

# 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

Michael Mancano, Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Upon reflection of the voluminous information I received at the GK meeting I wanted to share a few thoughts. First, we had a great presentation/discussion about membership. Recruiting active and engaged members into the council is a job we all have, not just the charge of the Chancellor. We discussed a simple concept termed, "**The Power of One**". Succinctly the concept is, what if each member were able to bring in one new active and engaged member to the council. Imagine the ripple effect of each new active and engaged member to the council. Imagine the new ideas and programs that could be enacted. Imagine how this would raise the profile of the Knights within our parish.

To help with recruitment I wanted to share a list of member benefits. While I'm sure many of my Brother Knights are aware of a number of these benefits, it is a very impressive list when seen in aggregate.

Every Council Member needs to know why he pays dues:

- Free Accidental Death Benefit for you and your spouse:
  - Less than 2 years = \$ 1,000
  - 2 years, but less than 3 years = \$ 1,500
  - 3 years, but less than 4 years = \$ 2,000
  - 4 years and more = \$ 2,500
  - Decreases by \$500 per year at age 65 to stabilized at \$1,000
- Rosary received with membership
- Student Loans - Member, spouse and children.
- Scholarships/Fellowships - Member, spouse and children.
- Insurance Program:
  - Member, spouse, children and grandchildren.
  - Opportunity to provide for your family's security and well-being.
  - No higher rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.
  - Insured Members Dividends are reduced \$ 9.00 annually to pay Supreme per capita taxes.
  - Annuity Program - Enables member and spouse to provide for retirement through tax-deferred savings.
  - Long Term Care Insurance to protect your family's assets in the event of serious illness.

- Income Armor® - Disability Income Insurance should you be injured and unable to work.
- Young Adult Insurance Program – For Knights age 18-29
- New Member Annuity – Available for as little as \$100 during first year of membership
- Family Fraternal Benefits for eligible families:
  - Orphan Benefit - \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families, up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
  - Pays \$ 1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days.
  - Pays \$ 750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception.
  - Offers guaranteed-issue life insurance up to \$ 5,000 to any child under 18.
  - Widows Benefits:
    - Continue to be covered under member/spouse fraternal benefits.
    - May purchase insurance or annuity up to one year after notification of insured member's death received at Supreme.
- Columbia Magazine - 12 "Free" issues annually to world's largest Catholic Magazine.
- Leadership Development through Supreme Council programs
- Deborah Hospital - priority admittance for NJ Knights of Columbus members.
- Membership Card entitles him to:
  - Fraternal and Social Activities worldwide.
  - Discount rental of Council home.
  - Church, family, youth, council, community and athletic activities.
  - Visit other councils when traveling.
- Daily Mass remembrance - Mass offered daily for deceased, members at the Knight Altar, St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT.
- Full time Police or Fireman benefit if killed in the line of duty, full scholarship for his children to a Catholic College or university of their choice.
- Honorary Membership after 25 years of continuous service at age 65 years of age;
- Catholic Information Service – Access to a variety of literature on Faith & Spirituality
- Family Activities – Ability for recognition under a variety of Council programs and to participate in Council events.
- Athletic Programs – Participation in local, state and international tournaments.
- Youth Programs – Opportunities for your children to participate in various sporting events on the local and state level.

I encourage you to share this information with prospective members and for the retention of inactive members. It's all our jobs to recruit active and engaged members and to retain members who may have become inactive.

Vivat Jesus

# Minutes of Meeting as Recorded July 12, 2019

Recorder, Tom Kiley

## Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by GK, Michael Mancano.

- 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 Treasurer Dean DeRose, First year Trustee Joseph Henderson, District Deputy Vincent Schnell II, Advocate, Gary Toothman, and Inside Guard Branden Pistorius.
- The Gospel of Luke for Sunday, July 14th was read by GK, Michael Mancano.
- 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 the following letters: a letter from the American Cancer Society thanking the council for the \$250 donation, a card from Gene Kotowski thanking the council for their continued support of his program of study as he becomes a deacon and first way of Burlington County thanked the council for the items donated in February.

## Chancellor Report, Al Lutner

- One new candidate, Brian Gershon, was recommended for membership by District Deputy Vince Schnell II. The candidate was read into the record and approved by the council by unanimous vote for his exemplification degree.

## GK Report, Michael Mancano

- Our intention with the help of the membership to continue the progress of our previous grand knight. It is our intention to bring the council even more closely aligned with the parish and its ministries and continue to raise the visibility of the knights to the parish
- We have a full calendar of events for the coming fraternal year, and we are open for your suggestions for additional activities and events planning meeting in the cafeteria at 7:30 on July 16th to discuss activities and events. All brothers are welcome.
- Brothers involved with activities with youth, special needs, and adults with disabilities must complete Virtus training. This is a diocesan directive. Fill out the sheet.
- Ron Carey, Bob Nardello and I had a meeting with Father Rich to review the past year of Knights activities in the parish. We concluded our discussion with a conversation of space in the new Parish Center for the Knights. Fr. Rich was very adamant that the Knights will have space and it will be the garage section of the current rectory. Fr. Rich stated he wanted to name the space "Knight's Hall". We also discussed financial support by the Knights for this project.

## Appointments:

- **Program Director:** John Carroll III
- **Facilities Committee:** According to the bylaws 5 council members are to make up the Facilities Committee. The members of the committee includes the GK and at least one trustee, treasurer or financial secretary and two other council members. This committee will meet with the parish and the building architects to arrive at the best space for our council. I am appointing the following Brothers to the Facilities Committee.
  - Dean DeRose
  - Tom Boullion
  - Mike Mancano
  - Bob Nardello
  - Ron Carey
- **2019-2020 Budget:** The budget for the coming year was presented and approved by the members. The GK wanted to thank Ron Carey and Bob Nardello for their assistance in the process.
- **The 2019-2020 Program Schedule** was completed and submitted to the Parish. The church calendar on the parish website is up-to-date and has all of our events. Please check the current newsletter for the current month and coming months events. The GK wanted to thank Ron Carey and Bob Nardello for their assistance in the process.
- Thank You for your continued cooperation and making the coming Columbian Year a success.

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report, Tom Bouillon

- Tom thanked the council for electing him to the position and he looked forward to a successful Columbian Year.

## Program Director's Report, John Carrol III

- John thanks the GK for this appointment. He said he was excited to get started on the 2019-20 program schedule and he had a number of ideas for new programs. He also encouraged any brothers who have program ideas to not hesitate to contact him.

## Program Chairman Reports

No reports

## Treasurer's Report, John Carroll

- June Beginning Balance \$ 16,730
  - Receipts \$ 1,365
  - Disbursements \$ 5,214
- Ending Balance On-Hand \$ 12,881

## Balances On-Hand:

○ New Lisbon	\$ 5,042
○ Precious Feet	\$ 692
○ Knight's Fraternal Relief	\$ 500
○ High School Scholarship	\$ 0
<b>Total Net On-Hand</b>	<b>\$ 6,646</b>

**Knight's Facilities Fund:**

• June Beginning Balance	\$ 113,365
• Interest:	\$ 161
• <b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 113,698</b>

**Financial Secretary Report, John Carroll**

- John recognized two Brother Knights that have achieved Honorary Life Membership: James Sambucci and Fred Jurash. John said to congratulate our brother knights when you see them.
- Dues received May and June 2019: \$ 144
- Total dues collected for the 2019 calendar year: \$2,930 from 112 Associate, Insurance and Honorary members.
- Total members on the council roster as of 7/11/19 are 202.

**Trustees Report, Ron Cary**

- Ron congratulated the new slate of officers and reminded them to utilize the trustees for any information as they are always willing to assist.

**Retention Committee Report, Ron Cary**

- Ron has received a new roster for council 6530 from the KG and he will review. Tom and Ron are still working on current member status and will have an update at the next business meeting.

**Report of the Fourth Degree, Ron Cary**

- The charity ball was a success and \$29,000 was raised for the seminarians.
- The new official regalia for the color guard is in full effect. The old regalia was officially retired on 7/1/19. This has caused a shortage of color corps members with the new regalia. There are only 8 members with the new regalia in Burlington county.

**Unfinished Business**

- No items

**New Business**

- No items

**Worthy Lecturer & Religious and Civil Liberties Report, John Eiche, Jr.**

- No report

**Field Agent's Report, Carl Bruno**

- Carl wanted to remind the council that there will be new guaranteed life products, IRA products, and annuity and investment products. He encouraged his brother knights to please

contact him for their needs in this area and for him to update them on the products when they become available.

**District Deputy Report, Vince Schnell**  
**(Reported this month by Jim Jurgens, Worthy District Warden)**

- Admission Degree scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8 PM at 23 W. Prospect Ave., Moorestown, NJ 08057 hosted by Moorestown Council #1082. Contact Craig D. Oakum at 570-590-3963.
- Schedule your Council Degrees for the new Columbian year.
- Our Lady of Persecuted Christians Icon will be coming to District #33 9/23-10/6/19 and 4/6-4/19/20. Let me know if you want to show it during any of these dates.
- Combined District Meeting to be held on 7/24 @ 7PM at Sacred Heart in Mt Holly. Attendees should include GK, DGK, FS, Membership & Program Directors
- Reminder to get your Council budget in place and voted by your membership.
- Reminder about Retention Committee Report if not provided.
- Upcoming Council Events in our District:
  - 7/10-16: 144th Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Festival at Mt Carmel Lane, Hammonton, NJ. It's the longest running Italian festival in the Country! Carnival opens at 6PM.
  - 7/19: Maple Shade Council 5714 spaghetti dinner from 5-7PM in the Maple Room at 636 N. Forklanding Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. Cost is \$10 per person.
  - 7/21: Send a Hero Home Fundraiser at Yankee Stadium for 1:05 PM game vs Colorado Rockies. Tickets in Section 131 (\$75) or 232B (\$55). First 200 tickets purchased will receive a Yankee Cap with KOFC emblem.
  - 7/22-27: Council 8733 is supporting the Pine Barrens Festival at Holy Eucharist Church 520 Medford Lakes Road, Tabernacle, NJ. All are welcome to attend!
  - 8/22: Council 8733 is hosting a Steaks and Stogies from 7-10 PM rain or shine at Holy Eucharist Church. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact GK Martin Gottel for reservations.
  - 9/28: Fire Truck Pull Challenge for Wounded Veterans from 8 AM to 4PM at Lakewood Blue Claws Stadium. Teams up to 20 members and at least \$1500 donations.
  - 10/18: Biennial Bishop's Appreciation Dinner at Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine in Freehold from 7-10 PM.1 Cost is \$25/person. Each Council is asked to make a donation to Bishop O'Connell.
- For July, the THINK ABOUT IT quote is:  
"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

**Good of the Order**

- Al Lutner wanted to thank the council for their support of the Relay for Life event. The event was able to raise \$193,000 but the goal for this year was \$200,000. There will be a fundraising event at Miller Ale House of 8/27/19 to try to reach the \$200,000 goal.
- Joel De Torres wanted to remind his brother knights that there is a celebration of Santo Ninio at 2PM on Saturday 7/20/19. All are welcome to attend.
- Ron Carey wanted to inform his brother knights Past GK Mike Carey will be having get together at his home on 7/28/19. Ron can supply directions for those interested in attending.

## **Sick and Distress**

- Please see the current Sick and Distress list later in this newsletter.

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

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## AUGUST SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>Aug 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
<b>Aug 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Business Meeting
<b>Aug 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
<b>Aug 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm Cafeteria	Planning Meeting
<b>Aug 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
<b>Aug 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 pm in Pedata	Movie Knight
<b>Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 pm Parish Grounds	Carnival Beer Tent

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



# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Monthly General Business Meeting
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm in Pedata	Installation of Officers
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Cafeteria	Planning Meeting
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm in Pedata	Movie Knight
Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	After all Masses	Hoagie Sale Pick-up
Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 pm TBD Location	Past Grand Knight's Dinner

September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Active Day Adult Care	6 Business Meeting & Officers Installation	7 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. Rosary
8	9	10 Planning Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Active Day Adult Care Movie Knight	20	21
22 Hoagie Sale Past Grand Knight's Dinner	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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# CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.

Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development

## Before the Lord in Heartfelt Repentance

FROM A HOMILY FROM ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

This is no ordinary time for the Church and for the Order. It is a time when, as never before, both the Church and the Order need your leadership. It is plain for all to see that the Church is in the midst of a global crisis of credibility, a crisis generated by the abuse of minors by clergy and by a lack of accountability on the part of bishops. It is also plain for all to see that, in many parts of the world, the Church is facing a crisis of belief among its own members. Nearly 37% of American Catholics are seriously considering leaving the Church because of the abuse crisis and its mishandling by Church authority. Young people are leaving the Catholic Church in droves, not only because of the abuse crisis, but also because they have not been formed in the faith.



Today more people than ever wrongly believe that they can find happiness without God, without Jesus Christ, without a community of faith, without the sacraments. More than a few think that being “religion free” is essential to their freedom. All this and more profoundly affects the Knights of Columbus which rightly situates itself in the heart of the Church and continues to serve at all levels as “the strong right arm of the Church.” Declining Mass attendance and Church membership challenge the Order. Either we can accept these facts with fatalistic indifference, and in so doing assume that our Order will become a shadow of itself, or else we can decide that in God’s grace we are going to do something about it.

### Christian Manhood

When a man enters the seminary, the first thing to be looked at is his humanity. Is it whole, integral, formable, capable of attaining human and Christian virtue, capable of relating well to other people, capable of empathy toward those in need, able to exercise leadership, able to communicate well and wisely to others? ... The basic element of leadership and service — at home, at work, and in the Church — is the quality of one’s humanity. And in this Catholic men’s fraternal organization, the largest in the world, leadership requires of you a sound and virtuous Christian manhood. Not long ago that proposition would almost have been taken for granted, but not these days in which our culture is deliberately blurring the lines of sex and gender and denigrating the identity and roles of men, husbands and fathers, much to detriment of family life, our children, our Church and our culture. This has nothing to do with machismo, an aggressive male bravado that speaks more of insecurity than of strength. It has everything to do with being the man, the husband, and the father that the Holy Spirit is calling you to be and intends you to be, especially in this hour when, as never before, you are called to be servant-leaders.

### Progress in the Christian Life

Not a one of us, myself included, should imagine ourselves to be a finished product. On the contrary, we are all a work-in-progress, but the operative word in the Christian life should be progress. Are we making progress in becoming virtuous Christian men who embrace our faith wholeheartedly, who bear witness to it, who attract others to it and help them live it? Or, are we running in place, complacent, perhaps taking a victory lap? Where can we turn to find out which it is? ... One place is

the Gospel that was proclaimed at this Mass. It is a Gospel scene that is indelibly etched in my heart and mind because in it Peter is confronted by the Risen Lord for his three-fold betrayal. The Savior does not wag his finger at Peter and say, “How dare you deny me when I needed you the most? What kind of a man are you to deny me in front of a casual bystander?” ... When Jesus persists, asking him three times “do you love me?” it dawns on Peter, nay, it grips him in the depth of his being, that Jesus is calling him to deep repentance of his sin of betrayal as the condition for leading and guiding the flock of God. I say that this scene is etched on my soul, because, like Peter, I must continually go before the Risen Lord in abject, heartfelt repentance if I would have any chance at all of leading and serving the Church after the manner of the Good Shepherd. I would recommend the same for you, dear brothers, at the outset of this fraternal year. Hear Jesus asking you, “Do you love me?” and in that question hear him inviting you to understand any and all the ways in which you have broken his commandments, summed up by Jesus in terms of charity — love of God and love of neighbor. A good place to start in any leadership role is repentance. Before I received Holy Orders and before I began any assignment, I made a long retreat, the centerpiece of which was sacramental confession. Confession is still the centerpiece of my spiritual life, for nothing good happens unless I make worthy and frequent use of that sacrament.

I’m suggesting, brothers, that the same is true for you. It’s great to celebrate but first open your hearts to the Father of Mercies and to the Savior’s open heart, in a sincere and unburdening confession of your sins, confident that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, you will be forgiven. In preparing for sacramental confession, ask yourself about your life of prayer. Is it rooted and built upon Sunday Eucharist? Does it include a daily Rosary? Do you take time to pray in private and read the Scriptures regularly? Do you ask for Divine Mercy each and every day? Do you go to Confession often? Are you working on that dominant vice that is the source of so many other vices? What are the virtues you need to acquire? ... With whom do you need to reconcile and for what reason? By prayerfully asking yourselves such questions, you will respond to the Lord’s question “Do you love me?” and you will be renewed, as a man and as a Christian.

### **Abyss of Virtues**

If we were to recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart, we would address the Savior’s open and loving heart as “the abyss of all virtues.” The word “abyss” doesn’t mean a chasm into which good things disappear, but rather the bottomless source of every virtue, both human and Christian — the theological virtues (faith, hope, and love) and the pivotal moral virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance). From these virtues stem every other virtue that we need to acquire if we would be good men, strong leaders and humble servants. Let us remember, brothers, that Father McGivney founded us to be knights, Knights of Columbus. A knight is a person of virtue and valor, a person who not only looks out for others but is ready to do battle for that which is important and good. But the first place where you and I need to do battle is our own souls. There is the perennial battle between good and evil, truth and lies, and much of the crisis in the Church is due to laxity as regards this battle. It’s due to moral laxity, to ready compromises with evil, with moral retreat. One of the most important things we can do in this hour of crisis and in this hour of need for our beloved Order, is — as St. Paul said — “to fight the good fight, to finish the race, and to keep the faith” (2 Tim. 4:7). Winning the fight in our hearts and souls and bodies takes us a long way toward victory in the battle we must wage against evil, unbelief and complacency. ... Let us unite in beseeching the Sacred Heart of Jesus and asking him for the graces we need to be those men, those leaders, those Knights who make a visible difference this fraternal year in the Church, in the Order and in society. Vivat Jesus!

# Supreme Knight's Message by Carl A. Anderson

## THE HEROIC WITNESS OF KENDRICK CASTILLO DEMONSTRATES THE FULLNESS OF A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS



THERE ARE THOSE who say we don't have heroes anymore.

Kendrick Castillo proves them wrong.

One day last May, Kendrick woke up as if it were any other day. An 18-year-old young man, he went through his normal morning routine, packing his backpack and heading to school in a suburb of Denver. It was an exciting time for him. As a high school senior, he looked forward to his graduation only days away and the promising life that lay before him.

But on that Tuesday afternoon, everything changed. After lunch, as Kendrick sat at his desk, a troubled student entered his classroom and pulled out a gun. In that instant, Kendrick made his decision he charged the assailant.

Kendrick gave his fellow classmates the precious seconds they needed to hide or escape, before he was shot. But while he courageously saved lives, he selflessly gave up his own. In Kendrick Castillo, a life was tragically lost but a true hero was born.

As a nation, we mourn Kendrick's death, even as we celebrate his courage. As an organization, the Knights of Columbus is especially moved by his example of selfless sacrifice. His father, a member of the Knights, has said that his son "wanted to be a Knight of Columbus because he wanted to help not only people, but his community."

Kendrick Castillo did exactly that. A faithful Catholic to the end, he lived and died according to the teaching of Jesus Christ: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

In a better world, Kendrick Castillo would still be with us. That Tuesday would have gone like any other no shooting, no grief, no resulting search for answers. Sadly, that is not the world we live in. Ours is marred with sin and strife and suffering. But that doesn't mean we have no hope. Heroes give us hope.

There have always been and there will always be those who inspire us with their selfless actions. Some, like Kendrick Castillo, have given up their lives for the sake of others. Others are still among us, living their lives for others, in ways big and small.

To find them, we must know where to look. Some think of heroes as having supernatural powers, only to be found in comic books or movies, and in the mythic tales of ancient Greece and Rome. Others associate heroes with celebrities, great athletes, talented artists, the beautiful, the wealthy, the powerful, and so on. Yet true heroism has a different face.

Heroism lives in ordinary people who do extraordinary things. They practice the timeless principles of courage, truthfulness, humility and self-sacrifice. Like Kendrick Castillo, they put the interests of others ahead of themselves, even if it costs them everything.

If we look around, we'll see that plenty of people still embody these characteristics in their daily lives. They are often unknown or unacknowledged because they don't seek publicity. They also come from unexpected places and their heroism emerges at unforeseen times.

One of the most inspiring aspects of serving as supreme knight has been meeting so many brother Knights who are true everyday heroes — heroes who sacrifice to advance our principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

A famous 14th-century treatise on knighthood advises Christian knights to be men of integrity and devotion, for as the writer observes, "they are in danger every day, and at the moment when they think themselves to be the most secure, it is then that they may suddenly have to undertake demanding and dangerous adventures."

The integrity of the knight included the commitment to defend those in danger who could not defend themselves and the courage not to recoil in the face of danger.

We are told that Kendrick Castillo wanted to join the Knights of Columbus and so to be more like us. My sincere hope is that because of his example, our brother Knights will want to be more like him.

*Vivat Jesus!*

## Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

### AS WE PROFESS OUR FAITH IN, AND LOVE FOR, THE CHURCH, WE SHARE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEEP AND AUTHENTIC REFORM



IN THE NICENE CREED, we profess: “I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.” A friend of mine recently said, “I used to say those words without giving them much thought. Now, I say to myself, ‘I believe in the Lord. But do I believe in the Church?’”

My friend speaks for quite a few people. Recent studies show that 37% of Catholics in the United States are seriously thinking about leaving the Church as the result of the sexual abuse crisis. This percentage is not confined to the 75% of Catholics who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass; it includes church-going Catholics. Many pastors confirm that Mass attendance has declined since the summer of 2018, along with financial support.

At a time when parishioners are rightfully angry, what does it mean to believe in the Church and to love it? Can we love the Church and at the same time insist on genuine reform? Thankfully, the answer is “yes” — but a “yes” that requires us to do some thinking and praying, because there are false ways of loving and reforming the Church.

One false way of loving the Church is to say, “I love the Church all right, but not that old corrupt institutional Church.” From its earliest days, there have been people who professed love only for some invisible, spiritual Church, not the actual flesh and blood Church that came from the side of the crucified Savior. This perspective is understandable enough, yet it remains a cop out.

The Church is made up of “a divine and a human element” that coalesce to “form one complex reality” (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium*, no. 8). It is the “human element” of the Church, made up of sinful human beings, which continually needs to be reformed and purified — but not discarded or made into something other than what the Lord intended. Not surprisingly, some proposed reforms have nothing to do with the sexual abuse crisis but rather attempt to impose on the Church various ideological agendas, in none of which salvation can be found.

Please don’t think this is an attempt to sanitize the depth and enormity of the sexual abuse crisis, for we need deep purification and far-reaching reform.

Good policies and procedures are a start. For example, the so-called “Dallas Charter” enacted by the U.S. bishops in 2002 has been effective. Since then, very few new cases of clergy sexual abuse have been reported. In dioceses, parishes, Catholic schools and other ministries, many safeguards are now in place to prevent abuse and/or to ensure that it is reported to civil authorities the minute it is discovered. Thanks to the Holy Father’s new directive, the U.S. bishops are also putting in place new procedures by which we will be held accountable for abuse, harassment or failure to handle allegations of sexual misconduct in accord with the highest standards. Procedural reform is indeed one of the ways to love the Church and to reform and purify its visible structures.

But there is a much deeper reform that is more necessary than ever. A profound conversion on the part of the Church’s shepherds is essential, but for this reform to take hold it must include all of God’s people. Purifying the Church is something we do together. We have to reject moral relativism and the

compromises with evil that follow in its wake. We have to turn to the Lord in prayer as never before, both as individuals and as parish communities. And with the help of the Holy Spirit by whom Jesus lives and acts in us, we should strive to change not only programs and certain structures but indeed the culture of our dioceses, parishes, homes and ministries such that they are places of encounter with the risen Lord and one another, places filled with hope and missionary zeal.

As Knights of Columbus, we speak of ourselves as “the strong right arm of the Church.” Let us resolve, then, to believe in the Church and to love the Church so much that we contribute to its ongoing purification and reform.



# Pope Francis' Message

## Pope at Angelus: Welcoming those at our door brings peace and hope



Pope Francis speaks of the importance of not feeling burdened when offering a warm welcome and a sense of fraternity to those in need as a way of combining contemplation and action.

Pope Francis focused his catechesis at the Angelus, Sunday, on the importance of not allowing life's events to overwhelm us, encouraging the faithful to listen to the Lord, whose voice is a guidance.

The day's Gospel describes Jesus' visit to the house of Martha and Mary. The two sisters welcome Him, and whilst one sister,

Mary, sits at His feet - with the desire to listen to each and every word He speaks - the other sister, Martha, tends to Jesus' needs.

The Pope expressed the importance of Mary's actions, explaining that when we really listen to Him, the Lord surprises us, "the clouds disappear, doubts give way to truth, fears to serenity...". The Pope underlined the importance of always making room for the Lord, as listening to Him will help us "carry out well the tasks that life assigns to you".

### **Service without anxiety**

Pope Francis then turned his reflection to Martha, who upon doing her best to make everything perfect for her special guest, becomes irritated at her sister who is doing nothing to help her. Upon realizing this, Jesus says to her "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things".

Pope Francis explained that with these words, Jesus "does not intend to condemn the attitude of service, but rather the anxiety with which it is sometimes experienced". Instead, he said "we express Martha's concern" and we follow her example in order to make sure that in our communities "there is a sense of welcome", so that "everyone can feel 'at home', especially the little ones and the poor".

### **Wisdom can combine contemplation and action**

The Pope went on to explain that the story of Jesus' visit to these two sisters "reminds us that the wisdom of the heart lies in knowing how to combine these two elements: contemplation and action." He explained that Martha and Mary show us that both attitudes must go hand in hand in order for us to "savour life with joy": we must listen to Jesus, as "He reveals to us the secret to everything" whilst still being "ready in hospitality, when He passes by and knocks on our door".

Pope Francis concluded his reflection with a prayer to the Virgin Mary, asking that she "give us the grace to love and serve God and our brothers and sisters with the hands of Martha and the heart of Mary, so that by always listening to Christ we may be artisans of peace and hope."

## **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

## Breakthrough (2019)

**Director:** Roxann Dawson

**Stars:** Topher Grace, Josh Lucas, Chrissy Metz



**BREAKTHROUGH** is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. John was dead for nearly an hour. According to reports at the time, CPR was performed 27 minutes to no avail. Joyce refused to give up, entered the boy's room, praying loudly. Suddenly, there was a pulse, and John came around. His mother's steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction.

**BREAKTHROUGH** is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

Scheduled for Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 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**

Emily Hahn, Wife of Bill Hahn  
Jerry Gunzelman. PGK council 8733, Requested by Vincent Schnell  
Father Flagler, Saint Isaac Joges, Requested by Ron Carey  
Jacklin Pensabene, Requested by Carl Bruno  
Russ Wells – Brother Knight, Requested by Council  
Joe Grabowski – Brother Knight, Requested by Council  
Ed Leyenaar – Brother Knight, Requested by Council  
Carol Peterson – Sister of John Eiche  
Kathleen Jurgens – Wife of Jim Jurgens  
Vince Schnell Sr. – Brother Knight, Father of Vince Schnell  
Joseph Ricci – Ed Steck  
Bea Cargen – Mother-in-law of Frank Balco  
Michelle Gentile – Sister of Anthony Roselli  
Doris Riccardi – Wife, Carmen Riccardi  
Steve Porter – Son-in-Law of Andy Kavulich  
Bob Fahei – Cousin of Ted Schearer  
Bobby Terigay – Cousin of Ted Shearer  
Christina Bruno – Daughter, Field Agent Carl Bruno  
Florence Kiley – Wife of Tom Kiley  
Tom Kiley – Brother Knight, Requested by Council  
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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