

Major James A. Broyles Assembly #3523

Newsletter



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Announcement

Upcoming dates to remember:

March 3 – Wednesday – March Assembly Meeting – At St. Gabriel & Virtual
March 12 – Friday – Council #12335 – Final 2021 Lenten Fish Fry
March 17 – Wednesday – St. Patrick's Day
March 20 & 21 – Saints Gabriel Open House
March 21 – 10AM Mass – Bishop Sheridan Blessing and Mass – Color Corp Request
March 28 – Sunday – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Sunday – Easter
April 7 – Wednesday – April Assembly Meeting
May 5 – Wednesday – May Assembly Meeting & Nominations of Officers for 2021/2022
May 8 – Saturday – 4th Degree Exemplification – Time and Location to Be Announced

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A Note from our Faithful Navigator



A Note from the Faithful Navigator

Brother Sir Knights, as we continue down the road of somehow getting back to normal, whatever normal is, we have recently seen hope. Not only hope in the way of the vaccinations, or the number of cases and deaths declining, but hope as we all start to reassemble with friends and family. Recently, Council #12335 started to do Lenten Fish Fries, and I have to say attendance was fantastic. In talking with many people, the comments were very similar. “We are tired of being home, without seeing friends and family, and we were tired of home cooking”. So, what better place to go is to Church and not only be with God, but also to see friends and eat some good food. So, let us all hope that as we get closer to summer that life does start to get back to some type of “normal” for all of us.

But we cannot lose focus as to what has happened 1 year ago. Many of us know far too many family or friends that have been affected by the pandemic. We can only hope that for all that have been affected have either recovered or have went home to Eternal Happiness with the Lord.

Remember that the Knights of Columbus are here if you need help or guidance. Remember that as a Knight of Columbus we will always support our Brother Knights. If you have been keeping in contact with fellow brothers or their family, Thank You. If you have not, please consider reaching out to just say hello, and to see if they need anything. If you need help with phone numbers or getting started, please feel free to ask.



New Assembly Plaque

Presented at the February 2021 Meeting

If you attended our February meeting, Past Faithful Navigator Steve Reed, who has been working on the history of our assembly, presented a plaque which outlines the Charter date and our honor to our namesake Major James A. Broyles. The plaque has been proudly mounted in the Knights corridor at Saints Gabriel Church. Thanks, Steve, for getting this completed!

Vivat Jesus
Kevin Sura

2021 Fraternal Year Officers

Officer Positions

Faithful Navigator Kevin M Sura

Faithful Comptroller Stephen J Wichmann

Faithful Friar Kirk J Slattery

Faithful Captain Victorio M Garcia

Faithful Admiral Guy R Green

Faithful Purser Mark A Rapacz

Faithful Pilot Ivan Diaz

Faithful Scribe Steven J Reed

Inner Sentinel Raymond C Luis

Outer Sentinel Richard W Schoewe

One Year Trustee Christopher J Foley

Two Year Trustee Alan J Wesenberg

Three Year Trustee Thomas R Csrnko

Color Corps Commander Jim Robinson

Membership Committee Director Open

Welfare Committee Director Open

Admissions Committee Director Open

Program Director Open

COUNCIL CORNER

This month we will start to give each Council a place to tell us a bit that is happening in the areas. This month we will highlight:

Our Lady of the Pines
Council #11730

By: Pierre Gaudreault, Grand Knight

In “The Bible in a Year” podcast, day 32, Fr. Mike Schmitz explained the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart in the book of Exodus: In the presence of God, one’s heart will either harden or soften depending on how open you are to Him. A physical analogy would be that clay hardens in sunlight whereas wax softens in sunlight.

A Knights of Columbus council is us the people in it and what we do. We are volunteers. We volunteer for the Church, we volunteer for the community around us, we volunteer for those in need, and we volunteer for each other. Charity, unity, and fraternity are what we strive for as Knights. These things do not just happen – they take at least a little effort which takes willingness to participate. Willingness is like a softening of the heart.

Some participate a lot; some participate a little. We need both. Our Council has fundraisers so we can keep dues low and yet make charitable contributions. We give money to the Church and we help it by physical means. We are here to call on. We also help other organizations. We regularly contribute to Life Network, Care and Share Food Bank and Benet Hill Monastery. We make unscheduled contributions to people in need such as to a foster mother and to a young lady trying to enter a convent. We help the community with road trash pickups. We help members in ways such as providing labor for moving domiciles and helping with other home issues.



The Holy Eucharist

As described by Scott Hahn, Author “Hope to Die”

When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This is what every Catholic child learns before he or she receives First Holy Communion, and this is the ancient belief of the Church, taught to us by Jesus himself: “My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (John 6:55). “This is my body . . . This is my blood” (Matt 26:26–28).

In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ is really and truly present. His presence is as real as it was when he walked the streets of Jerusalem and as real as it will be when he returns at the end of days. It is a true parousia, a true coming. And it changes us.

At every Mass, in every Holy Communion, Jesus gives his divine life to us. As we’ve talked about already, the Church calls this life sanctifying grace. It’s the life that God breathed into Adam at the dawn of creation and that Adam and Eve both possessed until they made the mistake of listening to the serpent. Sanctifying grace is what they lost, and it’s what Jesus restores to us in Baptism.

The Eucharist is God continuing to nourish us with that gift. He feeds us with himself to give our souls what they need for our journey through this world. When we receive the Eucharist frequently, worthily, and reverently, we are healed. We are comforted. We are strengthened. We are empowered to live the life God calls us to live, make the sacrifices he calls us to make, and be the people he calls us to be. The Eucharist, in short, helps us to become holy. It helps us to become saints.

If you are interested in learning more about Scott Hahn or looking at his book list, here is his website: <https://www.scotthahn.com/>



A New Supreme Knight:



As you may have heard, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will retire from his position on February 28th. Carl leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

As a result of Carl's retirement, The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight on Feb. 5, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.

Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

You can read Patrick Kelly's full acceptance and read his bio at [Supreme Knight-elect - Patrick E. Kelly | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/supreme-knight-elect-patrick-e-kelly)

Carl A. Anderson
A Legacy of Leadership



Please take a few minutes and a look at the past 20 years of Carl's tenure of Supreme Knight.

The February issue of Columbia looks back at Carl A. Anderson's 20 years of leadership as the Order's 13th supreme knight. Throughout the new millennium, Supreme Knight Anderson has led the Knights of Columbus to new heights of charity, membership and insurance growth and has introduced many initiatives to further the Order's founding mission and legacy of service to Catholic families, the Church and society.

The full article can be found at: 'Let Us Go Forward in Hope' | KofC.org



Knights Celebrating Recent Birthdays

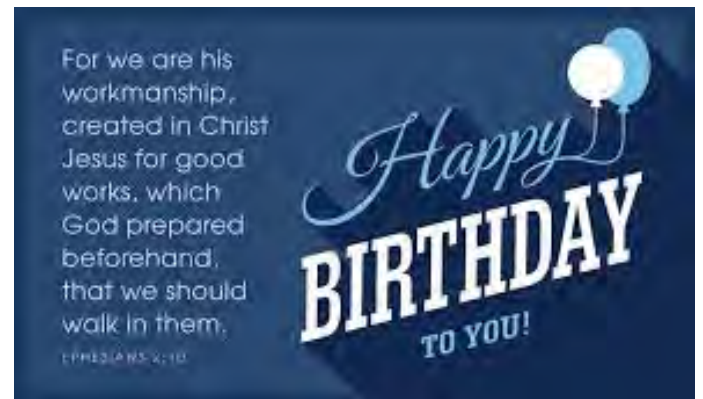
February

Thomas Csrinko	5-Feb
Douglas Henderson	7-Feb
Michael Hahn	12-Feb
Steve Prebeck	12-Feb
Andrew Conder	13-Feb
Chainsaw McCullough	26-Feb
Mark Russell	27-Feb

March

John Brence	3-Mar
Chris Phelps	4-Mar
Tom Payne	4-Mar
Kevin Sura	5-Mar
Steve Reed	6-Mar
Ivan Mirkes	7-Mar
Oscar Valdez	12-Mar
Michael Schultz	14-Mar
Mark Rapacz	22-Mar
Clifford Billmeyer	22-Mar
Jesse Morin	23-Mar
Richard Lucas	23-Mar
Paul Barbara	24-Mar
Rodney McNeill	25-Mar
Robert St Vincent	28-Mar
Glen Gallegos	31-Mar

*Happy Birthday to
all of our Brothers
with recent
Birthdays!*



State Deputy Message

By: Chris Kennedy



It's time to celebrate our founders. I know Founders Day is on the 29th March, but we should be thinking about our heritage all month long and finding ways to share it. We will be sharing a celebration of thanksgiving for the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney with Bishop Sheridan on March 6th and with Bishop Berg on March 11th. Yes, we should be thankful to Father McGivney, for without his vision where would we be? He was a visionary showing how the partnership of the clergy and the laity can work together to advance the spiritual, moral and ethical teachings of the Church in a practical way. But even with such vision, he could not do it all alone. In October of 1881, he called a meeting in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and eighty men, yes eighty men, responded with great interest. Twelve men volunteered to be an organizing committee and worked under Father McGivney's leadership to finalize the bits and pieces needed to create the Catholic fraternal benefits society that was chartered on 29 March 1882 as The Knights of Columbus.

Father McGivney spent much time and energy traveling to Boston, Massachusetts and Brooklyn, New York to observe other Catholic societies and bring elements of them into the formation of our organization. When he presented his organizational structure to the committee, they indicated that the organization needed to have a ritualistic character which presented the virtues Father McGivney had chosen as the centerpiece of the Order. They also wanted a more inspiring aspect in the name and officer positions which would attract men away from the secret societies which pulled men away from the Faith. When James Mullen proposed that the name should be "Knights of Columbus," the committee unanimously agreed. James Mullen, a Civil War veteran, was a member of a non-secret society of veterans known as the Order of Red Knights, and knew the appeal that belonging to an organization of knights had on young men. As an indication of the respect the first Knights had for Father McGivney's leadership, they moved to elect him head of the new Order. However, he insisted that a layman should lead the organization. James Mullen was elected the first Supreme Knight. It was James Mullen who set about developing the content of the degree ceremonials to teach the lessons chosen by Father McGivney. The first Supreme Knight's vision and insight steered the fledgling organization to the changes needed to spark interest and growth. This is a great example of the dynamic partnership between the clergy and laity that Father McGivney had envisioned. Thank you, Father, for the Order! Thank you, James Mullen for our name!

Now we welcome Patrick E. Kelly as the 14th Supreme Knight. Like those who went before him, he is a man of vision. He is a man of service and he views membership, especially leadership, in the Knights of Columbus as a vocation; a calling, a way of life. I think he too, is laser focused on being true to the vision of Father McGivney that we are first and foremost a Catholic organization and I expect we will see a continuing and growing emphasis on evangelization and leading in Charity, Unity and Fraternity. I see him, like his predecessor, Carl Anderson, evolving the role of the Order as coworkers in truth aligned with the lead of the Pope defending and advancing the teachings of the Church. I believe there is a reason Patrick Kelly starts his term in the year of St. Joseph. Supreme Knight Kelly is a young man with young children who knows the demands on young husbands and fathers. I see him guiding the Order to be more attractive and responsive in how we engage young members and families – leading by example and inspiring new programs to help young men balance their lives and the lives of their family members in a world that is increasingly hostile to traditional Christian family life.

I am excited to be part of this next chapter of our Order.

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