



Knights' News

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Congratulations to our new slate of officers:

Grand Knight: Greg DeCristofaro

Deputy Grand Knight: Michael Krzanich

Chancellor: Greg DeCristofaro

Recorder: Matthew Poje

Warden: Kevin Kriebel

Treasurer: Gerald Regalia

Financial Secretary: Jim Collins

1 Year Trustee: Dave Lemire

2 Year Trustee: Jerry Foster

3 Year Trustee: Ron Martin

Inside Guard: Richard Shaver

Outside Guard: Frank Nunez



GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

My dear Brothers Knights, I am humbled by your trust in me to lead our council in the next Columbian year. With the help of my fellow officers, I know we will be in great hands.

I would like to thank all my brother knights in preparing and serving Fr. Chuck Kelly's welcoming reception along with the Woman of St. Thomas More. Jim and Barbara Collin and Greg and Kathy DeCristofaro helped administered the first, second and third degree to Joseph Linn-Galan. We will need to look for dedicated Catholic men who can contribute to or Knights mission in helping our priest, our church and our community.

My brother Knights, please remember 1-2-3-3. The **first** Sunday of the month the Knights have Hospitality. The **second** Wednesday of the month the Knights have an officers meeting. The **third** Sunday of the month the Knights lead the Rosary before mass. The **third** Wednesday we have our Knight's Business Meeting. Please put these dates down on your calendar so you won't miss a meeting.

I know we were disappointed in not being able to put out the National flags. Hopefully we will be able to put out the flags on Memorial Day.

I look forward to planning our calendar for the rest of the year. In the future I plan to set our dates for the upcoming year. I look forward to putting on our Columbus Day Dinner, St. Patrick's Day dinner, putting out the flags on Skyway, Valentines, breakfast for our sweethearts, presenting our mothers with roses on Mother's Day and parking cars during Gold Nugget Day. I will be looking forward to your suggestions for our calendar events.

Greg DeCristofaro,
Grand Knight, Council #7773

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

As we begin the month of August, I congratulate the newly installed officers (or soon to be installed officers) of the councils in District 2! To the outgoing officers, I wish to convey my thanks for outstanding leadership during a challenging year. All responded to the needs of your parish communities and accomplished many remarkable things! I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

As I mentioned last month, particular emphasis is being placed by the Supreme Council this year on "Cor" faith formation meetings. Cor (Latin for heart) is intended to "*form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through, prayer, formation, and fraternity.*" I urge you look over information on the Cor program and view a short video by clicking [here](#). The program is designed for use in Catholic men's ministry, particularly in a group study. Further information and sample curricula for study are available by clicking [here](#).

The Feast Day of The Blessed Michael McGivney falls on Tuesday, August 13. Not coincidentally, his feast day falls between his birthday on August 12 (1852) and the day of his death due to complications from tuberculosis on August 14 (1890). **Please plan a special event or prayer reflection to honor our Founder on his Feast Day, August 13.** If you are not already a Blessed Michael McGivney Guild member, join online for free at www.fathermcgivney.org and begin receiving a monthly newsletter with the latest news on the beatification of our Founder. A third miracle is currently being documented which may advance Blessed McGivney to sainthood. Watch for further information on this remarkable occurrence.

Another program with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities.** Although not occurring until October, it is never too soon to start planning.

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Calendar of Events***August / September***

Aug. 4	K of C Hospitality
Aug. 14	K of C Officers meeting, 9:00 am
Aug. 18	Knights lead Rosary, 11:30 am
Aug. 20	Council installation at the 6pm mass
Aug. 21	Business Meeting, Rosary at 6:30 pm, Business meeting 7:00 pm
Sept. 1	K of C Hospitality
Sept 11	K of C Officers meeting, 9:00 am
Sept 18	Business meeting: Rosary at 6:30pm, Business meeting 7:00pm

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Gregory G Kidder—4 th	David L Marcus—7 th	Larry S Ussery—7 th
Michael T Weldon—9 th	Leo P Benedetti—14 th	Frank E Salas—16 th
David C Webster—21 st	Henry J Martin—25 th	Matthew R Poje—27 th

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Richard Reniero, Kathy DeCristofaro, Gina and Duncan Barnard, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Jerry Foster, Jeff Tolly, Barbara Collins, Bob Smith, Jim Daley, Deacon Ray and Donna Helgeson, Dave Porter, Carol Duffner and Pope Francis.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for our brothers and sisters and allies who were left behind in Afghanistan. Pray for Israel and all the innocent victims of war. Pray for America which stands for One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

For additions, deletions, corrections, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

KNIGHT HUMOR

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red, but was really concerned that she was losing it.! She was getting nervous.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red, and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, do you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Dang, am I driving?"

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

**HELPING
PEOPLE
WITH
INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES**

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

The official dates for the drive this year are **October 18, 19 and 20, 2024** (although councils are free to schedule and hold fundraisers benefiting people with intellectual disabilities at any time during the Columbian Year). I'm certain one or more organizations in your local community serving people with intellectual disabilities would benefit from your charitable efforts, including Special Olympics and *Feed the Athletes*, the ARC (for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), Camp Recreation and local schools, work training centers and residential care facilities. For further information and resources regarding the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities, click [here](#).

Free online membership using the online application found at www.kofc.org/join (or by scanning the QR Code accompanying this article with a smartphone) **continues to be available**. The promo code is "BlessedMcGivney"

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Thank you for your charity and service! May God bless.

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