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Grand Knight's Message – A Renewed Spirit and Focus

Special points of interest:

- * Faith in Action
- * Blood Drive
- * Kairos Prison Movement
- * Golden Knight Program
- * Baby Kelly Green Honored

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For the last couple of months, I have been talking about the Order's new *Faith in Action* service program. The truth is, it is not so much new as a *renewal* to what Knights have always asked its members to do: support faith-filled families in our communities as we promote active and vibrant Catholic lives. We did this with the previous programs but now we are being asked to be more deliberate and focused. To help us do this, Supreme has mandated that we perform specific actions (which are **bolded** below) in support of each of the tenants of *Faith in Action*.

Faith. The goal is to strengthen our Brothers and their families in the faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly inform ourselves in the Catholic faith. This formation goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. To help us develop this tenant, we will be conducting a **Spiritual Formation Program**. As a Council, we will not try and do anything too over the top. We are blessed to have many opportunities within the community to which we can use to build us spiritually. A fellow Knight has been working with Fr. Mel to start Perpetual Adoration. We are all aware of the the St. Michael's Men's Group which holds an annual retreat that Brother Knights should consider attending. Additionally, Benedictus holds quarterly gatherings which feed men physically and spiritually. What makes Benedictus special is it is open to brothers, sons, grandsons, and nephews.

Family. Father Michael J. McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Our family programs are an evolution and response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family. We must make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and each other. The way we will approach this pillar is by helping families in the St. Michael's Community to **consecrate their family to the Holy Family**. It is hoped that this prayer may strengthen our families, revitalize our parish.

Community. As Knights, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families, or in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. We have been called to be more active in our communities, not through pancake breakfasts or fish bakes, but by giving a **Helping Hand**. In Matthew 25:36-37, Jesus outlines what we need to do to help our communities: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, and visit the prisoner. Our parish has a robust Corporal Works of Mercy program that does most of these. As a Council we need to look at how we can support and enhance these ministries.



Life. The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum to include not only the unborn but those who have been marginalized due to perceived disabilities. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (Saint John Paul II, 1995). We will be conducting a **Novena for Life** in January to coincide with the January 19th San Diego Walk for Life. Of course, we will also continue to support the Special Olympics and hold our annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive later this fall.

As you can see, this "new" program of service will allow us Knights to get out into our communities and be the visible arm of the Church. We will be the shining Knights other men will want to be a part of because they know we are men of courage, action, and love. I look forward to doing this program with you.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Ercolano
Grand Knight**

Advice from the Advocate

Article III Sec. 6 states:

At the of the end of each semiannual period, the Board of Trustees shall meet and audit the several books of this Council. In each January and July, the Board of Trustees shall make a full report of their findings, including the receipts and disbursements of the money of this council for the previous semiannual period, the balance on hand to the various funds at the end of each semiannual period, and the assets and liabilities of the Council. The Grand Knight shall issue the call for such meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Now since this is money from your dues and from fund raisers you spent many hours donating your time to, you may want to know we are following proper accounting procedures.

**John Giltner
Council Advocate**

Knights Saving Lives

The blood drive on July 15th was AMAZING!! We collected 42 units. There were so many donors, the collection agents had to stop walk-ins an hour early because they ran out of collection bags and ice.

Many thanks to Brothers John Beauharnois, Jim Fitzgerald, Bill Uberti, and Paul Zadrozny who were able to assist after Masses and help sign-up donors. A special thanks to Jim Fitzgerald who stepped up at the last minute and assisted in the set-up of the event. Also, a HUGE thanks to those who donated their blood. As you may have heard, there has been a blood shortage and the 42 units collected will go a long way to help those in most need.

I know of at least one Lady Knight who needed a blood transfusion two days after the blood drive. The chances that the blood collected on the 15th directly helped her is uncertain, but we do know that the blood used needed to be replenished and there is no doubt the blood our Council helped to collect will help someone else's family member.





Deputy Grand Knight

Gracious good day, fellow Knights. First things first. Please join me in extending a huge "thank you" to brother Knights Matthew, Mark, and "Mac" for stepping up to take on the Chairmanship roles for the Faith (Matthew), Community (Mark), and Life ("Mac") Programs. The things these brother Knights will do in this upcoming Columbian year will have a significant impact upon this Council, this Parish, and this entire Community. Thank you, Brothers. We still need one more Brother to step up and take on the Chairmanship of the remaining vacant program; Family Programs. If you are feeling the call to service, please consider taking this one on. It is such an important ministry the Worthy Grand Knight will oversee the program until a Brother Knight is willing to step-up. Thank you.

Here are some of the major events coming up over the next couple months. August will give us a chance to catch our breaths in preparation for a very busy Columbian year, as we have only one major event scheduled in the month. It is the first Membership Drive of the year and it is scheduled on the weekend of 11 and 12 August. Put it on your calendar and be ready to take a few minutes after Mass to engage prospective Knights at one of the exits or patio. Buy them a cup of coffee, if that's what it takes to keep them hanging around long enough hear about who we are and what we do. Our new web-based application process should prove particularly attractive to younger men.

September is going to be a really great month. The new Faith Program requires that we participate in a Spiritual Reflection Program. We're in luck! San Diego has a powerful men's group called "Benedictus." It will meet in the Holy Family Center on the 15th of September. Also, the St. Michael's Men's Group meets the last Saturday of every month and many Knights are also members of that group. All Knights should take the time to attend this spiritually renewing event. If you do nothing else, please consider attending this Benedictus. You will be glad you did.

There are some additional events in September that are still being finalized. There will be more about them in the weeks to come. In Community Programs, we may be having another Soccer Challenge, perhaps on the 22nd as well, but that still needs to be finalized. Brother Mark will need volunteers. A "Life Choices" Event is scheduled for the 28th and the Council Pot Luck will be at the end of the month.

More to follow on all of those. The Intellectual Disabilities Drive will also be taking place on the last week of the month, but we are still looking for a fellow Knight to step up and take that one on. Kudos to "Frenchy" for taking on the Fall Festival in October. Needless to say, he will need lots of help. We also need a Brother Knight to consider taking on the Flag Retirement Ceremony in November. I have done them in the past and it is very rewarding. The good news is there is no reluctance to volunteer in this Council.

Please check the Council calendar for more information on upcoming events.

Barry Cronin

Deputy Grand Knight and Programs Director



The Golden Knight Program

Starting this Columbian Year, our Council will institute the Golden Knight Program. This program will assign points to Brother Knights based on their support of Council activities. Recognition awards and prizes will be given throughout the year.

Here are how points will be awarded:

- 1 point for attending each General and Officer's meeting
- 1 point per hour for KofC volunteer work
- 5 points per month for Program Chairs (e.g.: Worthy Shephard, Faith in Action Chairs, Golden Knight Chair)
- 5 Points per day for Event Chairs (e.g.: Fish Bake, Blood Drive, E-waste, Free Throw Contest)

Event Chairmen will be responsible to have a sign-in sheet for volunteers and forward the hours worked for each volunteer at the end of each event to the Golden Knight Coordinator.

The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary are ineligible to receive awards or prizes.

For more information, contact the Golden Knight Program Coordinator, Brother Richard Weiner at weinerrichardj@gmail.com.

Meeting God in Prison



God's Special Time

The St. Michael's Community has been strong in helping those most in need. We have many strong and vibrant ministries that feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, are inviting to the stranger, cloth the naked, and look after the sick. We should be comforted in knowing that our time, talents, and treasures have helped people from here in Poway to Columbia, from the Philippines to Sudan, and places in between.

For those familiar with **Matthew 25:35-36**, you may have noticed a group of people I failed to mention: those in prison. I want to share with you an organization that has the sole mission of sharing the transforming love of God and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. This organization is called "Kairos." *Kairos* is Greek that means "God's time" and is modeled after the Cursillo Three-Day Movement. As a matter of fact, Kairos was originally called "Cursillo in Prison."

As a strong St. Michael's community, we are fortunate to know that God is with us ALWAYS...regardless of where we are, or what we have done. Most prisoners don't know this – they have no hope – and they need people like us to tell them that...to show them. Kairos does this.

It is easy to help. It can be as easy as saying a prayer or baking cookies, or if you are up to the challenge, and don't have money to travel to Haiti, you can roll up your sleeves and come with me and a few others from the St. Michael's Community who go into the prison and meet a child of God who is in needs of knowing God loves them, and forgives them. If you are you interested, please contact Mike Ercolano at 619-394-1179 or by email at wqk.stmikes@gamil.com.



A Minute with the Membership Chairman

Father Mel has given the council permission to conduct a membership drive to be held August 11 and 12. We need all members to support, as you did at the last drive. We will cover all doors of the church. If you get a Catholic gentleman who is willing to talk, start with the reason you joined.

The Council asks for you to give just 10 minutes after the Mass you usually attend. For married members, please ask your wife to stand by your side. While you speak with a prospect, your wife can explain what being a Knight family means to her.

A well informed prospective member will be an easy to retain member. Give each prospect a copy of our council brochure, so he knows what programs and activities our Council conducts annually. A recent copy of the Columbia magazine will give the prospect a global view of the Order, so bring your copy to the next general meeting or the weekend of the membership drive. Orient the prospect about our council and the Order's mission properly and completely.

Please remember you must get a prospect's name and phone number; don't give him your info as he may lose it and not call you. Without this information I cannot follow up. In addition, if you want credit for bringing in a new member, ask me for an interview sheet. Sponsoring a candidate is more than just getting a name. Going through the interview may disqualify a candidate.

We will have lots of KofC information available including lots of contact cards. Just get the name and phone number of the individual and I will follow up. If you want credit for bring in a member put your name on the back of the card. But, remember there is more to sponsoring a prospect than just getting a name and phone number.

Fraternally,

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP

Council Membership Chairman



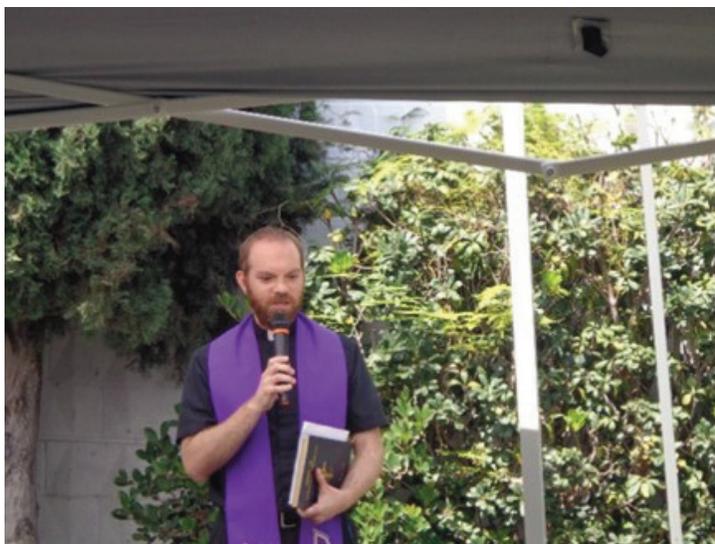


HONORS RENDERED TO BABY KELLY MARIE GREEN

On Saturday, July 21st, Father Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly took part in a Memorial Graveside Service in conjunction with St. Michael's Council at Holy Cross Cemetery, Garden of Innocence, for Baby Kelly Marie Green, daughter of SK Allen and Karen Green. Baby Kelly died after eight months of pregnancy and was delivered stillborn at 5 pounds 1 ounce, 18 inches.

Father David Exner, Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Church led the liturgical prayer service which included reflections from SK Allen and Karen Green. The Color Corps rendered sword salutes and paid their respects to Allen and Karen which was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks goes out to Color Corps members Bill Uberti, and Paul Thoreson, and especially to Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitiello, and District Marshal Roark Galloway. Other Assembly members who honored Baby Kelly included SK Mike and Sherri Ercolano (Grand Knight of St. Michael's Council), SK Terry Barefoot, and SK Mark Wreschinsky (who took photos). Also in attendance was Brother Chris Garoutte from St. Michael's Council.



Father David Exner delivers his reflections during the Memorial Service.

District Marshal Roark Galloway, Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitiello, Faithful Navigator Bill Uberti, and Faithful Trustee Paul Thoreson all draw swords to honor Baby Kelly, accompanied by SK Mike and Lady Sherri Ercolano.



Ask All Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder’s Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn’t joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, Remember our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family with insurance that goes along with their Catholic faith.

Soon after joining us, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, Parish and many other causes. They are proud to be members and a key part of our Order.

Your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agents, look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that they can.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Council General Meetings – first Wednesday of each month
Officers Meetings – third Wednesday of each month
Members are welcome to attend each meeting.

AUGUST 2018

11th/12th – Membership Drive
19th – Formation Degree Ceremony

SEPTEMBER 2018

15th – **Faith/Spiritual Reflection Program:** Benedictus
22nd – **Community:** Soccer Challenge
28nd – **Life:** Life Choices Event
28th – **Family:** Council Pot Luck
29th/30th – **Life:** Intellectual Disabilities Drive

OCTOBER 2018

All Masses – **Life:** *Life Before Birth* calendar/ Ultrasound drive
All Masses – **Family:** *Put Christ in Christmas* Card Sales
5th/6th – **Community:** Fall Festival
13th/14th – Membership Drive
17th – **Family:** Fraternal Benefits Night
21st – **Community:** Council Blood Drive

NOVEMBER 2018

All Masses – **Life:** *Life Before Birth* calendar/ Ultrasound drive
All Masses – **Family:** Put Christ in Christmas Card Sales
TBD – **Community:** Flag Retirement Ceremony
TBD – Prepare Knight's Room for SMS Santa's Workshop
10th/11th – **Community/Helping Hands:** Homeless Veterans Drive
30th – **Community:** Catholic Citizens Contest

DECEMBER 2018 (Note: there will be no General Meeting this month)

All Masses – **Life:** *Life Before Birth* calendar/ Ultrasound Drive
All Masses – **Family:** Put Christ in Christmas Card Sales
All Masses – **Community:** Crab Fest and Family Buffet ticket sales
TBD – **Family:** Journey to the Inn
1st – **Faith/Spiritual Reflection Program:** Benedictus
7th – **Community:** Altar Server Christmas Party
8th – **Family:** Annual Christmas Party
9th – **Family:** Christmas Pancake Breakfast



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DECEMBER 2018 (con't)

29th – **Community:** E-waste and Document Drive

30th – **Family:** Consecration to the Holy Family

JANUARY 2019

All Masses – **Community:** Crab Fest and Family Buffet ticket sales

10th-18th – **Life:** Novena for Life

17th – **Family:** Coats for Kids

19th – **Life:** San Diego Walk for Life

26th – **Community:** Basketball Free Throw and 3-Point Contest

FEBRUARY 2019

2nd – **Community:** Crab Fest and Family Buffet

17th – **Faith:** Corporate Communion

MARCH 2019

All Masses – **Family:** 40 Cans for Lent/Food for Families

8th – **Community:** Fish Bake

15th – **Community:** Fish Bake

22nd – **Community:** Fish Bake

23rd/24th – Membership Drive

29th – **Community:** Fish Bake

APRIL 2019

First two Saturday/Sunday Masses – **Family:** 40 Cans for Lent/Food for Families

5th – **Community:** Fish Bake

12th – **Family:** Council Pot Luck

13th/14th – Membership Drive

21st – **Family:** Springtime Pancake Breakfast

27th/28th – Membership Drive

MAY 2019

4th – **Community:** E-waste and Document Drive

JUNE 2019

11th – **Faith:** Priesthood Sunday Burial Site Clean-up

24th – Installation of Officers