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**Brothers,**

I hope you and your families find yourselves safe and well during this difficult time. Again, as I did last month, I will use my GK message here to relay important information to anyone that may need it or can pass it to those that do.

First, we will be organizing a calling tree to conduct wellness checks on all our Brothers. An email will be coming out later today with more information regarding this.

Second, Catholic Charities has established an Emergency Food Distribution Network for San Diego County and are looking for Brother Knights to assist in pick up from Cathedral High School to the various parishes in our Diocese. If you are looking for some way to participate and do something during this time, this is a fantastic way to help those that can not help themselves at this time. Please contact Chapter President Armando Mena, whose information is found on our Officer's List under Community Director at the end of our publication. An email will be coming out later today with the callout from Chapter with the necessary information on how to register to volunteer.

Third, the live stream schedule for the Holy Week Liturgies has been published on the Parish website for those interested in tuning in to those.

We are currently living in a time where we may be looking to others to lean on for support or wish to support those that need it. Please observe social distancing protocols when going out, wear a mask, and make as few trips out as needed. If you have any questions regarding the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me either via phone or email.

Together in Christ,  
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**Prayer List**

**\*For Pope Francis and the Catholic Church**

**\*For Brother Knights:** Roger Alves, Walt Arney, Mike Bettencourt, Frank Brophy, Michael Brown, Bob Conboy, Jim Delfin, Grant Denney, Charley Ells, Ramon Garcia, Mel Genter, Jaime Guerra, Ron Harvey, Steven Kimball, Travis Jones, Ulpiano Juguilon, Dave Marvin, Br. Kevin Moshier (Spiritual Director). Bernie Nacional, John O'Brien, Ron Restaino, George Rovetto, Ben Russell, Jack Sampson, Stuart Schepp, Don Schweibold, Bryan Simpson, Robert Sucher, Paul Vaifanua, Alonso Vega, and Joe Zagata.

**\*For Brother Knights' Friends and Family:** Wauneta Garcia (Wife of BK Eugene), John Gomez (Friend of BK Eugene), Michelle Schad-[Daughter of BK Barry Horton] Cassandra Marvin (Wife of BK David), Father Vincent Mesi, OFM (our pastor), and Sherry Reising (Wife of BK Tom), Don Naffziger's brother William - Sandra Ramerez [friend of Gilbert Alveraz]- Tom Schall and Michael Barmettler friends of PGK Dennis Barmettler. Dorothy Arney, wife of BK Walt Arney. Renee Lemieux, friend of BK Larry Boyle.

**\*For the faithful departed:** Keep all of our faithfully departed BKs in your prayers.

**\*For our deployed Brother Knights on active duty:** Chad Buckel and Adrian Cardenas.

**\*For the promotion of Priestly Vocations and especially for Brother Knights:** Bishop Joe Coffey (chaplain USN), Fr. Luis Guzman, Fr. Jorge Hernandez, Fr. Louis Khoury, Fr. Peter Kirwin, Fr. Armando Lopez, Fr. Arturo Lopez, and Fr. Ed Sarrazin. Fr. Sam Nasada, O.F.M.



**Happy Birthday Brothers – April 2020**



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**Richard Giroux-01, Jim Delfin-03, Don Diaz-03,  
Ulpiano Juguilon-03, Joseph Leedy-03, Florentino Mariscal-03,  
Gary Valente-04, Dennis Martinez-05, Tuputala Paulo Jr-05,  
Rudy Estrada-06, Albert Cruz-07, Laau Simi-07, Josue Hernandez-08,  
Bradley Lees-08, Andres Berdeja-11, William Liggan-11,  
Dave Felix-14, Eugene Garcia-16, Emmanuel Patino-16,  
David Closas-17, Donald Mackenzie-21, Armando Mena-23,  
William McConnell-24, Jesus Navarez-24, Fr. Louis Khoury-26  
Alejandro Rivera-27, William Becker-29, Brandon Daniels-29**

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**APRIL - GOOD ADVICE**

**Insurance Corner**

Remember your teacher's good advice? "Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction." Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job -or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone.

Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals.

This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation. ..just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do-everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our own dreams and hopes for our families. Life insurance programming is a service you should have. ..and one that I provide. Call me today. I want to hear from you.

**Ron Restaino – Field Agent (858) 538-9741 [Ron.Restaino@KofC.org](mailto:Ron.Restaino@KofC.org).**

**2020 Membership Card**

All Council members who have pay their 2020 Council Dues should have received their white 2020 membership card. This card allows you to attend any KofC council meeting where ever you are located or visiting. If you have any questions about your KofC Membership Dues or Membership record, please contact our Financial Secretary.

**Columbian Retirement Home Inc.**

This **Free information** is available to all KofC members and family in California. The Columbian Retirement Home Inc. is a non-profit corporation founded in 1973 by the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Columbian Center in Marysville, CA provides reasonably priced retirement housing for brother Knights and others who would find comfort in a faith-based setting.

The Columbian Retirement Home also provides assistance through the Columbian Senior Advisory Service (CSAS). The CSAS is dedicated to offering guidance and support, linking you with **helpful community resources in your area** and providing reliable information on housing and care options for the elderly. This is a **FREE service** for Knights of Columbus members, their family and friends.

Columbian Retirement Home is committed to helping member Knights, their immediate families and others navigate through the sometimes-confusing array of senior services and housing now available in California. If you have questions, please call (530) 743-7542.

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**365 Club Donation**

In 1955, the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For almost sixty years, we have consistently worked to provide charity, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate of BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.

We ask that every Brother in California join the 365 Club and **donate a penny a day, by adding an additional \$3.65 to their dues payment.** This will provide every Brother in your Council an opportunity to practice charity, unity and fraternity. We hope that 100% of the active Councils in California will contribute. The council should hold these funds until May when they can be brought to the State Convention.

For more information on the 365 Club and other state council programs, please visit the KofC State Council website at [www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org). There is a link on Council website.

**Domestic Church -April 2020**

Because our children may be called to become spouses and parents, we want to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life. All of us are called to self-giving love. Understanding that we are called to such love in each of our relationships can be difficult, especially for teenagers and young adults. They often define a relationship's worth by the feelings or emotions they experience. Immature romantic love — such as a teen's first crush — shows love in an emotional stage. It can be fleeting and fickle, but it may also lead to the important element of loving friendship. In this latter stage, each person wants the best for the other and for themselves. The move from "I" to "we" in a romantic relationship becomes an integral step toward the self-surrender and personal commitment required for a successful marriage and start of a family. Helping others to navigate and come to understand such deep emotions of friendship and love can be one of the greatest challenges and rewards a family can face. Meditation From an address of Pope Francis given on July 28, 2013. God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us. Some are called to holiness through family life in the sacrament of marriage. Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion. Is it out of fashion? In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of "enjoying" the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision "forever," because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries ... to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love. 1. Do I share Pope Francis' confidence in me, that I am capable of true love and responsibility? Can I recognize the virtues that I need to develop in

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order to nurture my relationships with my spouse and my family? 2. What is an “ephemeral love,” and how is it different from a lasting and life18 APRIL long committed love? How does lasting love affect other members of a family? 3. How does our family complete its “mission” to guard love, reveal love or communicate love.

**From Carl Anderson -Supreme Knight -March 16<sup>th</sup> ,2020**

Dear Brother Knights,

As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the actions and responses taken by the Knights of Columbus. The coronavirus disease is not the first pandemic the Knights of Columbus has faced. In the late nineteenth century, and again in 1918, the Knights remained strong and active despite such situations. And together, we will do so again this time. We know that this period will be difficult in various ways for everyone, and we want to assure you that the Knights of Columbus is fully committed to you and your family, and has taken the steps necessary to continue our important work on your behalf – from protecting the faith and financial stability of members’ families, to helping members put their faith into action by providing important charitable service within their communities.

Although to our knowledge, no staff at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or Museum in New Haven or at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., have tested positive for COVID-19, we have implemented remote operations for most staff, allowing our business processes, customer service and fraternal support to continue their important work uninterrupted, while simultaneously protecting the health of our employees and reducing the risk of community spread of this illness, which is often facilitated by having large groups of people in close proximity to one another.

Furthermore, our sustainable investment strategy means that our exposure to current stock market volatility is limited, and we remain extremely strong financially. With that strength, and the strength that comes from committed employees, we remain positioned and ready to serve our brother Knights. Of course, our agents and our customer service team also remain available to help you with any insurance or related financial needs that you may have. As we implement new systems to serve you and respond to a higher volume of inquiries than usual during this period, it is possible that wait and turnaround times may increase.

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In addition to what we are doing at the Supreme Council headquarters, many brother Knights have asked how they can help in their own communities. We suggest the following:

1. During this period, we urge every member and his family to pray the Supreme Council's novena based on the prayer of Pope Francis ([printable](#) or [video](#) prayer), as well as [a prayer](#) being promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
2. Help keep yourself, your families and your communities safe by cancelling all "in person" Knights of Columbus meetings and activities at the local or state level until otherwise indicated. This disease spreads when groups of people gather, so it is important that we avoid activities that could spread this illness. Councils should pursue online and/or teleconferencing options for meetings, fundraising, etc. until the danger has passed. The Supreme Council will be providing additional information on such options shortly.
3. Leave no Knight – or neighbor – behind. If members of your council – or community – are elderly or have underlying medical conditions, please ensure that they have enough food. If you or others in your council have food to spare, offer to drop something off on their doorstep or to shop online for them.
4. Give blood. Many communities are facing blood shortages. Those not being recommended to isolate themselves due to illness, age or underlying conditions should consider giving blood. National blood drives were pioneered by the Knights of Columbus in the 1930s, and this lifesaving activity remains an important aspect of our charitable work today.

As we move through this pandemic together, you can rest assured that the Knights of Columbus will be there for you. We will provide regular updates in the days ahead, and we will remain joined with you in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.

May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

Fraternally,

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

### **Elections Notice**

If you are interested in running for an Officer Position for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year, please contact GK Jorge Soto to add your name to the slate of nominees to be announced at the May Meeting (or other method TBD). Please see attached document in the email or with your Crusader copy.

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