



The Knight Times

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New Year Brings New Opportunities

By Ken Colombini

I forgot to mention in the last newsletter the Knights who were recently recognized with Knight of the Month honors in a brief meeting after November's Memorial Mass. Seeing Ron Meier's mention below of the Wilsons as the Family of the Month for November, let me single out these four:

August - Pete Bruggeman (Blood Drive)

September - Ron Meier (Ice Cream Social)

October - Mike Pfeifer (DD Drive)

November - Al Tornabeni (Club 150)

These Knights have all been very active with the Council for some time, and are familiar faces at our meetings. I hope that 2021 will provide the opportunity for some new faces to get more involved in activities we are planning, and programs that need additional support.

I hope you each feel free and welcome to volunteer for programs, or recommend new ones to make our Council even stronger!

CALENDAR

January 21-29

Pro-Life Novena

Tuesday, January 26

7:30 p.m., via Zoom
Monthly Council Meeting

Sunday, January 31

Fifth Sunday

Saturday, February 20

Catholic Men for Christ
Virtual Conference

Monday, February 8

Officers Planning Meeting
7 p.m., via Zoom

Sunday, February 21

Blood Drive at Ascension
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Virtual Fourth Degree
Exemplification

Advancing in the Knights as Easy as 1, 2, 3, 4

By Tim Lewis

As we enter into the second half of winter, and the hopefully eventual easing of the pandemic, I would like to remind our members of some ways to advance their positions and ranks in the Knights.

We have a great number (around 75+) that have gained their Admission (First) degree of Charity in the past. All are eligible to advance to obtain their Second and Third Degrees of Unity and Fraternity. These degree exemplifica-

tions can be achieved together in an hour-long on-demand virtual process from your own home and at a time that is convenient. [Click here for details.](#)

The in-person Fourth Degree exemplification for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, usually held in March, [has been moved](#) to September. A virtual exemplification ceremony is scheduled for February 21. [Click here for details.](#) I would be happy to assist any Knight who wanted to move forward in the degrees, and can be reached at (314) 757-5800 or rain-maker63017@yahoo.com.

Chaplain's Corner—Defend the Most Defenseless

By Fr. Michael Lampe

On January 22, we recall the anniversary of the unfortunate Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in 1973. We mourn the loss of over 62.5 million Americans because of abortion and pray for the repose of their souls.

We as Catholics are called to defend these defenseless. In years past, many would go to the March for Life in Washington D.C. to make their voices be heard and to protect human life, but this year due to the pandemic and concerns of civil unrest, the March for Life will be mostly virtual.

In recent years we as a nation and state had made progress in the protection of human life. New laws were passed in the state of Missouri to protect life, especially with the Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act in 2019. Although the last free-standing abortion facility in the state reported no abortions for December 2020, we must keep in mind that it is still a licensed abortion facility capable of performing abortions and still advertises they do abortions there. Those who visit the St. Louis clinic can easily be referred to the clinic in Fairview Heights, Illinois for their abortions.

Archbishop Gomez, President of the USCCB made a statement on the day of President Biden's inauguration. In it, he said the following:

... For the nation's bishops, the continued injustice of abortion remains the "preeminent priority." ... as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion.

Abortion is a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. ... It is also a matter of social justice. We cannot ignore the reality that abortion rates are much higher among the poor and minorities, and that the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children who would be born with disabilities.

Rather than impose further expansions of abortion and contraception, as he has promised, I am hopeful that

the new President and his administration will work with the Church and others of good will. ...

While we rejoice in the advances made for the protection of human life, we must also persevere in our efforts given the new challenges being faced for pro-life causes.

Let us all pray for an end to abortion, for healing of those wounded by abortion, for those considering abortion that they may be touched by the grace of God and choose life for their child, and for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death.

Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that *Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.



Joannes Paulus M. I.
— *Evangelium Vitae*

From the Family Director

By Ron Meier

In November, we were happy to announce the November Family of the Month, Larry and Bev Wilson. We thank them for all their support they provide to our Council, Parish and Community.

In December, we had our first-ever Santa Drive-By. It was held in front of the Little Church. There were a total of 185 children that stopped by and saw Santa and Mrs. Claus. Every child was given a treat bag and had the opportunity to visit with Santa. I want to thank my Brother Knights Tim Lewis, Jerry Lamoureux, Joe Bureski, Ramiro Benitez, Bob Dulin, Jim Klug and John Brugger for their assistance. Also, a special thanks to Mrs. Claus (Rosanna Benitez) and Lollie Carroll.

Fifth Sunday, January 31

On Sunday, Jan. 31, we will be celebrating our First Fifth Sunday of 2021. With so many people attending Mass virtually and with having to social distance even in church, we are asking all Brother Knights and their families to keep Fifth Sunday intentions in your prayers and [pray this prayer](#).

Future Events

The St. Patrick's Day Party scheduled for March has been postponed due to the current COVID-19 conditions. We have scheduled Saturday, March 12, 2022 for our next St. Patrick's Party. So pack away your shillelagh and your green shirt, pants and hats till next year. Just don't forget where you put them!

With Easter being Sunday, April 4, we will discuss with Fr. Molini what his plans are for the parish for Easter Sunday. As more information becomes available, we will share it with the Council.

From our Field Agent

By Gabe Jones

Happy New Year! Welcome 2021!

Could we be any prouder of our nurses, doctors, aides, respiratory therapists, and all those at the tip of the spear in this fight against the corona virus? Thanks to all of them. How about teachers? They retooled and kept their students learning in a virtual world! How about you members that pitched in in local communities and made sure that you would Leave No Neighbor Behind? Thanks for all you are doing to make this world a better place where we take care of our brothers and sisters.

Of course, the new year brings us to...making resolutions. That is a good thing! But being cooped up and working from home for the better part of the year have given all of us plenty of time to think about the things we need to change. All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often for those who feel comfortable attending Mass.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? We have a brand-new tool to use to help analyze your financial needs—Profiles Professional. With this tool you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. And with the pandemic, many are taking stock of what they have to protect those they love. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out.

Long term care insurance protects those assets

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What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses...and we can meet virtually over the computer...to first determine what is-

sues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and develop a strategy to get you where you want to go. All done with a virtual appointment over your computer and at your convenience.

As your field agent I'm a brother taking care of brothers. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your will be closer to your goals.

Vivat Jesus!

From the Community Director

By Dan Duffy

February 21 – Reach Out Sunday

Menus will be distributed after This Sunday's Mass for Reach Out Sunday. Please bring all food and clothing donations to the Ascension MPR before or after each of the scheduled Masses.

February 21 – KOC/Mercy Blood Drive

There remains a vital need for blood donations in St. Louis County. Please consider either volunteering or

donating blood on Sunday, 2/21 in the Ascension MPR. The blood drive runs from 7:30AM to 1:30PM. Please speak with Pete Bruggeman to help at 636 530-9057.

September 13 — KOC Charity Golf Tournament
The Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the Little School at Ascension and the Academy of St. Louis is now planned for 9/13 at the Landings at Spirit Golf Club from 10:30 AM to 8 PM. Save the date and know ... much more will follow!

JOIN CLUB 150. BECAUSE SOMETIMES, IT'S GOOD TO GIVE *and* RECEIVE

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Insert check for \$150 payable to Ascension Knights
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our parish, school, and local charities!**

We've already had one winner! With a \$150 club membership to benefit Ascension and local charities, you will be automatically entered into two quarterly drawings of \$500 each, and one Grand Prize drawing of \$3,000. All members and an adult guest will be invited to an annual appreciation event for the final drawing. All those over 18 are eligible; more than one family member may join. Participants need not be present to win. Use this form, or sign up and pay online:

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