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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"

*Brothers All,  
Greetings Brothers,*

December has been a busy month for the council. Our Pit Beef crew has worked four Sundays (usually in the rain) raising funds for our charitable works. We enjoyed new activities as well as our traditional ones -- Journey to the Inn, Christmas Bingo (raised \$4,134.05), Breakfast with Santa, Wreaths Across America recognizing veterans in our parish cemetery, a gathering of the Brothers for food and drink at a local establishment.



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We also have some key events coming up in the next few months. On January 12th we will be conducting our first spiritual retreat for men of the parish. It's free to all men with a light lunch provided. Watch the bulletin for details. On Super Bowl weekend we will be offering a new Creamy Crab Soup as well as our Pancake Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday. Ash Wednesday on March 6th ushers in the Lenten period which also means our seafood chowder will be available on three Fridays as well. And the list goes on. If you're not participating, you're missing a lot of fun and camaraderie as well as sharing in our good works.... and we're missing you.

All though we all get caught up in the secular aspects activities of the Christmas season, it's important to emphasize with our families the significance of the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, Christmas eve and Christmas day, and the "Twelve Days of Christmas" which culminates with the Feast of Epiphany Sunday, to be celebrated on January 6th, 2019. It's often difficult to slow down and close our eyes and prayerfully feel how Christ works in our lives. Look back and be thankful for all the blessings you have received.

May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, surround you and may you and your loved ones have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,  
Keith Arndt

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# Associate Chaplain's Report

## Another New Year!

Have you thought about what resolutions to make this year? Are we doing our best to embrace the basic challenges our relationship with God places before us? Are we embracing Faith, Hope and Charity in our daily lives? Let's explore these three beautiful tenants just a little bit.



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**Faith:** We all believe in Jesus, we all pray on a regular basis, and we come to Mass every Sunday. Sometimes it's hard for us to get to church on Sunday, sometimes it's hard for us to pray; but without church and prayer, our lives will soon have less meaning. Sunday is the day when we gather together as God's family to honor and praise our Lord and share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Sunday Mass will set the stage for our prayer life for the rest of the week. It is when we share our faith with each other. Pretty good resolution don't you think?

**Hope:** Hope is believing that what we hear at Sunday Mass and in our prayer life is the true message of Jesus Christ. It is taking what we learn in Scripture and other catechesis and putting it into action in our lives. Hope is not just for us. Hope is what we give to other people when we share our story of our walk with the Lord. Hope is one of those treasures that can never be totally spent because the more we have hope in our Lord, the more hope will be given to us. Maybe this is a good resolution for us to consider.

**Charity:** Charity means that we love another person as much as we love God and ourselves. Charity is the resolution beyond all resolutions. It's easy for us to treat those we like with charity and love. It's not so easy to love those who stretch us. I'm sure each one of us has a person in our lives that we would rather not be involved with. You know the one you see coming down the street and you have the urge to cross to the other side. Your inner being sends out an alarm to avoid this person at all costs! I don't think that's very charitable, do you?

My dear friends, Faith, Hope and Charity might be all we need to form our New Year's Resolutions. Why not give them a chance? They might be just what we're looking for!

Peace and All Good!  
Deacon Jim

# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

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As I write this it is Christmas Day 2018 and 2019 is right around the corner. We have completed half of our fraternal year and activities have been robust.

It has been my pleasure to serve along-side the men and women of our Knights community. You are great friends and good people. You provided good works throughout our community, church and the families that are in both.



Thanks to all who participated in any of the 2018 activities as we roll into the remainder of this fraternal year. Our Grand Knight, Keith Arndt, will continue to challenge the membership with many robust activities we have done in the past and always looking at new ways to spread our word about Jesus Christ with Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism that epitomizes our organization.

Our most recent activity, Wreaths Across America II, was successful and we had a very nice turn-out. Again, we would like to thank Father Jack Ward, our Pastor, for his wonderful support and especially our young horn player Master Samuel Barry who provided his rendition of Taps for the event.

Christ is born today and with this holiday we are provided with joy and comfort that one day the world will be at peace. God Bless all of you and have a wonderful and prosperous New Year 2019 and please help to support us in our service to all. As I finish this report I have ended with the following: **You** are important in spreading the word about the activities for the Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council and the Knights of Columbus. Be brave. **PARTICIPATE!** Please contact me if you have any questions at all!

Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Bingo is one of our main fundraisers with the church and our council doing a 50-50 split

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**Please join us on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm at St. Francis de Sales.  
This will be a day of faith and fellowship!**



## End of the Year Recap of Fun Activities! Your Council in Action!!







**Join in on the FUN!!!**

## January Membership Report



Brothers! 6 more months in our fraternal year. We have had some incredible new members join us in 2018 and a lot of them have become active in attending meetings and events. Can you make a resolution to yourself and a goal to be more active in your council this coming year? We hope to see you!

Our next degree will be Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. If you know of a Catholic Man that would like to become a Knight and join our council, please contact me right away. All you have to do is ask! You never know the positive impact you can make in somebody else's life!

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### Father Maurice Wolfe Council turns 25!!!

**Our council was formed in 1994. On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-10:30pm at Cardinal Gibbons Hall, Columbus Gardens, we will be celebrating 25 years of serving God!**

**The planning committee is putting together the details and invitations will be send out shortly. Please save the date and plan to join in the celebrations!**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

It's the time of year to reflect! And, our fall sure was fun and productive! Here are some highlights of this quarter ☺

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies participated in the Council Membership Drive by presenting the "Liturgical Minute" before the Masses and engaged parishioners at the recruitment tent. It was also the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday so we entered Mass and sat together. There was a sea of green!

We collected wish list items and received an overwhelming response! Our members' and parishioners' generosity and time packed 50 boxes that blessed children living in extreme poverty in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Guatemala. The packing took place on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, during Donut Sunday to get the parish involved. The extra donations blessed children in Harford County and in Florida via our parish Outreach Christmas Party, our Council's Breakfast with Santa, and via hurricane relief efforts to help families affected by Hurricane Michael.

We hope you all enjoyed the food and fellowship. On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, we held our 5<sup>th</sup> The Bingo raised \$9,296.52!!! This is almost \$1,700 more than last year! What a great success!!! Thank you to Connie Piotrowski for serving as the Chair, to the committee Leads - Debbie Sosna, Barbie Krizan, and Diane Traube, and all who supported by donating, sponsoring, promoting, playing, helping, etc. The Cruise Raffle raised \$5,113!!! We not only reached our goal of raising enough to cover the cost of 2 defibrillators but we exceeded that!!! Thank you to Angie Rebbert for taking the lead on this fundraiser and to everyone who sold tickets, bought tickets, and promoted the fundraiser!

Lastly, congratulations to Diane Traube for winning the cruise and thank you to our Knights for sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. Thank you all for your generosity and participation! Our next meeting will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Kilduff Hall at 7:15pm (please note the new location and start time). As always, we welcome all ladies of the parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Community, Youth, Council, and Family. We hope you have a blessed holiday season!

|  
Cynthia Santiago, President

## WANT A CHARITY TO DONATE TO?

**I know this is not a pleasant topic of conversation, but have you created your will in the event that you pass away? Did you know you could donate part of your estate to the Father Wolfe Charity Corporation as part of your end of life planning? Also, did you know that you can ask that in lieu of flowers, you have family and friends donate to the Father Wolfe Charity Corporation?**



# INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF



## FINANCIAL FITNESS FOR THE NEW YEAR

At the beginning of the new year, we often make an assessment of our lives. We make resolutions to challenge ourselves to be better. We focus on our health and well-being. These are great practices and there's always the opportunity to do better. Self-reflection and goal setting can help. This applies not only to our physical and spiritual health, but also to our financial health.

As 2019 begins, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your finances to find opportunities for improvement.

### Start With a Comprehensive Review

Take stock of all your finances. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protections you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement?

This is a revealing process, and one that you don't have to do alone. As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated and well-trained brother Knight and field agent, who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family.

Through your field agent, you can receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs. It's a fraternal benefit that has no cost but can uncover gaps in your financial protection. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more. It's a great way to start.

### Focus on the Future

Ask yourself a series of questions: What will happen when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is the coverage temporary or permanent?

As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs.

What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income?

Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus provides a disability income insurance product option that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck.

What happens if you get sick? If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs? Have you researched the cost of long-term care? Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while protecting savings set aside for retirement or other financial plans.

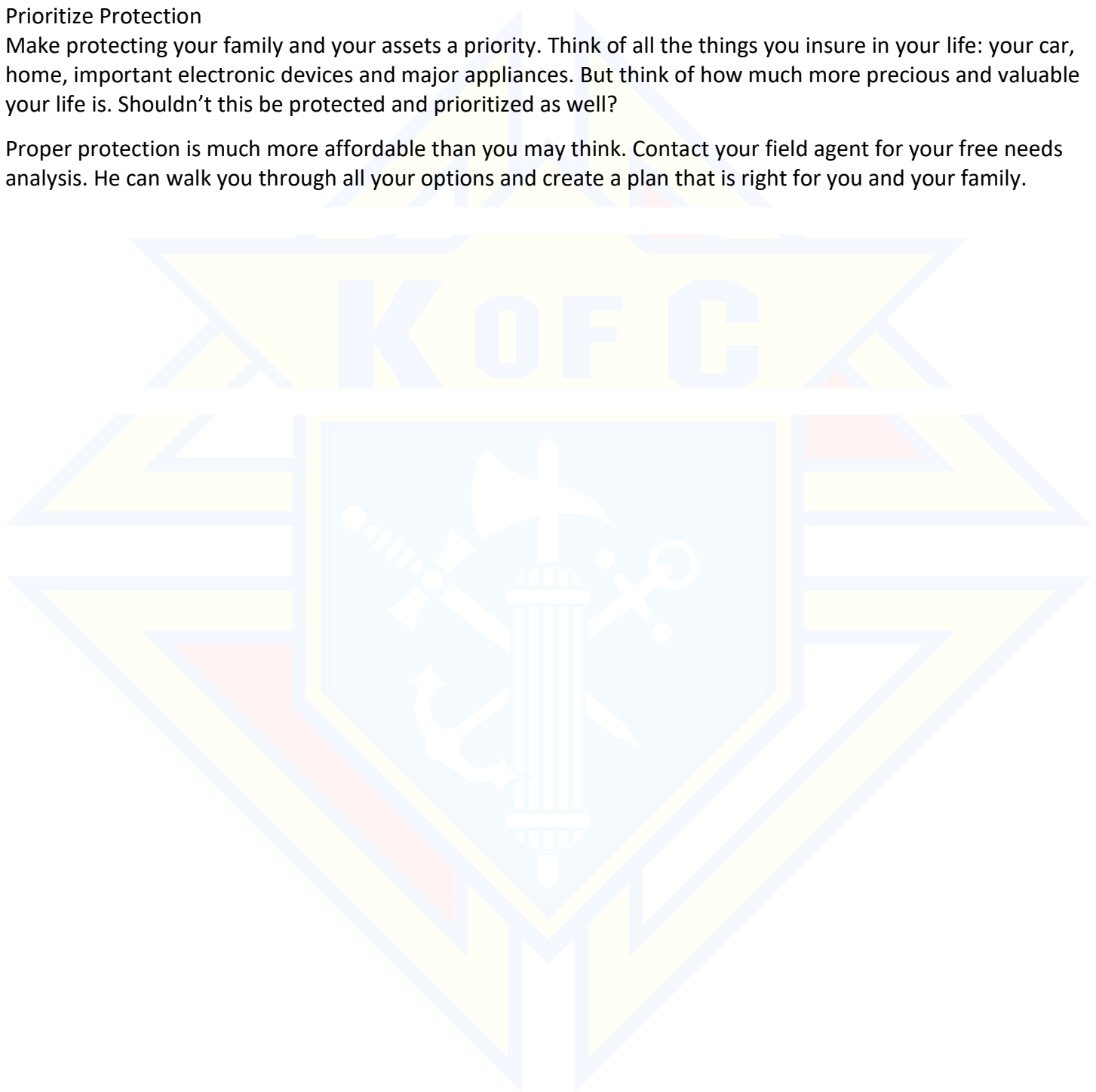


What happens when you retire? Do you have enough money saved? How do you know if it's enough? How will your retirement age and social security affect your finances and plans? By working with your field agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes the guesswork out of having a guaranteed principle. When structured correctly, it also guarantees growth and is a stream of income, for life, no matter how long you live.

#### Prioritize Protection

Make protecting your family and your assets a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, home, important electronic devices and major appliances. But think of how much more precious and valuable your life is. Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well?

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis. He can walk you through all your options and create a plan that is right for you and your family.



# Supreme News and Events



## AN APOSTLE OF HOPE

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

### *ST. JOHN PAUL II ENCOURAGED US TO CONFRONT EVIL IN THE WORLD AND TO BE WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE*

IN OCTOBER, I had the opportunity to be in Kraków, Poland, on the 40th anniversary of St. John Paul II's election as pope. While there, I visited the ground floor apartment at No. 10 Tyniecka Street, where the young Karol Wojtyła and his father lived during the Nazi invasion and occupation of Poland.

They had come to Kraków so that Wojtyła could attend the Jagiellonian University. But after the Nazis closed the university, Wojtyła began working in a limestone quarry. In 1941, he returned from work one evening to find his father in bed, dead of a heart attack. He would later say, "At 20, I had already lost all the people I loved."

Standing in the small, austere apartment in front of the wooden desk at which Wojtyła studied, the bed in which his father died and the tiny wooden stove in the kitchen, one could image the questions Wojtyła asked himself, and the prayers he recited, as his world crashed down around him and he struggled to make decisions about the future.

The day after the visit to Tyniecka Street, I was asked whether St. John Paul II is still relevant. With the images of his apartment still in mind, I said, "For St. John Paul II, evil and suffering were not abstractions, they were very real in his life.

"St. John Paul II was an apostle of hope. He told us, 'Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good' (cf. Rom 12:21). And he showed us that this could be done.

"He knew that the good is also not an abstraction but is a person — a person whose hands and heart care for others. And he called on each of us to take up this task."

I had also left the apartment convinced it was the experiences Wojtyła lived while there that gave him such great connectivity with young Catholics when he was pope — especially at World Youth Days.

In 2002, during the World Youth Day in Toronto, he said: "You are young and the Pope is old.... But the Pope still fully identifies with your hopes and aspirations. Although I have lived through much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope."

Nearly a decade earlier, in Denver, he said to the young pilgrims: "Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the 'path to life.' ...The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!"

In the same homily, he called on young Catholics to "become more conscious of your vocation and mission in the Church and in the world." And he repeated to them the words of St. Paul, "I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy" (2 Cor 7:4).

Still today, I meet bishops, priests and nuns who tell me that such encounters with St. John Paul II kindled their religious vocations. Others have said how his words strengthened their vocation to marriage and in the world.

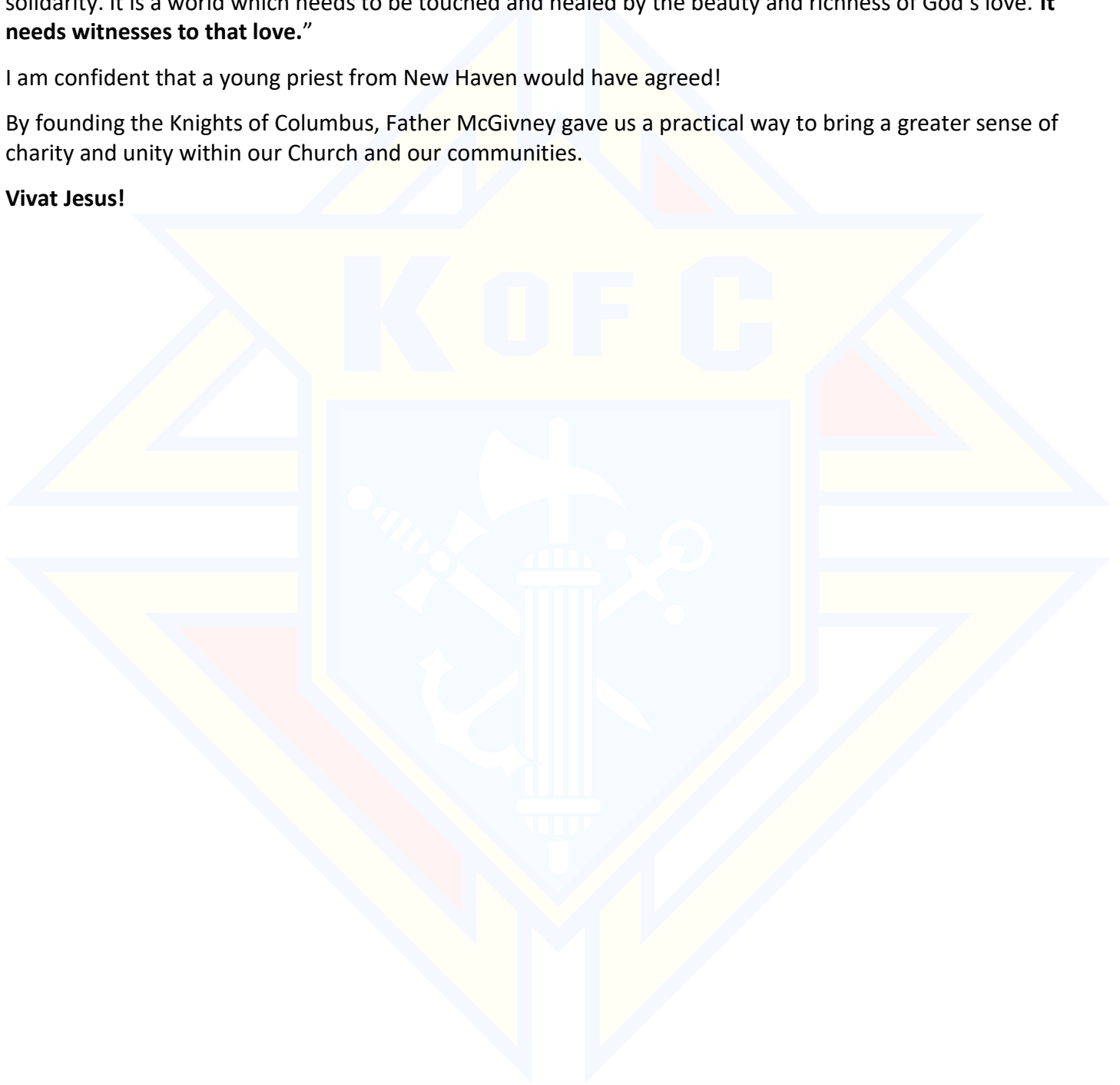
As we prepare for what 2019 will bring to our Church and the world, let us as Knights of Columbus reflect on his words at World Youth Day in Toronto:

“The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God’s love. **It needs witnesses to that love.**”

I am confident that a young priest from New Haven would have agreed!

By founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney gave us a practical way to bring a greater sense of charity and unity within our Church and our communities.

**Vivat Jesus!**







## Special Intentions

### January 2019

Keep in your prayers the following Brothers, family members and friends:

Steve Buddenbohn's Family- Steve's father Robert Buddenbohn passed away  
Stony Burke (K of C Member)  
Prescott Cole (Council Member) RIP  
Charles Duke (Council Member)  
Charlie Gill (Council Member)  
Mike Georgulas' (DD) Mom Nancy Recovery from knee surgery  
Will and Pat Glassman (Council Member & Spouse)  
Ron Gutowski & Wife (Council Member & Spouse)  
Rob and Pam Hardy (Council Member & Spouse), (Pam's Mother)  
Steve Herpel's (Brother - David), (Mother - Mildred) & (Son - Jeffrey)  
Margaret Kholes  
Norm Martin (Council Member)  
John & Sally Myers (Council Member & Spouse)  
Brian O'Connor's (Mother - Patricia), (Daughter - Amy Bowen), & (Sister-In-Law –  
Kathy Schaeffer, Heart Surgery)  
Ed O'Keefe's (Daughter – Mallory) & (Mother, RIP)  
Mike Novak (Council Member, Grand Knight)  
Mike Novak's brothers, Al & Walt  
Mike Novak's Close Friend Charles Knott  
Mike Novak's Cousin Brother Robert Novak C.S.S.R.  
Phil Pfarr's Friend Stephanie MacLennan By Pass Surgery  
Dick Seajack (K of C Member)- Past State Deputy  
Mike Walsh's (Grand Niece Charlotte Vasilaks Only one month old) &  
(Son-In-Law – Shawn, Surgery)  
Wendy Ward (Ladies Auxiliary)  
Steve Wisneuski (Council Member)  
John Young's (Son – Eric) & (Grandson – Cooper)

Pray for our country's peace keepers serving around the world and first responders, especially the police officers. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our country, state and county's citizens. Pray for our local priests & deacons and that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations.

# THREE MONTH PLANNER

JANUARY 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
TUE	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	All Day
MON	7	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	11	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SAT	12	Spiritual Reflection Retreat @ St. Francis de Sales	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MON	14	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	18	March for Life (Washington D. C.)	TBD
SAT	19	Consecration of the Family	5:00 PM
SUN	20	Consecration of the Family	All Masses
MON	21	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	21	K of C General Meeting (Admissions Degree)	7:30 PM
FRI	25	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
TUE	29	Admissions Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
FRI	1	Super Bowl Chowder Preparation	TBD
SAT	2	Super Bowl Chowder Sales	TBD
SUN	3	K of C Pancake Breakfast	TBD
MON	4	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	8	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
MON	11	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	14	VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION	All Day
MON	18	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	18	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	22	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
MARCH 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
MON	4	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
WED	6	ASH WEDNESDAY	All Day
FRI	8	Malvern Retreat, PA (First Day)	All Day
FRI	8	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SUN	10	Malvern Retreat, PA (Last Day)	All Day
MON	11	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM

THU	14	Chowder Preparation	TBD
FRI	15	Chowder& Sales	TBD
SAT	16	Saint Patrick's Day Celebration Dance	TBD
SUN	17	HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	All Day
MON	18	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	18	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	22	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
MARCH 2019 (CONTINUED)			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
FRI	28	Chowder Preparation	TBD
SAT	29	Chowder Preparation & Sales	TBD



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