were blazing" (Lk 12:49).

Our Savior ignited this fire upon the Cross, in the glory of his Resurrection and in his commission to the Apostles to spread the Gospel. And he ignited it, too, in our hearts on the day we were baptized "with fire and the Holy Spirit" (Mt 3:11). We should frequently ask ourselves: Is it still burning brightly?

It does no good to bemoan the state of the world. Rather, the light of faith and zeal for the Gospel must burn in our hearts. Knights, like missionaries of old, are called to go and set the world on fire by charity, unity and fraternity.

Pope Francis Meets with K of C Leaders



Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican on Dec. 17. It was the fourth such audience granted by Pope Francis to the supreme knight.

During the course of the meeting, the supreme knight and Archbishop Lori spoke with the Holy Father about the many activities of the Knights of Columbus in 2015, particularly the Order's efforts to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, the Order has distributed more than \$5 million to support Christians in the Middle East. In addition to this financial support, the Knights of Columbus has organized a major public awareness campaign about the situation faced by Christians in the Middle East.



During the visit, the supreme knight also presented the Holy Father with a contribution of \$1.6 million from the Vicarius Christi Fund, offered on behalf of the 1.9 million members of the Knights of Columbus. The Vicarius Christi Fund has generated \$56,015,000 for the pope's personal charities and causes since its establishment in 1981.

Virtus Training *(Diocesan, Church and School Requirement)*

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.

Safe Environment Training *(K of C Supreme Requirement)*

The Safe Environment Program safeguards children and other vulnerable persons, assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment, protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings, and appearances of impropriety, builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes, and protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus.

The training is mandated for: **Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors, and Family Directors**. You can also help our council protect those at risk by registering for the training on a voluntary basis, even if not required by your position. To register for either mandated or volunteer training in Supreme's Safe Environment, place the following link into your browser: <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>

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.

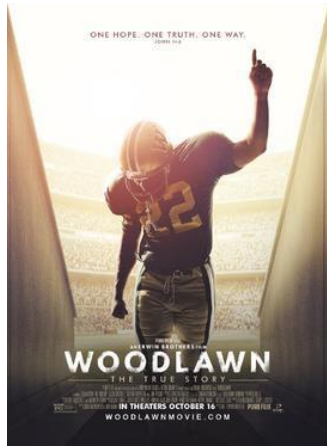
We are more than the fund-raising events of our council, and certainly more than an opportunity to meet socially once a month. We need our membership to actively participate in the business of the council, to attend meetings, to help plan programs, and to support our efforts to increase our membership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

Movie Knight

Chairman SK Gene Kotowski

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Woodlawn is a 2015 American [Christian sports drama film](#) directed by [The Erwin Brothers](#), Andrew and Jon Erwin. The film, which is based on the true story of Tandy Gerelds^[6] and [Tony Nathan](#),^[6] stars [Sean Astin](#), [Nic Bishop](#), Caleb Castille, [Sherri Shepherd](#), [Jon Voight](#) and [C. Thomas Howell](#). It was produced by [Kevin Downes](#) and Daryl Lefever with Crescent City Pictures and Red Sky Studios and was released on October 16, 2015 by [Pure Flix Entertainment](#). "Woodlawn" is the true story of how faith in God saved a city torn apart by racism.



When [Woodlawn High School](#) in [Birmingham, Alabama](#) is controversially desegregated in 1973, [Tony Nathan](#), a gifted black high school football player, joins the school's predominantly white football team along with several other black players. The coach, Tandy Gerelds, tells the team to use their shared anger to unite them, but black and white players clash on and off the field. After a riot at the school, Gerelds consents to allowing traveling sports chaplain Hank Erwin to speak to the team as a "motivational speaker". Hank's speech moves nearly the entire team to accept Hank's invitation to commit their lives to Jesus Christ, and join together in prayer.

On Thursday, February 21st @ 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. †

Sick or in Distress

Vic Libetti – Brother and GK
Michelle Healey – Requested by Russ Wells
Mary Arnold – Requested by Russ Wells
Harold DeRose – Father, Dean DeRose
Michelle Gentile – Sister, Anthony Roselli
Doris Riccardi – Wife, Carmen Riccardi
Steve Porter – Son-in-Law, Andy Kavulich
Florence Kiley – Wife, Tom Kiley
Tom Kiley – Brother Knight
Henry DeMayo – Requested by Stanley Thompson
Bob Fahei – Cousin, Ted Schearer
Ed DiMarco – Requested by Gary Toothman
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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