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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Merry Christmas.

Christmas during a pandemic is going to be a bit different. We need to take extra care to watch out for each other during this time. If there is anything you need, please let me or one of your fellow Knights know. We have brothers standing by to provide whatever assistance we can. Clearing leaves, shoveling snow (if/when we get any), help getting to appointments, we are here to help each other.

We have a couple events coming up:

* Document Shredding Event on December 5th.

* Consecration to the Holy Family on December 27th.

* The annual Art Action in February is still on, it will be done Virtually.

We may not be able to do all the traditional events, but our council is still active and there are opportunities for those who feel safe getting involved.

A quick refresher on the Consecration to the Holy Family:

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

VJ!

Br Barry B., GK

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Check out our Web Site: <https://nativityburke.org/knightscouncil7992/>



Announcements

December Council Meetings

December's council meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays, the 1st and 15th. Please join us at 7:15pm to pray the Rosary; meeting begins at 7:30.

In order to continue our council business during this pandemic, we meet virtually using GoTo Meeting. You can join via your computer's audio/video, or simply dial in on your phone to enter the access code — no computer or app required to do it that way.

If you have trouble downloading the app, call our webmaster, Br Michael Bender, and he can help you.

GoToMeeting instructions:

Name of Meeting room: 7992 Virtual Business Meeting

Please join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/605874277>

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (224) 501-3412, Access Code: 605-874-277

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when the next meeting starts. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/605874277>

Prayer Requests

WGK Barry created a form to allow brothers to enter prayer requests to speed up the process during meetings and allow prayer requests to be made outside of meetings. The link to the Prayer request

form is: <https://forms.gle/HptiHZkirVRKPH6p8>

There will still be a call for prayer requests during meetings; this is just another way to do it. Feedback is also welcome if you have any ideas on how to improve the form.

Happy Birthday, Brother Knights!

Join us in wishing "happy birthday" to our brothers celebrating their birthdays in December: Ryan Daly,

David Dawes, Edward

Gutierrez, John Kliem,

Jose Merino Brito,

Thomas Fields Jr, Joseph

Ostrowski, Kevin Tate,

Michael Grabski, Arthur

Hapner, Brendan Mclane,

Michael Ragnetti III, Peter

Cocolis Jr, Kevin Kearny,

William McCool, Wilson

Saldana, Mark Corzine, Angelo DeCecco, Mark Myelle,

Michael Giardina, Thomas O'Malley, Antonio

Apaestegui, Arthur Miller, Michael Gallagher, Thomas

Jaster, Timothy Kenny, Robb Meert, Taylor Oncale, Daniel Alcantara, Kevin Burke, Thomas Goodwin, Nick Gurick, Thomas Feerst Jr, Vincent Augelli, Carlos Perez

III, Robert Sampson,

Craig Wevley, Stephen

Mergens, Joseph

O'Connor, Rev Nicholas

Wyborski, Jeremiah

McEnerney, Jon Taets,

Matthew Bubak, Robert

Hegblom, Patrick Kane,

Deacon Richard Kelly,

Ralph Sandfry, Erik

Manuel Giblin, Michael

Litzelman, Charles Barchok, Michael Bender, Joseph

Dezzutti, Joseph Sundy, Julio Varillas, and Raymond

Wycoff.



Name Tag Assistance

If you have not received a name tag, please send an email to the Worthy Warden, Tom Siepmann, at siepmann1@hotmail.com. He will order one for you.

Show your pride and wear your council name tag



Need Volunteers: Council Degree Team

With the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, we would like to solicit volunteers for our Degree team. If you enjoy public speaking, this would be a good use of your talent and interest. Contact

PGK John Ostrowski at jaostrowski89@gmail.com if you are interested. If you are a current member of our First Degree team, please contact John O if you would like to continue as a member of the new team.

We're Social!

Our council has joined the world of social media. You can "like" and "follow" us on Facebook and Twitter.

- Our Facebook page is: <https://facebook.com/KofC7992>. Make sure to "like" and "follow" us.

- Our Twitter handle is: [@kofc7992](https://twitter.com/kofc7992). Log on to your Twitter account and type our handle into the search bar. Once you come to our page, make sure to follow us by clicking "follow."

We will update both of those pages with useful event info, announcements, etc.

Council Corona Virus Assistance Effort

Thank you to the team of Brother Knights who made the phone calls to all our Council members to check on the wellbeing of our Brother Knights and families.

Thank you also to all the Brothers who volunteered to provide assistance to those in need during this period of global pandemic.

We have a robust group of volunteers, such that we'll be able to offer sustainable assistance for the

duration of the COVID-19 impacts without undue burden to any one volunteer.

If you are a brother, or if you know of a brother, who can't get out to make essential grocery purchases or is otherwise in need of assistance because of being among the more vulnerable by reason of age or medical condition, or if you have any questions about this effort, please contact please Br. Rich Miserendino, Fraternal Committee Chair, at 703-440-0991 or KOC7992Fraternal@gmail.com.

Policy for Accepting Council Checks

Checks should be made checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 7992" or "Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council #7992" for all events and member dues except Appalachia, KOVAR, and the Car Raffle.

Appalachia checks should be made payable to the "Church of the Nativity" or "Nativity Catholic Church;"

on the check memo line include "Appalachia Home Build." KOVAR checks can be made payable to "KOVAR" for member tax deduction purposes or "Knights of Columbus Council 7992" with no member tax deduction allowed. Car Raffle checks should be made payable to "All Saints Catholic Church," on the check memo line include "Car Raffle."

Honorary Membership — Silver

A member who has attained the age of 65 years of age and who has been a member of the Order 25

consecutive years shall be designated an Honorary member in his council. Member dues are reduced to \$10.00 per fraternal year.

Honorary Life Membership — Gold

A member who has attained the age of 70 years of age and who has been a member of the Order for 25 consecutive years or who has been a member of the Order for 50 consecutive years regardless of age, shall be designated as Honorary Life in his council. Priests

and religious brothers are permitted access to all KOC functions with only the Honorary Life membership card. Parish Priests and religious brothers are automatic Honorary Life Members and are treated as such. There are no member dues charged for Honorary Life members.



Community

KOVAR — Combined Federal Campaign, United Way, and Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities.

You can give to KOVAR through the various Charitable Campaigns. If you do donate this way, please send PGK Mark Sawyer (sawyer koc7992@verizon.net) a

picture/copy of your donation so we can get credit for it.

KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way of the Greater Capital Area.

- CFC — #4256
- United Way Campaigns in Greater DC Area — #8838
- Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign -State Employees - #200467

Helping our Neighbors — Feeding the Hungry

Our council is very active in efforts to ensure our neighbors have enough food for themselves and their families. These efforts can always use more assistance. Please consider volunteering.

Neighborhood food distribution through Food for Others (FFO), a food bank and food pantry in Fairfax County.

Thursday evenings in Seven Corners, contact PGK Mark Sawyer, sawyer koc7992@verizon.net, for more information.

Friday evenings in Springfield, contact Matthew Stockberger, mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Food recovery through FFO, on Tuesdays between 11am and 1pm from the Giant location on the Burke Center Parkway and delivering it to the FFO warehouse in Fairfax. For more details, contact Bob Colella, rkascolella@verizon.net.

St Lucy Project Food Drives, contact the St Lucy Nativity team, nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com.

Two Words: "ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY is coming in January!"

The next pick-up date is Saturday, 9 January, 2021, weather permitting. Volunteers will gather at 10am in the Church of the Nativity lower parking lot (Old Keene Mill Road) and have a brief organizational meeting where vests and bags will be distributed before departing to pick up trash along Old Keene Mill Road between Fairfax County Parkway and Lee Chapel Road. It is anticipated that the clean-up activity will be completed before 11:30am if enough volunteers are available. If you are able to participate, mark your calendars, and quickly

respond NOW at t [AAHJanuarySUG](https://www.facebook.com/AAHJanuarySUG) or email Br George Getek at ggetek@aol.com where the first "AWARD-WINNING ELITE EIGHT" VOLUNTEERS will be given priority.

(Note: Under current pandemic conditions, social distancing will be maintained and wearing of masks will be strongly encouraged during AAH.)



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for 3-5 volunteers to serve on the Widows Program Committee. Members will be responsible for maintaining contact with 1-2 widows

on a quarterly basis, inviting widows to Council activities, and most importantly bringing any special needs to the Council. Please contact Br Bob Corsi at: 703-239-2890, bobcorsi@cox.net.

Recruiting New Brothers

Do you know someone who has been on the fence about joining the Knights? The Supreme Council will

be making a special Membership offer in honor of our founder Fr McGivney getting beatified and officially declared Blessed later this year.

Handy Knights Ministry

Fellow Knights — are you handy? Do you aspire to be handy? Do you have a few hours a month to volunteer to help parishioners who need a little bit of help in their homes? Sometimes it is just changing a lightbulb, sometimes it is helping to sort out a remote control for a TV, and mostly it is about spending time

with folks who are our parishioners who maybe are getting along in years and don't get to have much company.

I am looking to fill a roster with volunteers. If you are interested, please email me and tell me what your talents are and I will keep you on file when a job that fits your talents comes up.

Brother Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com

Knight's Prison Ministry

Our Knight's Prison Ministry, a 501c3 Charity, is looking for a Book keeper or Accountant to work four hours per week. We are looking at the lowest bid to hire.

we give them, to become financially secure. This opportunity also gives them independence, and a future to believe in.

The Accountant or Bookkeeper that we hire, only needs to work on the books. However, if they would like to meet the people that we help, that would be nice.

Our Prison Ministry hires recent paroles and uses their skills to paint and fix up houses. Our Ministry is a Godsend to our paroles, who now use the work that

Mike Litzelman, PGK

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

The novena has completed, but the prayer remains as relevant as ever. This is a great prayer to say together as a family, perhaps around the dinner table. You can access the Novena prayer and Bishop Lori's video message here:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/novena-prayer-for-protection.html>

At important moments in the past, the Knights of Columbus has urged its members to pray. We did this at the outset of World War II, after 9/11, and during papal conclaves and civic elections. Today, the world faces a pandemic illness for the first time in a century. Having lost our founder, the Venerable Servant of

God Father Michael McGivney, to a viral pandemic 130 years ago, we know such situations can be very serious.

We also know that prayer is an important expression of our trust in God and our relationship with him.

As Archbishop William E. Lori noted in his video message for this novena: Our response to the pandemic draws on our respect as Catholics for both faith and reason. Reason dictates that we should take the health precautions recommended by medical professionals and by science.

“At the same time,” the archbishop tells us, “our faith makes clear that God is our all-powerful creator and that God is more powerful than any natural force, illness or economic setback.”



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Paper, manila folders, windowed envelopes

NO newspapers, magazines, card board

NO heavy metal object, especially 3-ring binders

NO hard-drives, discs, tapes, etc.



DRIVE THRU



Thanks for your support and God Bless!

For more information, contact:

Marian Homes: Christopher Brensy
email: chris.brensy@marianhomes.org
Phone: 703-801-5495

or

Nativity: PGK Mike Litzelman
Email: mlitzelm1@hotmail.com
Phone: 703-408-3345



December Family Reflection — Joy

Knights are encouraged to reflect this month on Joy. The following reflection is provided to aid the discussion with your family.

Joy is an attribute of God’s divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ. Breaking Open the Theme It is often remarked that faith is caught more than taught in the family. One of the best ways faith is caught is through joy. Joy is not an emotion that can be faked or forced. There is something authentic about it that points to a deeper reality. Joy should be part of the regular fabric of Christian life. The Lord promises his disciples that “no one will take your joy from you” (Jn 16:22), and we are instructed by St. Paul to “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil 4:4). but how is it possible to be joyful when there is sorrow in our lives? The answer is that joy in its deepest sense is not dependent on positive circumstances or upbeat feelings. Joy means having an encounter with God’s infinite love for us, which is always present in our lives. 37 It “adapts and changes, but always endures,”³⁸ even amid great sorrow. It takes the form of a quiet assurance, a reminder that we are God’s beloved sons and daughters. at other times, joy means that one “rejoices with the truth” (1 Cor 13:6), praising aloud the Lord and thanking him for his gifts. but above all, joy comes from “an expansion of the heart”³⁹ through prayer and gestures of love toward others, creating a bright, warm and cheerful atmosphere.

Meditation: From Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia

The expression “chaírei epì te adikía” [“rejoice over wrongdoing”] (1 Cor 13:6). has to do with a negativity lurking deep within a person’s heart. It is the toxic attitude of those who rejoice at seeing an injustice done to others. The following phrase expresses its opposite: sygchaírei te aletheía: “it rejoices in the right”. In other words, we rejoice at the good of others when we see their dignity and value their abilities and good works. This is impossible for those who must always be comparing and competing, even with their spouse, so that they

secretly rejoice in their failures. When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and in this way give glory to God, for “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). Our Lord especially appreciates those who find joy in the happiness of others. If we fail to learn how to rejoice in the well-being of others and focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn ourselves to a joyless existence, for, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (acts 20:35). The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some joys we have experienced in our family? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home?
2. In what ways could we add more joy to our family? Could we be more cheerful in giving and complain less? Could we focus less on our own needs and more on the happiness of a family member? Could we rejoice in our family’s love by affirming each other more with compliments? Could we smile more at our family members?
3. Do we base our lives on the joyful awareness that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, or do we let something rob us of the joy of the Gospel? What is it that robs us? Is it anxiety, fear or impatience? How might prayer help with these things?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 33:1-7, 20-22

A prayer of praise and rejoicing before the Lord

Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the Lord on the harp; on the ten-stringed lyre offer praise. Sing to him a new song; skillfully play with joyful chant. For the Lord’s word is upright; all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right. The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord. By the Lord’s word the heavens

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were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathered the waters of the sea as a mound; he sets the deep into storage vaults. Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and shield. For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust. May your mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in you.

Family Project: Put joy into practice by singing together advent and Christmas hymns, hosting a household advent or Christmas party with special treats, and reading a Christmas story out loud. The story could be Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol or

a book more suitable for young children, like The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola. also consider creating a family book of favorite religious hymns and carols. Have each family member choose a song that they enjoy and make copies to share. Then sing together advent and Christmas songs at times that are convenient. For instance, a family could sing before its family prayer, before bed, before lighting the advent wreath, before opening presents at Christmas, or at another time. If you have young children, sing a few simple songs to them so they can begin to learn the lyrics.

Holiday mas

LIGHT mas

Cookie mas

TINSLE mas

SANTA mas

Gifts mas

PARTY mas



Remember it's CHRIST mas

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Faith

Church Porters

If you are attending a Mass in person, please consider being a Mass Porter. Invite your wife to join you and do it together. If you know someone who is not a Knight but may want to serve the parish, get them signed up, could be a great way to recruit them.

With the COVID situation impacting so many things, our Council's service as Porters is a way to server Nativity **Parish** in a very meaningful way.

November SUG Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

[go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-december](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-december). If you have any questions, please contact PGK John Ostrowski at jaostrowski89@gmail.com.

If you are signing up for the first time, please watch the porter training session that was recorded by Fr Bob. [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/491KMunA2U5OXavkswLPf6AxWa3VX6a82yQd8_YNxRyJMXnHWeg2Hc9GQnx3oKEN](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/491KMunA2U5OXavkswLPf6AxWa3VX6a82yQd8_YNxRyJMXnHWeg2Hc9GQnx3oKEN)

Password: 4w#@\$9T9

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharist Adoration is every Tuesday from 5 — 8pm in the Main Church. All regular precautions will be followed: masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing [Click here](#)

Prison Ministry

Fr Vaccaro is asking brother knights help in writing letters to those incarcerated. He has a list of names

whose lives might be impacted for the better with your correspondence. Please contact him if interested.

Consecration to the Holy Family

December 27th is the Feast of the Holy Family, and our Council will Assist our Pastor, Fr. Bob, in conducting a Consecration to the Holy Family for our parish Families.

You can learn all about this KofC program on the Supreme web page here: www.kofc.org/consecration

The following is a brief outline of the purpose of this event and our plan to execute the program:

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

Our role as the KC council is to assist our Pastor in helping our community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. The idea is that preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through His Church.



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The proposed execution:

1. Our council will advertise this event starting in mid-December on the parish website and the various parish social media sites.
2. **The weekend prior (19/20 December):** Father Bob (or the celebrant at each mass) will make an announcement from the altar, incorporating elements like these:
 - Explain what a consecration is, why it is being undertaken, and how to properly prepare.
 - Suggesting that each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will lead them to continue the practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration has occurred.
 - Encouraging each family to intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last at least a week leading up to the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.

Strongly encouraging each member of all parish families to go to confession before the consecration.

Mention that the Knights will distribute the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards to each Family after mass in the NARTHEX.

--After Mass, Brother Knights will pass out Consecration Prayer Cards to each family (one per family) after mass, as well as a program brochure that describes the program and recommended preparation steps for families.

***All brother Knights attending each mass are asked to come to the NARTHEX after Communion to assist with prayer card distribution. Porters for the respective masses are asked to coordinate the prayer card distribution effort.

3. On the weekend of Consecration (26/27 December):

—Our Council will distribute *Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards* once again, this time at the beginning of mass. Porters are asked to coordinate this task, and any other Brother Knights coming to mass are asked to help.

--Under Father Bob's direction (or the direction of the celebrant), the congregation will recite the *Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer* together as a parish family at all Sunday Masses.

For more information, contact PGK John Ostrowski at jaostrowski89@gmail.com





Culture of Life

40 Days for Life Campaign 2020 is a HUGE Success!

The 40 Days for Life organization reports that 757 lives were confirmed as being saved from abortion since September 23, 2020! To date, 17,233 lives saved since 2007, 107 abortion centers closed, and 206 abortion workers quit the industry. 40 Days for Life broadcast on YouTube a huge announcement detailing all of the fantastic results of this year's campaign on November 17. You can watch it all here: [https://](https://www.40daysforlife.com/results-video-webcast)



www.40daysforlife.com/results-video-webcast

In this video webcast 40 Days for Life announced their new effort called "40 Days for Life 365," a year-round prayer initiative that has already begun saving more lives. According to the 40 Days for Life Facebook page: "Longtime Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer said abortion workers describe peaceful 40 Days for Life vigils as "40 days of torture" because of our impact on

the deadly industry . Which means 40 Days for Life 365 is Planned Parenthood's worst nightmare. Years in the making, we launched and tested a pilot program for the new initiative this past summer--and the results were immediate."

Sign up for 40 Days for Life's free "Day 41" quarterly magazine, by following the link below. Receive breaking news, devotionals, and prayers: [https://](https://www.40daysforlife.com/resources-magazine.aspx)
www.40daysforlife.com/resources-magazine.aspx



Good News! The Elections are Over!

Some positive Pro-Life news from the battlegrounds of the 2020 Election: the number of Pro-Life women representatives in the House is on the rise! The number of pro-life women in the US House of Representatives will more than DOUBLE due to the 2020 election. 16 new pro-life women were elected to the House in 2020, while 11 incumbent pro-life

women held their seats. There are three more races yet to be called that may vault more pro-life women into Congress. Please continue to pray that this momentum carries us through to 2021, and beyond. The National Catholic Register states: "The election of so many pro-life women is more than symbolic — it is a victory that holds great political weight and consequence."

Pro-Life Resources

December 5, 2020: A Mom's Peace, Virtual Support Group for mothers of miscarried or stillborn souls. Families often find it healing to meet with others who have experienced a similar loss and understand this unique journey. The group will be led by Dr. Sabine Heisman, a clinical psychologist, who will introduce different monthly topics on the psychology of grief and acceptance. <https://>

www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/ODc2NTg

Hope in Northern Virginia - free and confidential pregnancy counseling service that also provides free support, staffed by trained and caring volunteers. New ultrasound available in 2021! 7297 Lee Highway, Ste. L, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. <https://friendsofhopeinnova.org/give/>



March for Life 2021 is just around the corner!

Washington, D.C., 29 January 2021. Just ~60 days away is the next BIG pro-life event, the 2021 March for Life. News and information about this up-coming event can be found here: <https://marchforlife.org/>

COVID-19 will not stop the march. Precautions will be in place. According to the MFL website, the following precautions are being taken in 2021:

“Every year, the March for Life works very hard to ensure a safe and positive experience for the marchers. We are continuing to work closely with our government agencies to do everything possible to be safe, healthy AND march as we have every year for the past 47 against the human rights abuse of today, abortion. We will have safety measures in place for Marchers to be announced closer to the March. Check back in on our website and follow us on social media for updates on the 2021 March for Life, State Marches, and ways to leverage the virtual space in order to promote life.”

Schedule of Events for **Friday, 29 January, 2021:**

- **Pre-Rally Concert with *Matthew West*:** 11am – 12pm.
 - Join Matthew West before the March for Life Rally for a morning of music and life! The concert will begin on the National Mall at 11am.
- **Rally Program: — the Main Event!:** 12 – 1pm.
 - The March for Life Rally kicks off at noon at **12th St. on the National Mall.**
- **March:** 1 – 4pm.
 - Immediately following the Rally—usually around 1 p.m.—we march peacefully up Constitution Ave. After marching, consider attending the Silent No More testimonies outside the Supreme Court, or advocating for life to your Representative or Senators.
- **Rose Dinner (*virtual*):** 7— 9pm.
 - An evening of inspiration and fellowship, the Rose Dinner is the perfect way to conclude your March for Life experience in our Nation’s Capital.

Win TWO VIP tickets to the 2021 March for Life! Go to: <https://raisedonors.com/marchforlife/mfl-raffle>

\$25 donation = 1 entry

Raffle ends Saturday, 4 December, 2020, at 11:59pm ET.

Results of raffle to be announced Sunday, December 6.

- **FIRST PLACE:** Two tickets to the VIP section of the March for Life Rally, March for Life t-shirt, March for Life swag pack
- **SECOND PLACE:** March for Life t-shirt, March for Life swag pack
- **THIRD PLACE:** March for Life swag pack

The March for Life is an annual event, but pro-life education and advocacy is important all year long!



Knights of Columbus, Fr. Sikora Council Facebook Page!

And remember, all of this information, and more, can be found on the Knights of Columbus Fr. Sikora Council facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/KofC7992/>

Please “like” the page to keep updated on the latest events.



Focus On Doing Good

“Our ballots have been cast and we must focus on moving forward. How can we best to this in a positive way?”

“Choose what to do with your time

“ . . . [W]e cannot simultaneously do two things at once. If we choose to go to the gym after work, we cannot also meet a friend for dinner at the same time. Both options are good, but we must choose one or the other. We cannot say yes to everything.

“Likewise, if we have been completely engrossed with the election . . . rather than spend time connecting with friends or family. We must consider what we want to prioritize. If we have been spending more time with the remote control or our smartphones than with our families, we need to begin to disengage with the constant coverage of the election and instead focus on the people God has placed in our lives.

“Focus on what you can do now

“After a campaign filled with discord and animosity, there are wounds and division in our nation that need to heal . . . In many cases, we likely have found ourselves frustrated, angry, concerned or confused

during the past few months. But rather than dwell on things that are out of our control, we can look at the ways in which we can make a positive difference in our community.

“No matter who is in the White House, there are people who don’t have enough food to eat in our community. We can work to feed the hungry by volunteering to coordinate a food drive or working at a food pantry. Regardless of what party controls the House or Senate, there are people in our parishes and neighborhoods who are isolated, lonely or depressed. There are women experiencing crisis pregnancies. We can help comfort the afflicted by reaching out to those who are alone or supporting a pregnancy support ministry. Rather than allow ourselves to become increasingly frustrated by the actions of others or by those things outside of our control, we can choose to see the opportunity to do good that exists in front of us. By striving to show the love of Christ to those around us, we can promote healing and an increase in dignity and respect in our communities.

Excerpted from Michael Horne’s article in the Arlington Catholic Herald, November 12-25, 2020, page 11





If you would like to contact us, please send a note to gk7992@vakofc.org.

Knights of Columbus Council Officers 2019—2020	
Officer Positions	Name
Grand Knight	Barry Basselgia
Financial Secretary	Paul Gorham
Deputy Grand Knight	Adrian Santillan-Lecaside
Chaplain	Father Bob Cilinski
Chancellor	David Zivich
Lecturer	Mark Sawyer
Recorder	Vincent Augelli
Treasurer	Tom Goodwin
Advocate	Chris Odell
Warden	Tom Siepmann
Inside Guard	Victor Alderete
Outside Guards	Barry Rueter Mike Adames
One Year Trustee	Carlos Perez Jr
Two Year Trustee	John Landy
Three Year Trustee	John Ostrowski
Insurance Representative	Ralph Heinze

Committee Chairs and Special Projects 2019—2020	
Project	Name
Program Director	Dave Zivich
Faith Director	Bob Collella
Community Director	Russ Smith
Family Director	Chris O'Dell
Membership Director	Adrian Santillan-Lecaside
Life Program Director	Tom Siepmann
Recruitment Committee	Adrian Santillan-Lecaside
Recruitment Committee	Russ Smith
Recruitment Committee	Dave Zivich
Retention Committee	PKG John Ostrowski
Retention Committee	PGK Carlos Perez
Retention Committee	PGK John Landy
Insurance Promotion	Paul Gorham
Vocations Chairman	Dave Zivich
Health Services	Maiquel Sampaio de Melo
Fraternal Chairman	Rich Miserendino
KOVAR	Mark Sawyer
Newsletter	Jeremy Smith
Website Webmaster	Michael Bender
Facebook Administrator	Tom Siepmann

January Newsletter Submissions

Please submit announcements, articles, and pictures to Jeremy Smith at jeremy_d_smith@yahoo.com. As the last Wednesday of the month is the day before New Years Eve, submissions for the January 2021 newsletter are due a week earlier than normal, Wednesday, 23 December, 2020.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

“WE, THE PEOPLE OF NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, BY OUR BAPTISM, ARE JOYFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST. WE STRIVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, AND FORM NEW DISCIPLES. WE CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST IN WORD, SACRAMENT AND SERVICE.”



Mark Your Calendars

December 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Virtual Council Meeting	2	3	4	5 Document Shredding Event
6 2nd Sunday of Advent	7	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12
13 3rd Sunday of Advent	14	15 Virtual Council Meeting & USN Birthday	16	17	18	19
20 4th Sunday of Advent	21	22	23 Newsletter Submissions Due	24	25 Merry Christmas	26
27 Consecration to the Holy Family	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

January 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 New Years Day & Solemnity of Mary	2
3	4	5 Virtual Council Meeting	6 Epiphany	7	8	9 Adopt-A-Highway
10	11	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Virtual Council Meeting	20 Inauguration Day	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Newsletter Submissions Due	28	29 March for Life	30
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