

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,

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke the following quote at the Order's 137th Supreme Convention.

"Through our unity, we will continue to rise in charity and fraternity. And as we extend the hand of brotherhood, we will continue to transform the world around us — a world that needs more, not less, of the truth and witness that define all those who call themselves Knights of Columbus."

I cannot think of a more succinct summary of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus in this day and age. That being said, we have a full calendar of charitable and fraternal events planned for September and October. I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the Knights who organized and staffed the beer tent at the annual Saint Joan of Arc Carnival. Job well-done! While this is not a fundraising event for the Knights, it definitely helps to continue to raise the profile of the Knights of Columbus within the parish and again show that we are a benevolent and dependable set of hands for the execution of parish duties.

An exciting evolution of the council will be having a dedicated meeting space for the Knights. Therefore, an important action item for the council is for the Facilities Committee; Brother Knights Dean DeRose, Tom Boullion, Bob Nardello, Ron Carey and I to have follow-up meetings with the parish concerning the planning of the "Knight's Hall" space. I will keep everyone up to date as new details become available.

Lastly, Brother Knight Jim Jurgens investigated bulk pricing for polo shirts embroidered with the KoC emblem of the order and the name of our council. The shirt selection still needs to be finalized. This will help raise parish awareness of KoC events, as all members can wear them to events and meetings. Thereby, reinforcing the Knight's presence and activities in the parish and possibly helping with membership recruiting efforts.

Vivat Jesus

Minutes of Meeting as Recorded August 2, 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, Financial Secretary John Carroll, First year Trustee Joseph Henderson, Second Year Trustee Ron Cary, Outside Guard John Carroll III, and Insurance Agent Carl Bruno
- The Gospel of Luke for Sunday, August 4 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.

Worthy Recorder: Tom Kiley

- Two thank you cards were read from the students who had received the \$500 college scholarships from the Knights.

Chancellor Report, Al Lutner

- Scheduling of the exemplification degree for Brian Labetti and Brian Gershon is forthcoming.

GK Report, Michael Mancano

- The Semiannual Council Audit was conducted on 7/25/19 and submitted. The audit fully reconciled. Thanks to, Ron Cary, Bob Nardello, Dean DeRose, and John Carroll for conducting the audit. Special thanks to John Carroll and Dean DeROse for keeping such meticulous council financial records.
- 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 August 20th to discuss activities and events. All brothers are welcome.
- Past Grand Knight's dinner is scheduled for 9/22. The council voted to continue holding the event at Illiano's. Jim Stanley will arrange the event specifics.
- We have a Hoagie Sale on 9/22. Jim Stanley will be relinquishing control of the hoagie sales going forward, Tom Bouillon volunteered to now be the contact for ordering and distribution.
- Thank You for your continued cooperation and making the coming Columbian Year a success.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report, Tom Bouillon

- No report

Program Director's Report, John Carrol III

- No report

Program Chairman Reports

No reports

Treasurer's Report, Dean DeRose (presented by Michael Mancano)

- July Beginning Balance \$ 12,881.75
 - Receipts \$ 0.00
 - Disbursements \$ 119.07
- Ending Balance On-Hand \$ 12,763.77

Balances On-Hand:

- New Lisbon \$ 5,042.49
 - Precious Feet \$ 692.46
 - Knight's Fraternal Relief \$ 500.00
 - High School Scholarship \$ 0.00
- Total Net On-Hand \$ 6,528.82**

Knight's Facilities Fund:

- July Beginning Balance \$ 113,698.07
- Interest: \$ 167.37
- **Balance on Hand \$ 113,865.44**

Financial Secretary Report, John Carroll

- No report

Trustees Report, Ron Cary (presented by Michael Mancano)

- The semiannual audit has been completed and submitted. Thanks to Dean DeRose and John Carroll for the fine job they do keeping our Council's financial records in order.

Retention Committee Report, Ron Cary (presented by Michael Mancano)

- Our Financial Secretary has given us an updated list of members who are delinquent on their dues. Many of them are only behind by the amount of their 2019 dues and will be the initial focus of the committee. As of June 30th, 88 members are delinquent in their dues.

Report of the Fourth Degree, Ron Cary (presented by Michael Mancano)

- Officer's Installation for the coming fraternal year of the John Tatham Assembly will be on Thursday, August 22nd at St John Neumann church in Mt. Laurel. Congratulations to Bill Hahn from our Council who has been elected to the position of Faithful Pilot.

Unfinished Business

- No items

New Business

- Sir Knight Tom Carey informed us all of the Rosary Rally being organized by FR. RICHARD HEILMAN who is the STATE CHAPLAIN WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. The website for details of this program is usgraceforce.com
- Jim Jurgens investigated bulk pricing for polo shirts embroidered with the KoC emblem of the order and the name of our council. The shirt selection still needs to be finalized as well as who will collect the money and place the order. Shirts will be priced at approximately \$30. This will help raise the awareness of the parish of KoC events, as all members should wear them to events and meetings.
- A discussion about recruiting and retaining new members was entertained. As a group it was decided that new members should receive a KoC polo as part of membership. This will help raise the awareness of the parish of KoC events as all members should wear them to events.
- Eduardo wanted to make sure we are collecting the \$15 membership fee from new members as this will offset half of the polo cost.

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

- No report

Field Agent's Report, Carl Bruno

- No report

District Deputy Report, Vince Schnell

1. Admission Degree scheduled for August 7th @ 8 PM at Holy Child #3532. Contact Eric Nordberg at 609-923-5580.
2. Schedule your Council Degrees for the new Columbian year.
3. NJ State announced recruitment incentives for individuals and Councils. \$500 for Council and \$100 member in each Diocese each half year for most members.
4. Upcoming forms #365 Service Program due 8/1 and Semiannual Council Audit is due 8/15.
5. 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.
6. Is your Council planning a Soccer challenge?
7. Please participate in the NJ Pro-life Postcard campaign.
8. Reminder to get your Council budget in place and voted by your membership.
9. Reminder about Retention Committee Report if not provided.
10. Upcoming Council Events in our District:
 - 8/15: Council 6530 is sponsoring a movie Knight at 8 PM in St Joan of Arc Pedata Hall. BREAKTHROUGH (2019) 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.

- 8/16: 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.
- 8/19-24: Council 6530 is supporting the St Joan of Arc carnival in Marlton from 6-11PM nightly! 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 Gattel 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. Cost is \$25/person. Each Council is asked to make a donation.

11. Remember our Founder Venerable Fr Michael McGivney's Birthday (8/12) and Memorial (8/14) this month.

12. For August, the THINK ABOUT IT message is in honor of our Founder:

At the first memorial service for deceased Knights held later in the year Fr. Michael McGivney died, this tribute was accorded him: "He was a man of the people. He was zealous of the people's welfare, and all the kindness of his priestly soul asserted itself more strongly in his unceasing efforts for the betterment of their condition...Oh, Reverend Founder...that act alone which gave life to the Knights of Columbus has surely secured for thee everlasting joy and eternal peace.

Good of the Order

- Gary Toothman reported the following:
 - A fruit basket was sent to our Brother Knight Russ Wells as he recovers.
 - Brother Knights attend the funerals of Charles A. Bonilla and Charles A. Fleischman. Flowers were sent for each funeral. A council resolution was presented at Charles A. Bonilla's funeral along with the chalice utilized during the funeral mass.

Sick and Distress

- Bob Nardello asked his Brother Knights to please review the Sick and Distress list in the Newsletter and notify the Grand Knight if anyone can be removed.
- Please see the current Sick and Distress list later in this newsletter.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 8:30 pm

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sept 5 th	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
Sept 6 th	7:30 pm in Pedata	Monthly General Business Meeting
Sept 6 th	8:30 pm in Pedata	Installation of Officers
Sept 7 th	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
Sept 10 th	7:00 pm Cafeteria	Planning Meeting
Sept 19 th	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
Sept 19 th	7:30 pm in Pedata	Movie Knight
Sept 22 nd	After all Masses	Hoagie Sale Pick-up
Sept 22 nd	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 st Sat. Rosary
8	9	10 Planning Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Active Day Adult Care	20	21
22 Hoagie Sale Past Grand Knight's Dinner	23	24	25	26 Movie Knight	27	28
29	30					

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OCTOBER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Oct 3 rd	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
Oct 3 rd	7:30 pm in Pedata	Movie Knight
Oct 4 th	7:30 pm in Cafeteria	Monthly General Business Meeting
Oct 4 th	8:30 pm in Church	Installation of Officers
Oct 5 th	3:00 pm in Pedata	First Saturday Rosary
Oct 5/6 th	After all Masses	Precious Feet Collection
Oct 8 th	7:00 pm Cafeteria	Planning Meeting
Oct 12 th	5:30pm Pedata	Parish Pizza Social
Oct 14 th	1:00pm Pedata	Blood Drive
Oct 17 th	10:00 am at Facility	Active Day Adult Care Service
Oct 20 th	After all masses	Pancake Breakfast
Oct 23 rd	8:00pm Pedata	Host Chapter Meeting
Oct 27 th	After all Masses	Hoagie Sale Pick-up

October 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Active Day Adult Care Movie Knight	4 Business Meeting & Officers Installation	5 1 st Sat. Rosary Precious Feet Collection
6 Precious Feet Collection	7	8 Planning Meeting	9	10	11	12 Parish Pizza Social
13	14 Blood Drive	15	16	17 Active Day Adult Care	18	19
20 Pancake Breakfast	21	22	23 Host Chapter Meeting	24	25	26
27 Hoagie Sale	28	29	30	31		

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.

Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development

The Coherence of Love and Sacrifice

The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus,” St. Jean Marie Vianney said. Many of our brother Knights have had the privilege of serving as members of an honor guard, ushering, venerating and praying as the incorrupt heart relic of St. Jean Vianney made its way across the U.S. this year. Thousands of priests, seminarians, consecrated religious and lay faithful prayerfully encountered the saint’s heart and sought renewal in their own lives. As one pastor of a church dedicated to St. Jean Vianney told his parishioners in the presence of the relic, “May my priesthood be forever changed from this day forward.” The national tour was held in conjunction of the 200th anniversary of the saint’s arrival in Ars, France. The little town once emanated with a secular mentality and utter indifference to God — so godless that no priest was willing to be assigned there. It is striking that this town forged over the course of 41 years of tireless and dedicated service to the Gospel the patron saint of priests. One hundred years after Vianney died, St. John XXIII reminded priests of the coherence between love and sacrifice, a coherence that is necessary to produce faithful fruits. “Almost everyone knows his answer to the priest who complained to him that his apostolic zeal was bearing no fruit: ‘You have offered humble prayers to God, you have wept, you have groaned, you have sighed. Have you added fasts, vigils, sleeping on the floor, castigation of your body? Until you have done all of these, do not think that you have tried everything’” (Sacerdotii Nostri Primordia, 72). As the Church recalls the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, let us encourage our brother Knights and their families to seek that deep unity and coherence of the love and sacrifice that the holy heart of St. Jean Vianney inspires. May the summer rest bring about a renewal in our own dedication to serve and show forth the love of God the Father especially amidst every indifference and trial ahead.



Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Knight's Message

by Carl A. Anderson

IN FOCUSING ON “BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH,” THE ORDER HELPS CATHOLIC FAMILIES TO FULFILL THEIR MISSION



THIS MONTH, we fix our gaze on the Holy Family and are able to see how, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, “authentic married love is caught up into divine love” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 48).

In his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis reminds us that the Holy Family exudes the beauty of family life (65). He then recalls the words of Pope Paul VI that the Holy Family “illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family” (66).

During the past several years, the Knights of Columbus has begun a number of important initiatives to help our families draw closer to the Holy Family and, in this way, to get “caught up into divine love.”

One of our most important initiatives is our program of family consecration to the Holy Family.

In his apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio*, St. John Paul II wrote, “The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love” (17). He went on to say, “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it” (18).

This task is revealed in an intense and intimate way to the members of the family — both as individuals and as a community. Pope Francis states that in fulfilling its mission, “every family, despite its weaknesses, can become a light in the darkness of the world” (*Amoris Laetitia*, 66).

The Second Vatican Council also addressed the mission of the laity in broader terms, noting that “the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (*Lumen Gentium*, 31).

Then the council tells us something astonishing: The laity is called to “consecrate the world itself to God” (34).

The French philosopher Jean-Luc Marion suggests this means that each Christian is called first and foremost to “convert the part of the world that is in him.”

We might add that the layman is also called to convert that part of the world which is uniquely entrusted to him: his marriage and his family.

Seen in this light, the Order’s program of family consecration to the Holy Family will help many of our members to take an important step in fulfilling their responsibility as husbands and fathers to consecrate their “part of the world” to God.

By understanding the Christian family as a domestic church, the Order’s initiative to strengthen Catholic family life calls attention to the family’s identity and mission.

Much can be said about the family as a domestic church. But a good place to begin is with what Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Deus Caritas Est* about the Church itself. “The Church’s deepest nature,” he explained, “is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity” (25).

These duties also apply to the domestic church. The family has the duty to evangelize, to worship and to perform acts of charity.

In order to help more brother Knights take up their leadership role within their families — to help transmit the faith to their children and lead them in worship and a commitment to Christian charity — we have made available the new guide to fostering masculine spirituality, *Into the Breach*.

Pope Francis also tells us in *Amoris Laetitia* that “the Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches” (87).

With this in mind, we unite all of our family programs in the initiative Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish. In this way, all of our Knights of Columbus families can be at the service of the Church in greater ways and help to lead a renewal of both family and parish life.

Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

The Case for Culture Change



Excerpts from an address by Archbishop William Lori

We have to change the culture of the Order such that in every council, every district, every state, every program, every activity, every decision the spirituality of men is uppermost in all that is said and done in the name of the Order.

We are aiming at a profound change that will make us true to who we are and at the same time responsive to the world's pastoral needs. There are lots of rules of thumb for culture change, many of you know them, and they are easily found on the internet, but for our purposes, I would suggest six things:

1. It's critical to work on your own spiritual life, your own life of prayer, your conversion from sin, a renewal in virtue, a searching examination of one's own humanity as the basis for one's encounter with Christ, one's service and leadership.
2. Culture change is never effected by just one person no matter how great a leader he may be. It requires a team effort. ... If we are to change the culture you will have to build a team that is committed for the long haul, over the administration of successive state deputies, to making the Knights, in the spirit of Father McGivney, responsive to the spiritual searching and aspirations of those men who rightfully should be members of the Order. This means getting your team together for prayers, for retreat, for adoration. It means talking about these matters in a totally fraternal manner. Of course, you have to talk about the practicalities, but in fact nothing is more practical than praying about and discussing what is most basic to our lives, to our Church and to the Order.
3. Tap into the spiritual heritage Father McGivney left us, namely, the spirituality of our three principles: charity, fraternity and unity, coupled with love of country. Sometimes, I fear, the principles are regarded as three great ideas that find their way into our degree ceremonies and our rhetoric. But in fact, if you study them closely, you will find that they are an ingenious summary of the Gospel we hope to spread. We can't take it for granted that everyone see this or that everyone understands the principles or even knows what they are. It's not that they haven't been proclaimed, explained and exemplified. They surely have! But have we done so in a way that prompts men to say, "That's for me! That's what I've been looking for! That's how I want to live!"? Fidelity to who we are as Knights is the way forward.
4. Someone once said that integrity is choosing courage over comfort and surely that the choice of comfort over courage is at the heart of the crisis that is currently besetting the Church. Integrity is an essential element in healthy culture change. A leader who does not have integrity can change the culture all right, but he will change it for the worse or maybe even deform it. Integrity means conducting your office and that of your team according to the highest ethical standards and having the courage to make changes where those standards are breached. It also means having the courage to say what needs to be said when complacency and even laziness are the order of the day. Integrity takes us and our brother Knights beyond our comfort zone. Changing the way our meetings are conducted, getting a club-like council to open up, speaking with prospective members, putting

faith and holiness at the forefront as we engage in charity — all this is critical to culture change done with integrity.

5. Father McGivney created the Knights as a lay organization. The laity are in fact the primary agents in the new evangelization. That said, you need good chaplains. ... Priests who will challenge us to become missionary disciples, who will open doors for us, the doors of Scripture and the sacraments, the doors of our parishes and dioceses, the doors of hospitality for those men who need to come in and join us in our journey of faith.

6. When your state team and your district team and your council leadership see the Knights as a way for themselves and their fellow men to grow in their faith, to grow in holiness, to spread the Gospel, then the programs and services offered by the Knights will be well-received, especially Faith In Action. These programs won't seem to come out of the blue, but they will be seen rather as ways of helping the Order, from top to bottom, to be an agent of evangelization and a means for men to grow in holiness. This doesn't mean there won't be glitches or a need for adjustments, only that a oneness in purpose and mission will help make these programs and initiatives bear the good fruit of the Gospel.

Reasons for Hope

We are at a crossroads, brothers, and a lot is riding on what happens — not in some misty future, but now and in the immediate future. In a word, the pressure is on.

What I have identified today is more ambitious than any goal or program. But I do not hesitate to lay out the case for culture change based on the Church's mission of evangelization and the identity of the Order. I do not hesitate because I stand with you as men who are filled not only with faith but also hope, who keep our eyes fixed on the Risen Lord and are open to the Holy Spirit, men in whom the Lord Jesus himself can speak, act, change and transform.

To him be the glory, power and dominion, now and forever!

Vivat Jesus!

Pope Francis' Message

Beware of Hypocrisy, Actions Speak Louder Than Words



In his continuing catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles in the Paul VI hall on Wednesday, Pope Francis spoke of the solidarity between Christians and how it is essential in building up God's family. This fraternity he said, "is nourished by receiving the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood."

Communion and solidarity

The Pope underlined that there is a "dynamism of solidarity that builds the Church as the family of God, where the experience of koinonia is central." He explained that in the Church of its origins, "this koinonia, this community, refers first of all to participation in the Body and Blood of Christ." For this reason, the Pontiff said, "when we receive communion we declare "we communicate", we enter into communion with Jesus and from this communion with Jesus we arrive at communion with our brothers and sisters."

Actions and words

If you want to know that you are good Christians, said Pope Francis, "yes, you must pray, try to approach communion, reconciliation" ... but that signal that your heart has converted, is when one is generous with others and who helps the weakest.

The Pope stressed that when it comes to a true conversion, actions speak louder than words.

Reflecting on the history of the Church, the Pope said that there have always been Christians who stripped themselves of material things; things that were not necessary in order to give to those in need.

How many Christians here in Italy volunteer, he noted. "This is beautiful", he said, sharing time with others; helping those in need.

In Biblical terms, the Pope highlighted that a concrete example of sharing and communion of goods can be found in the witness of Barnabas. "He owns a field and sells it to deliver the proceeds to the Apostles. But alongside his positive example there is another sadly negative one: Ananias and his wife Sapphira, who sold a piece of land, decided to hand over only part of it to the Apostles and to keep the other for themselves."

The enemy of hypocrisy

"Hypocrisy is the worst enemy of this Christian community", commented Pope Francis. "To fail in the sincerity of sharing, in fact, or to fail in the sincerity of love, means cultivating hypocrisy, distancing oneself from the truth, becoming selfish, extinguishing the fire of communion and fating oneself to the chill of inner death," he said.

The Pope emphasized that "those who behave in this way pass through the Church like tourists".

He concluded by saying that, "a life based only on making a profit and taking advantage of situations to the detriment of others inevitably causes inner death. How many people say they are close to the Church, friends of priests, bishops while only seeking their own interests? These are the hypocrisies that destroy the Church."

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.

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.

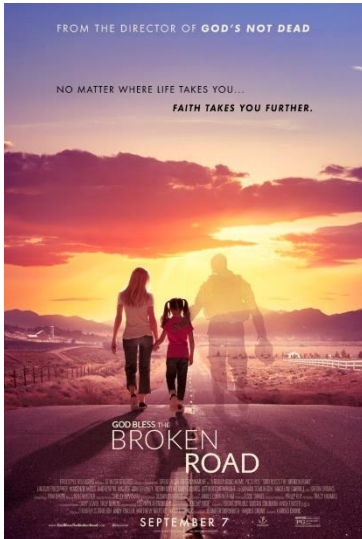
Movie Knight

Chairman SK Gene Kotowski

God Bless the Broken Road

Director: Harold Cronk

Stars: Matthew Derek Davis, Arthur Cartwright, Adam Agee



God Bless the Broken Road tells the story of a young mother who loses her husband in Afghanistan and struggles to raise their young daughter in his absence. The film combines elements of faith, country music, and stock car racing while paying tribute to those who serve in the United States Military.

Scheduled for Thursday September 26th @ 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. †

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick or in Distress

Russ Wells – Brother Knight, Requested by Bob Nardello
Joe Polanski, Requested by Bob Nardello
Emily Hahn, Wife of Bill Hahn
Kathleen Jurgens – Wife of Jim Jurgens
Brian Gershon, Requested by Vincent Schnell
Jerry Gunzelman. PGK council 8733, Requested by Vincent Schnell
Steve Porter – Son-in-Law of Andy Kavulich
Tom Carey, Brother Knight Requested by Council
Father Flagler, Saint Isaac Joges, Requested by Ron Cary
Jacklin Pensabene, Requested by Carl Bruno
Joe Grabowski – Brother Knight, Requested by Council
Ed Leyenaar – Brother Knight, Requested by Council
Carol Peterson – Sister of John Eiche
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
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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