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Upcoming Events

- Council Bus. Mtg. Dec 3, 7:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church Community Cntr.
Transfiguration Room
- Council Bus. Mtg. Jan 7, 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Ascension, Worner Hall
Lounge

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Welcome to December! Leaves are showing their true colors before storms drop them to the ground. Frosty mornings are as close as we get to a White Christmas. Advent started on December first providing a time to prepare for Christmas. The month is filled with special celebrations: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and pageant at St. Joseph of Cupertino on the 6th, Immaculate Conception on the 9th, Santa Lucia on the 13th, and then Christmas on 24 and 25 of December, followed by New Year's Eve on the last day of the month. There are more holiday concerts and tree lightings to keep us inspired.

Our December 3rd council business meeting will be at Sacred Heart Parish

Community Building in the Transfiguration Room on the ground floor in the back. Reports on the council and corporation business will keep all informed. Important tasks ahead include developing guidelines and operating procedures for the corporation once it becomes a 501c3 charitable organization.

Our council has a few officer positions open, including warden, guards, and lector. Have you felt the call to serve? Step up and take a position.

Come to the meeting and test your luck with the attendance raffle. Odds of winning have increased. Come and find out why.

Anticipating Joy,

Ed Johnson

Chaplain's Message

Hope Is a Gift and Duty for Christians

The Jubilee 2025 officially begins on December 24, 2024, at 7 p.m., with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis. This is a regular holy year that occurs every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope."

Pope Francis writes that hope is a gift from God and a task that must be cultivated by all Christians. It's part of the introduction to his new book, "Hope Is A Light In The Night," which collects excerpts from various speeches by the Holy Father on the theological virtue of hope.

"The Jubilee of 2025, a holy year that I wanted to dedicate to the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," is a propitious occasion to reflect on this fundamental and decisive Christian virtue – especially in times like the ones we are living, in which the third world war being fought "piecemeal" that is unfolding before our eyes can lead us to assume attitudes of gloomy discouragement and ill-concealed cynicism," the Pope states.

Let us pray that the Jubilee 2025 may provide an impetus for a renewal of faith, hope, and love in the Church at different levels.

Fr. Hao



Devoted to the Heart of Jesus

Eighteenth-century image of the Sacred Heart, now being restored by the Knights, will be the centerpiece of a new Pilgrim Icon Program

By Cecilia Engbert 11/11/2024



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, with Supreme Officers and other K of C leaders, celebrates a votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Church of the Gesù in Rome on Oct. 23. Earlier this year, the chapel's 1767 painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni was chosen as the centerpiece of the Order's upcoming Pilgrim Icon Program. (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)

The Knights of Columbus is launching a new Pilgrim Icon Program in 2025 centered on the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The new prayer program — announced by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly at the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in June and at the 142nd Supreme Convention in August — coincides with the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which began around 1674.

"Our Lord reminded [St. Margaret Mary] of that ancient and beautiful devotion, and she shared that gift with the world," said Supreme Knight Kelly during the Supreme Convention's annual States Dinner on Aug. 6. "In the heart of Christ, we see the heart of the Father, and we ask Our Lord to help us make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us. That is what the world needs. And on the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary's visions, we will make this mission our own."

The Order's founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart, fostered in him from childhood: The McGivney family had in their home an ornate devotional plaque of the Sacred Heart that is still in the Order's

possession. In 1881, when Father McGivney accompanied convicted murderer Chip Smith to the gallows, Smith wore a Sacred Heart badge given to him by the priest. A century later, when Father McGivney's body was exhumed in 1981, it was discovered that he had been buried with a cloth image of the Sacred Heart.

The Knights selected a painting of the Sacred Heart by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni, located in Rome's Church of the Gesù, to be the centerpiece of the new pilgrim icon program. Copies of the image, blessed by the papal almoner, will soon be given to each K of C jurisdiction and, beginning in 2025, will travel from council to council, serving as the focus for prayer services throughout the Order.

During their visit to Rome for the unveiling of the newly restored baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica, Supreme Knight Kelly and other Supreme Officers gathered Oct. 23 at the Church of the Gesù for a votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori. Jesuit Father James Conn, superior of the Pontifical North American College's Casa Santa Maria, concelebrated and gave the homily.

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Spreading the Word About Cor

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly updates U.S. bishops on the Cor initiative and asks for their support

By Cecilia Hadley 11/18/2024



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly speaks at the Fall Plenary Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore on Nov. 13. (OSV News/Bob Roller)

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed the annual plenary assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore Nov. 13, offering the Order's assistance in the bishops' evangelization efforts and asking for their support of the Cor initiative.

Amid the "modern crisis of isolation that comes from ruptured relationships," Supreme Knight Kelly said, "Catholics need places to grow in friendship with God and one another — places where they can commit together to answer our Lord's call to evangelize. This is the insight that led us to create the Cor initiative."

The Knights of Columbus launched Cor in 2023, first as a pilot program in 16 jurisdictions and later that year across the Order. Cor groups have now formed in more than 3,000 parishes to provide men — including men who are not Knights — with opportunities for prayer, faith formation and fraternity.

"Men of all ages are hungry for spiritual community. And we know many priests want to set up small groups to meet that need, but they can't quite do it on their own. Cor is the solution," the supreme knight told the bishops. "It enables priests to draw on the structure and resources of the Knights of Columbus, getting small groups off the ground quickly, and — importantly — sustaining them over time."

The supreme knight asked the bishops for their help spreading the

word about Cor in the dioceses and among their priests, and promised that the Knights will continue to carry out Blessed Michael McGivney's mission in support of the Church and the family.

He concluded, "To all of you, our bishops, we thank you for your support and recommit ourselves to standing in steadfast solidarity with you. And as always, we pray for you, just as we count on your prayers for us."

USCCB president Archbishop Timothy Broglio thanked the supreme knight for his remarks, adding that Cor "certainly falls very well in this time of New Evangelization and in this time of synodality."

In his presidential address to the plenary assembly the previous day, Archbishop Broglio also commended the Knights of Columbus for its humanitarian work in Ukraine. The archbishop, who leads the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, visited the war-torn country in December 2022.

"With my own eyes I saw what the Knights of Columbus were doing on the ground in Ukraine," Archbishop Broglio said, adding, "What was born of concrete needs for widows in the 19th century still serves today for formation, charitable action, and authentic patriotism."

CECILIA HADLEY is editorial director of the Knights of Columbus communications department.

Prayer Requests and

Deaths December 2024

The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly prayer held each month before the Council's Business Meeting.

If any member wishes to submit a name or remove a name from the list, please telephone or email Ron Schoengold, FS, at 408 309 9830, ron@egoldsolutions.com



Prayers

Brother Art Salazar
Brother Ron Miller's wife, Shirley
Brother Jim Mathews
Brother Mark Wright's sister Anne
Brother Rodger O'Brien
Brother Harry Tibbetts
Brother Peter Pozniak's wife, Patricia
Brother Ron Schoengold's wife, Arline

Deceased

Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
Brother Ernest Camacho (01/04/2016)
Brother Philip Dean (12/26/2007)
Brother Joseph Denham Jr. (11/19/2014)
Brother Joseph Fitzsimmons (03/28/2017)
Brother Francis Hopkins (12/06/2018)
Brother Eugene Levitre (05/02/2024)
Brother Robert Lewis (08/08/2016)
Brother Robert MacKinnon (05/05/2024)
Brother John Marvin (05/06/2020)
Brother Larry Sandstrom (03/28/2021)
Brother Edward Shiras (04/02/2021)
Brother Philip Young (03/01/2016)
Brother Eli Thomas (03/02/2022)
Brother Freddie Schwalbach (03/30/2022)
Brother Robert Rolufs, PGK (06/26/2022)
Brother Mark Wright's mother-in-law Yingio Leung (06/29/2022)
Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
Brother Jim Campbell's father Bob Anselmo (12/2/2022)
Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann (01/11/2023)
Brother Dominic Guido's wife Roca (03/11/2023)
Brother Ted Wyess (03/19/2023)
Brother John Steffens sister-in-law Mary Steffens (11/30/2023)
Brother James Campbell (12/13/2023)
Brother Joseph Kenney's wife Sheila (02/18/2024)
Brother Tony Seidl's wife Helen Rose (08/21/2024)
Brother John Lehane, PGK (09/14/2024)



Treasurer's Report

Balances as of 11/30/24

Charity Checking	\$ 259.20
Checking	\$ 7,293.50
Council Savings	<u>\$ 20,816.69</u>
	\$ 28,369.39

Income for November 2024

Interest on Capital One Savings	<u>\$ 1.71</u>
	\$ 1.71

Expenses for November 2024

MACE Printing	\$ 138.36
Stationery and Truthfinder Subscription	<u>\$ 92.85</u>
	\$ 231.21

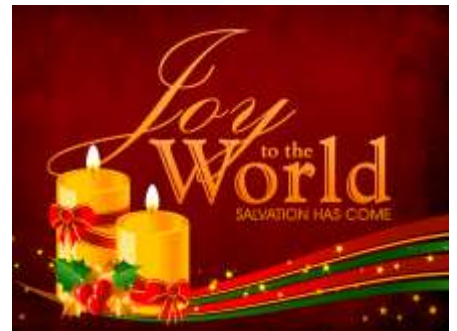


Raymond Gallant
 Harry Tibbetts
 Eliodore-Bong Batingana
 Dennis Heinz

Monthly Attendance Raffle

December 2024

John Steffens won the November raffle of \$60. John was present for the meeting but donated the winnings to a celebration gathering of council members, wives, and significant others. The raffle is worth \$10 this month. The winner must be present at the meeting to win!



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John Steffens

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open

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open

Sacred Heart in Saratoga

open

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& Rosary Visitation

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Dick Sherman

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open

Mass of Reparation

open

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Round Table Members

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Open

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Ron Schoengold

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John Pozniak

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Ron Schoengold

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Ron Schoengold

Communications

Ron Schoengold

Past Grand Knights Dinner

open

Special Appreciation Night

Patrick Kwok

McGivney Pilgrimage

John Pozniak

Family Director

Ed Johnson

Leisure Nights

open

Memorial Mass

open

Ladies Night

John Steffens

Ice Cream Social

Grand Knight Elect

Christmas Dinner

Ron Schoengold

Annual Picnic

open

Youth Director

Open

Scholarship Program

Patrick Kwok

Altar Servers Appreciation

Patrick Kwok

Free Throw Contest

Ed Johnson

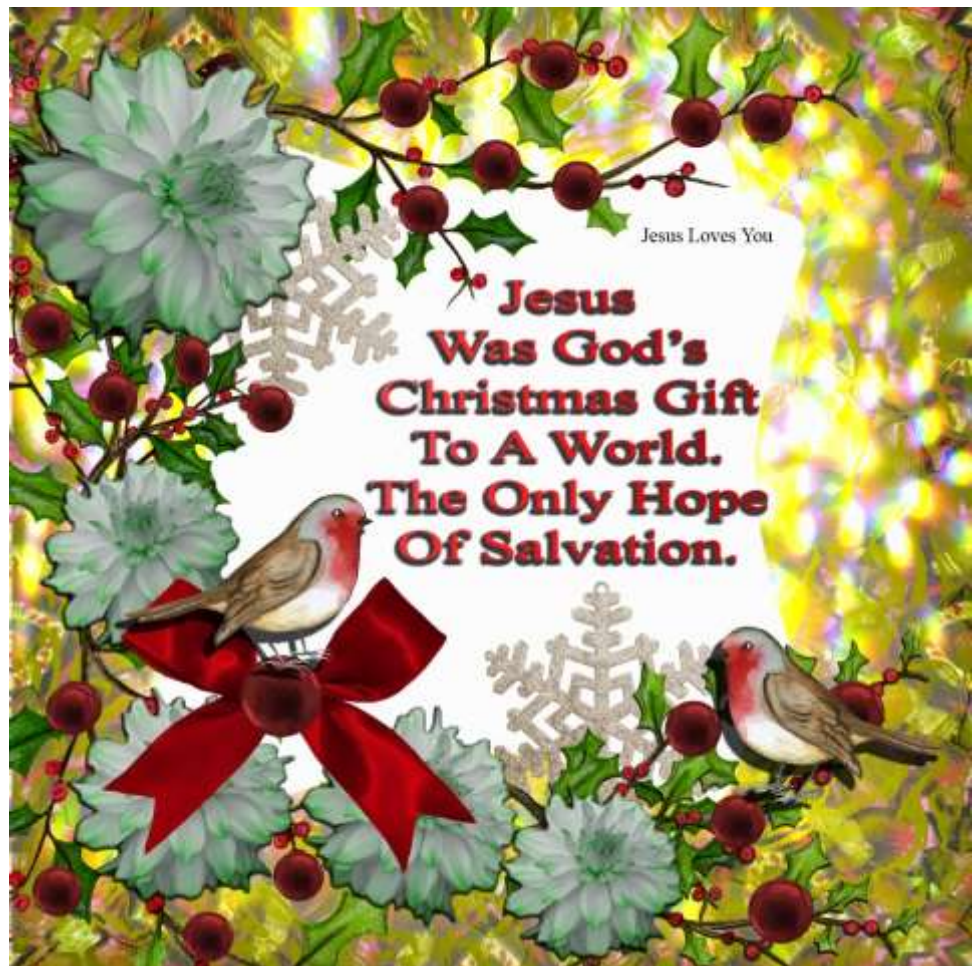
Essay Contest

Ed Johnson

Membership & Retention

*Mark Wright**

John Pozniak



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is discord, unity.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is error, truth.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born
to Eternal Life.

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 1	2	3 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Sacred Heart Church Community Center, Transfiguration Room)	4	5	6	7
8 7:30pm Nova Vista Orchestra and Chorus (Ascension Tickets Available at the Door)	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31	Jan 1, 25	2	3	4



January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 25 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Church of the Ascension, Worner Hall Lounge)	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1

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