

# Father Wessel's Knightly News



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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

**Robert Nardello, Grand Knight**

Brother Knights,

After a month of fretting over weather in anticipation of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual for Classics for Charity car show, the Good Lord once again gifted us a magnificent day with which to hold our May 18<sup>th</sup> event. Ninety-one classic cars, their proud owners, and hundreds of visitors came out to enjoy the warm sunny day, the visual excitement of the competition, the presentation of trophies and prizes, music, and the great food. Thanks to the stewardship and tireless work of our event chairman, Andy Kavulich, the show was a huge success, and its profits will benefit the vital work of the St. Joan of Arc "Helping Hands" ministry. Thanks also, to all our brothers that gave up their day to volunteer their time and hard work to assure the success of this event.

Like many of our recent Columbian years, this one has been especially challenging. Efforts to increase membership, meet commitments to Supreme and State Councils, improve fiscal solvency, and automate record keeping kept us extremely busy throughout the year. The ambitious agenda of our elected Grand Knight, Vic Libetti, was made even more difficult as a consequence of his courageous struggle and rigorous treatments against a cancer that he kept private from most of the council. It's been an honor to finish his term of office, and attempt to complete many of his lofty goals. Thank you for your confidence, support, and the opportunity to serve as your interim Grand Knight.

Your Council Advocate and Nominating Committee Chairman, Gary Toothman, has introduced a strong slate of proposed nominees as officers for the Columbian Year 2019 – 2020. Our June business meeting will finalize this nominating process and formally elect the officers that will fill the vital roles of the Fr. John P. Wessel Council #6530. Your attendance and participation in this process is your opportunity to help approve the leadership of our council going forward. I ask that you give all of our elected officers your full support and cooperation as they accept the future challenges and obligations of the Knights of Columbus, our council, our church and our parish.

Vivat Jesus

# Minutes of Meeting as Recorded May 3, 2019

Recorder, Tom Kiley

## Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by GK, Bob Nardello.

The Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the council at large.

The roll call of officers was conducted by Recorder, Tom Kiley. All Officers were present with the exception of the 1-year Trustee Edwardo Fuentesilla.

In the absence of our Chaplain and Spiritual Advisor, the Gospel of Luke for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> was read by GK, Bob Nardello.

The GK reported that the minutes of the previous meeting had been previously transmitted to the membership at large prior to the meeting, and asked if the membership had any changes or additions. The minutes were approved as distributed without modification.

Recorder, Tom Kiley read into record a letter from CARITAS, thanking the council the donation to their ministry.

## Chancellor Report, Mile Mancano

Discussed a new candidate, Brian Libetti, for membership. His candidacy was voted and approved, and an Admissions Degree slot assigned. Two new members: Tony Romano (present) and Jeffrey Sullivan (excused) were welcomed into the council.

## GK Report, Bob Nardello

Thanked the council for their help and support during the difficult past few months. He stated that while the Beef & Beer Event was lightly attended, it was still successful and enjoyed by all who attended, and thanked Treasurer, Dean DeRose for accumulating the 63 door prizes that assured all in attendance would leave with a prize. The GK discussed the changing nature of our fraternal activities from events and fund raisers in isolation, to those more focused on Faith, Family, Community, and Life in concert with our diocese, church, and its ministries.

## Treasurer's Report, Dean DeRose

- April Beginning Balance      \$ 14,457
  - Receipts                      \$ 4,699
  - Disbursements              \$ 3,012
- Ending Balance On-Hand      \$ 16,144

### Balances On-Hand:

- New Lisbon                      \$ 5,042
- Precious Feet                  \$ 692
- Knight's Fraternal Relief      \$ 500
- High School Scholarship      \$ 1,000
- Total Net On-Hand              \$ 8,909**

## **Financial Secretary Report, John Carroll**

- Dues Received since last meeting \$ 104
- Dues Received for Calendar Year (109 members) \$2,786
- Council Roster: 202

## **Trustees Report, Ron Cary**

- Rosary Rally May 6<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at St. John Neuman Rosary Garden
- Next meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
- Seminarian Travel Raffle Tickets going well – Bill Hahn, Chairman
- No Retention Committee Report

## **Program Chairman Reports**

- May 10<sup>th</sup> Altar Servers Pizza Party needs VIRTUS trained servers - reported by Ted Shearer
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Classics for Charity planning completed – reported by Andy Kavulich
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Pizza Social needs servers – reported by Jim Stanley
- June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Seminarian Travel Raffle Tickets – Reported by Ron Cary

## **New Business**

- A motion was requested by GK to contribute \$250 to the "Relay for Life" to acquire a banner in Honor of deceased GK, Vic Libetti. Al Lutner explained the program and the contributions to the American Cancer Society. A motion was made, seconded, voted and approved.
- A motion was requested by GK in the amount of \$400 to help defray the educational expenses for our Deacon-in-training, Gene Kotowski. The motion was made, seconded, voted and approved.
- A motion was requested by GK for two \$500 SJA scholarships to aid students going on to Catholic High Schools. The motion was made, seconded, voted, and approved.
- A motion was requested by GK in the amount of \$400 to assist a challenged parishioner experiencing financial difficulties, and being assisted by Deacon Tom and Helping Hands. The motion was made, seconded, voted and approved.
- Advocate, Gary Toothman proposed the following slate of officers for the Columbian year 2019-2020":
  - Grand Knight – Michael Mancano
  - Deputy Grand Knight – Thomas Bouillon
  - Chancellor – Albert Lutner
  - Warden – James Jurgens
  - Treasurer – Dean DeRose
  - Recorder – Thomas Kiley
  - Outside Guard – Joel De Torres
  - Outside Guard – John Carroll III
  - Inside Guard – Brandon Pistorius
  - Advocate – Gary Toothman

## **District Deputy Report, Vince Schnell**

- Looking for volunteer to be my District Warden for the next Columbian Year.
- Admission Degree scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary of the Lakes School.
- Formation Degrees scheduled:
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Queen of Peace
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Church, Cherry Hill
- Knighthood Degree scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at Margaret's School Gym, Woodbury Heights.
- Reminder for Retention Committee Report
- Upcoming District Events:
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Breakfast – Council 8733
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive – Council 7755
  - May 14<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner – Council 5714
  - May 18<sup>th</sup> Classics for Charity Car Show – Council 6530
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Pflieger's Ordination
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> Blood Drive - Council 12229
  - May 30<sup>th</sup> Movie Knight – Council 6530
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> Fishing Trip – Council 8733

## **Good of the Order**

- Brother, PGK Jim Sambucci thanked the slate of current officers for their dedication and hard work.

## **Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 8:45 pm**

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## JUNE SCHEDULED EVENTS

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Monthly General Business Meeting
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	After 5:30 Mass	Parish Pizza Social
June 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	After all masses	Travel Raffle Tickets for Seminarians
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ilianno's	Spouses Appreciation Dinner
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Cafeteria	Planning Meeting
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm in Pedata	Movie Knight

June 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. Rosary
2	3	4	5	6 Active Day	7 Business Meeting	8 Seminarian Travel Raffle Parish Pizza Social
9 Seminarian Travel Raffle Spouses Appreciation Dinner	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Planning and Officers Meeting	19	20 Active Day Movie Knight	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## JULY SCHEDULED EVENTS

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Monthly General Business Meeting
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Cafeteria	Planning Meeting
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service

JULY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Active Day Adult Care	5 Business Meeting	6 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. Rosary
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Planning Meeting	17	18 Active Day Adult Care	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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# CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.

Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development



## **The K of C and Sacramental Accompaniment**

In the 19th century, the young men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Conn., were not actively engaged in the Catholic faith. So 29-year-old Father Michael J. McGivney gathered the "old guard" of active men — who were in their 30s and 40s — and invited them to take leadership roles in the K of C. Their primary evangelical goal: Help younger, non-practicing Catholic men engage in the faith.

This goal remains relevant even today. During the Easter season and throughout summer, your local K of C council can assist in evangelical outreach, especially through the Order's Sacramental Gifts program.

Start by discussing with your council your parish's sacramental programs. Let the Knights know how they can assist those just entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. Perhaps the council can become the place a new Catholic man first experiences fraternity and support. Coach the men of your council on the best way to welcome these new Catholics into the K of C. Remind the Knights that converts may already have a well-developed spirituality and theological understanding from years of seeking the truth.

In addition, the K of C's Sacramental Gifts program can help young men and fathers renew their own practice of the faith. A small gift — with the promise of prayers, support and perhaps the gift of a Mass said for the family's intention — will go a long way in showing dads that the K of C cares for the spiritual growth of all the men of the parish.

With your help, may every council understand its fundamental role in welcoming those returning to the faith and may the K of C continue to evangelize those on the peripheries.

*Vivat Jesus!*



# Supreme Knight's Message by Carl A. Anderson

## WE WILL REBUILD

### THE TRAGIC FIRE AT NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL EVOKES BOTH OUR HISTORY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS CATHOLICS



I AM WRITING this column while a massive fire is still engulfing our beautiful Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. I say “our” because this magnificent structure has been for centuries an artistic patrimony of humanity, a place of prayer for millions of Catholics in France and throughout the world — and, more recently, a special place for the Knights of Columbus.

In May 2017, I joined a delegation of brother Knights from Paris to attend Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral and to participate in a special exposition and veneration of the relic of the Crown of Thorns. Later that year, the Knights of Columbus was one of the major sponsors of a light show on the cathedral’s façade. Titled “Dame de Coeur” (Queen of Hearts), the light show depicted the history of the cathedral in commemoration of World War I.

From the two-volume history *The Knights of Columbus in Peace and War* (1920), we read this: “In Paris on Good Friday 1919, the most impressive religious service held in the history of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe took place when the Knights of Columbus ... held a service there for the public adoration of the cross. Ten thousand Americans packed the great edifice; the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Mons. Amette, presided.”

Much has been said about the significance of this tragic fire. It is difficult to grasp its significance for the French people and especially French Catholics.

Perhaps “The Virgin at Noon,” a poem by Paul Claudel, can help us understand. It is noteworthy that Claudel’s conversion took place in Notre-Dame Cathedral during the singing of the Magnificat on Christmas Day 1886.

*“It is noon. The church is open.  
I must go in.  
Mother of our Lord, I have not  
come to pray.  
I have nothing to give and  
nothing to ask.  
I am here, my Lady, only to look at you.  
To look at you, to cry for joy, to know  
That I am your son and you are there.  
Only for one moment when everything stops.  
Noon!  
To be with you, Mary, in this place  
where you are.  
To say nothing, to look at your face.  
To let my heart sing in its own language.  
To say nothing, but simply to sing  
because my heart is too full... .*

## **Supreme Knight's Message (cont'd)**

*Because you saved me, because  
you saved France.  
Because France too, like myself, was  
for you a thing to be considered.  
Because at that moment when  
everything collapsed, you intervened.  
Because you saved France once again.  
Because it is noon, because we are  
at this moment of today.  
Because you are there for always,  
simply because you are Mary,  
Simply because you exist.  
Mother of Our Lord, we give  
thanks to you.”*

When the president of France announced today that Notre-Dame Cathedral will be rebuilt, I thought of how the great Gothic cathedrals were originally constructed. An account from 1144 states that the faithful were freely “harnessed to carts, laden with stones, timbers, corn and whatever might be needed for the work of building the cathedral, the towers of which rose like magic into the heavens... . Everywhere men humbled themselves, did penance, and forgave their enemies. Men and women could be seen dragging heavy loads through mire and marsh, praising in song the miracle which God was performing before their eyes.”

Mindful of all the controversies consuming the Church in recent years, the image of this burning cathedral seemed in a way to symbolize the devastation so many Catholics have felt as our Church has been rocked by one crisis after another.

Fires have destroyed great cathedrals before, and they have been rebuilt. So let us hope this will be true again.

But not only this church. Let us resolve to patiently “rebuild” the Church, not with granite and mortar, but with living stones in the spirit of those earlier builders — with humility, penance and with gratitude for the miracle that God is still performing before our eyes.

And let us do so with confidence in Mary, who “at that moment when everything collapsed” does not hesitate to intervene for us.

*Vivat Jesus!*

# Supreme Chaplain Archbishop

William E. Lori

## MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

### THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, OUR MOTHER AND MODEL, INTERCEDES FOR AND CONSOLES THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST



INVALUABLE TO the Christian life is a warm and loving devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. I was blessed to grow up in a home where the rosary was prayed daily, even on the busiest and most difficult days. There was always a statue of the Blessed Mother in our home and other reminders of Mary's love for us, her children. At school, May processions culminated in the crowning of a statue as we all sang to Our Lady.

In time, I got into the habit of praying a daily rosary, and as I meditated on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary, my vocation came into sharper focus. In my final years at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., I often went to the beautiful grotto up the mountain, a national shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. In the quiet of that grotto, my love for Mary deepened as I prepared to serve the Church as a priest.

But it was not until I visited Lourdes, France, for the first time in the 1980s, that I was overwhelmed with the healing power of the Blessed Mother's intercession. In that holy place, where Mary revealed herself to St. Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception, I experienced a wonderful healing, cleansing and renewal of body, mind and spirit. Over the years, I have returned to Lourdes many times, often with pilgrims, many of whom suffer from serious illnesses. I visit with them before they go into the baths and, when feasible, pray with them after they emerge. The purifying love and powerful intercession of Mary is palpable in those encounters.

My love for the Blessed Mother likewise intensified when I visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the first time in 1990 and looked upon her miraculous image. The experience filled me with joy and opened my eyes to Mary's role in the evangelization of the world.

Inspired by these experiences, Marian devotion has become an essential part of my life. Like every good Knight of Columbus, I carry a rosary in my pocket. My father's own K of C rosary also remains in the little chapel in my residence. When the house is quiet at night, I often slip into the chapel and pray with my dad's rosary. As I do so, I think about all the people I met during the day and the many people who asked me to pray for them. As the day comes to a close, nothing is more consoling than to spend a little time in conversation with Mary.

I also look upon a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother that I received from Cardinal James Hickey, my mentor and friend, when I became a bishop many years ago. When I look upon that image, I never fail to pray for the cardinal, whose example and memory continue to influence my life so deeply.

During the month of May, we honor Mary in a special way, and on June 10, the Monday after Pentecost, we will celebrate her as the Mother of the Church. Her virginity symbolizes the truth and purity of the Church's teaching and the sacrifice that the Church daily offers. Her motherhood symbolizes the maternal care that the Church gives to us, her children, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit. This love reaches us through many channels, not the least of which are the Church's ministries

of healing and charity. And when members of the Knights of Columbus live the principle of charity, we help extend the loving care of the Church to the poor and the vulnerable.

These days, though, it is the Church — sinful in her members — that needs healing. Sins against young people and the failure of Church leaders to respond continue to haunt and hobble the Body of Christ. Many practical steps still need to be taken to ensure that bishops and other leaders are held accountable for their actions. But those steps alone, important as they are, won't fully heal the Church's wounds. For that, we must turn our gaze toward Mary, asking her prayers that the Church might be purified, cleansed, healed and renewed.

# Pope Francis' message

## Courage and Filial Intimacy to Call God "Father"



Pope Francis concludes his series of catechesis on the "Our Father" prayer, saying it is the Holy Spirit who is the teacher and protagonist of true prayer.

### Courage to call "Father"

The Pope noted that Christian prayer that is "born of the audacity to call God by the name of 'Father'", expresses a "**filial intimacy**" into which we are introduced by the grace of the Holy Spirit. He cited a few examples from the New Testament where the various expressions of Jesus' prayers recall the text of the "Our Father".

In Mark's Gospel, when Jesus prays, "**Abba, Father**, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will", we discover His filial trust in the Father amidst the darkness, fear and anguish of the night of Gethsemane, where He asks that the Father's will be fulfilled.

### Not without brothers and sisters

Elsewhere, Jesus teaches his disciples to cultivate a spirit of prayer that is insistent, but especially that bears the memory of our brothers and sisters, especially when we have difficult relationships with them.

In this regard, Jesus says in Mark's Gospel, "When you stand to pray, **forgive anyone** against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions." The Pope noted that in the writings of Saint Paul we do not find the text of the "Our Father", but His presence emerges in that stupendous synthesis where the invocation of the Christian is condensed into a single word: "Abba! Father!" (cf. Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6).

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus fulfills the request of the disciples and teaches them how to pray to the Father.

### Holy Spirit – the true protagonist of prayer

Pope Francis noted that the New Testament as a whole indicates that the first protagonist of all Christian prayer is the Holy Spirit.

"We could never pray without the power of the Holy Spirit. It is He who prays in us and moves us to pray well."

The Spirit, the Pope explained, is both the teacher and protagonist of true prayer. It is He who breathes into the heart of each one of Jesus' disciples, enabling them to pray as children of God, which they truly are in Baptism.

“The Spirit makes us pray in the ‘furrow’ that Jesus dug for us,” the Pope said, explaining that by grace Christian prayer attracts us to the dialogue of **love of the Most Holy Trinity**.

### **Core of every prayer –“my” intimacy**

The Holy Father observed that sometimes Jesus uses expressions that are very far from the text of the "Our Father". For example, while dying on the cross He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

Certainly, the Pope said, the heavenly Father cannot abandon His Son. "Yet His love for us, sinners," the Pope said, "has brought Jesus to this point: to the point of experiencing the abandonment of God, His distance because He has taken upon Himself all our sins."

But even in His anguished cry, "My God, my God", the Pope noted, the "my" remains the "core of the relationship with the Father" and the "core of faith and prayer".

Pope Francis noted that with this nucleus, a Christian can pray in any situation. All the prayers of the Bible, especially the Psalms, and the prayers throughout millennia of history have this nucleus.

The Holy Father urged that we never cease to speak about our brothers and sisters in humanity to the Father, so that none of them, especially the poor, may remain without consolation and a portion of love.

But to pray genuinely, the Pope said, "we must make ourselves little, so that the Holy Spirit may come into us and guide us in prayer."

## **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.

There is a new form that must be used to complete your fingerprinting and background check. Before scheduling your appointment, please see your DGK/PD for the proper form.

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## **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>

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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.



## Movie Knight

Chairman SK Gene Kotowski

### Brother's Keeper (2013)

**Directors:** T.J. Amato (co-director), Josh Mills (co-director)

**Writers:** Briana Hartman, Josh Mills (developer)

**Stars:** Michael Rooker, Ray Wise, Travis Tritt



Identical twins Andy and Pete Goodwynn have always been there for each other. But in a cruel twist of fate, orchestrated by the town's most powerful family, their lives are forever altered. Can the brothers gain vengeance on those who have taken away from them all that matters? While revenge may seem sweet, Brother's Keeper is a powerful reminder that only forgiveness can truly heal.

On Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm 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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## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Sick or in Distress

Michelle Healey – Requested by Russ Wells

Mary Arnold – Requested by Russ Wells

Michelle Gentile – Sister, Anthony Roselli

Doris Riccardi – Wife, Carmen Riccardi

Steve Porter – Son-in-Law, Andy Kavulich

Bob Fahei – Cousin, Ted Schearer

Bobby Terigay – Cousin, Ted Shearer

Kevin Crow

Christina Bruno – Daughter, Field Agent Carl Bruno

Florence Kiley – Wife, Tom Kiley

Tom Kiley – Brother Knight

Henry DeMayo – Requested by Stanley Thompson

Ed DiMarco – Requested by Gary Toothman

***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 Wednesday (*in church*)
- **Monthly Rosary** – First Saturday of each month at 3:00 PM (*in Pedata Hall*).





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