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Next business meeting is Wednesday, January 10, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!

Saying farewell to one, hello to eight

Puer natus est nobis - A child is born for us. Halfway through the fraternal year, we are once more in the midst of Christmastide and awaiting the start of a new year.

In October we laid to rest one of our own Brother Knights, **Brad Love**, after an extended battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed. Brad joined the Knights in August 2015, took his second and third degrees the following May, then served as Council Director and Lecturer during the past Fraternal Year.

While serving in those positions, Brad displayed a lot of enthusiasm in developing new activities, often with a modest fundraising aspect to our Council. Events such as the Indy Fuel game (and other team sports outings), Date Nights, Dinner at Repeal and the very popular Independence Day Party were all from his inspiration. I hope that we can keep some of that enthusiasm around and continue to develop new events for the Council to benefit



THE GRAND OPENING

Daniel Knight Grand Knight

the Church and the Community rather than relying only on tried-but-true activities.

Throughout November and December, we hosted one Admissions Degree and participated in one hosted by Mater Dei Council 437, bringing in a total of seven new members.

In November we initiated two new members:

- ◆ **Austin Roy**; and
- ◆ **Will Smith**.

Then in December we gained five new members:

- ◆ **Bryce Friederick**;
- ◆ **Eric Gudan**;
- ◆ **Sam LeMark**;
- ◆ **Dustin Murphy**; and
- ◆ **John Young**.

We also added an eighth new

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member, **Paul Schmitt**, by transfer from another council.

Please welcome these new Brother Knights and encourage them to get involved.

As we enter 2018, consider increasing your involvement with the Knights; try to attend a few more business meetings, volunteer for a new activity, help with degree ceremonies, serve on a planning committee or become an officer. There are plenty of ways to get involved using whatever time and talents you possess.

Have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

A message of gratitude from Supreme Council

As 2017 comes to a close, we look back with gratitude for the time, commitment and dedication of everyone whose tireless sacrifices have made so many good works possible during the past year. And to honor your sacrifices and service to Christ, his Church and to all those in need, we made a short video — it's our small way of saying thanks. View it at <http://www.kofc.org/common/video/bplayer.html?id=5694873890001>.

We look forward to reaching even greater heights of charity in 2018, and we wish you and your families a most blessed New Year!



Charles Stevens
Deputy Grand Knight
& Culture of Life Director

Make plans to join us at the March for Life

As we prepare to begin another new year, we look forward to an event that seeks to reverse one of the worst moments in American history. The annual March for Life will be Monday, Jan. 22, on the anniversary of the notorious *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 by the United States Supreme Court.

Roe v. Wade, of course, was the court case and decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Ever since then, defenders of Innocent Life have rallied in an effort to convert hearts, change minds and reverse that horrible decision. A large rally is always held in Washington, D.C., attracting hundreds of thousands of participants. Local rallies are also held throughout the United States, including right here in Indianapolis.

Our March for Life will begin with Mass at noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Georgia Street downtown. The Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Charles Thompson of Indianapolis and Bishop Timothy Doherty of Lafayette. The procession following Mass will lead us to the Indiana Statehouse where Abby Johnson will be the guest speaker. Her talk will be followed by a prayer service. There may be an opportunity to meet and talk to our state representatives. At the conclusion, there will be a Youth rally back at St. John's.

The Culture of Life Committee also has the following to report:

- ◆ During the fall campaign for Forty Days for Life, there were four lives saved in the Indianapolis area: one at the Planned Parenthood facility at 86th Street and Georgetown Road, and three at other local abortion clinics. There were also nine “hopefuls” (those who accepted referrals to medical facilities that don’t favor abortion, e.g. Women’s Care Center). Unfortunately, we do not have information whether these women ultimately decided to give birth or abort their babies.
- ◆ On Nov. 17, the Pro-Life committees of Holy Rosary and St. John parishes presented the film, “180,” as part of their ongoing Pro-Life Film Series. The award-winning documentary compares legalized abortion to the Holocaust. There were about 40 people in attendance; to the best of my knowledge, four Knights were present. Eric Slaughter and Sheryl Dye will be meeting soon to put together a film series agenda for 2018. I will let you know the dates and locations of the films when this information is available.
- ◆ Faithful Citizens will not be meeting in the months of December and January, but will resume on the fourth Saturday of February after the 10 a.m. Saturday Mass at Holy Rosary. They will process through the Holy Rosary neighborhood while reciting the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- ◆ Holy Rosary’s Pro-Life Ministry will not meet in December.



Family of the Quarter: the Roller Family

The family of Brother Rob Roller has been named the latest Family of the Quarter for Santo Rosario Council.

Brother Rob has long been an active member of our Council and a ready volunteer for Holy Rosario Parish, where he serves on the Parish Council. His wife, Caris, is well known around the parish for her artistic flair which she readily lends to help decorate the church; she also is an art teacher for Lumen Christi Catholic School. They have two children, Moira and Jude.



Jerry Frederick
Lecturer

A beautiful time with fathers and sons

The Father/Son Campout at Shades State Park in October was a splendid success with 15 participants and dry weather! Our campsite was spacious with a large area for the boys to have fun and many trees for a wind break.



Both evenings, the Brother Knights and their sons recited the rosary around a roaring campfire. It was beautiful to see the group praying. On Saturday, we hiked along Sugar Creek and through the ravines for about five miles through God's nature. Johnny Rushenberg did a great job navigating and leading our group.



The boys also engaged in a fire-starting competition between the two patrols, one lead by Johnny Rushenberg and the other by Donnie Murphy. The boys seemed to really enjoy the competition, plus they "fought the Civil War with guns and cannon" against Cub Scouts in the next camp site and within themselves.



Much food and drink were enjoyed thanks to the cooking of Brother Don Murphy, plus dessert by me on Friday. Saturday was "song night" and, by request of the boys, we sang, "The Battle of New Orleans," "Sink the Bismarck," "Road Kill Stew," theme songs from the "Brady Bunch," "Gilligan's Island," and others.



I hope to see more people next time! Trying to be consistent, I believe I will organize it for the third or fourth weekend of October again.



**SK Don R. Murphy, FIC, FICF
Field Agent**

Plan for Tax Day and into the future

April 15 (Tax Day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn.

Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can — properly structured — guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

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Volunteer at Holy Family Shelter

We ask that all members of our Council prayerfully consider volunteering to help serve meals to the poor at Holy Family Shelter so we can continue this long-standing, important community service activity. The dates we need to cover in 2018 are Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24 & 31, Apr. 28, May 26, Jun. 23 & 30, Jul. 28, Aug. 25, Sep. 22 & 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22 & 29.

Please let Brother Frank Oliver know which dates you and, if applicable, your family members are interested in covering. You can contact him by email at foliver@travelers.com.

A few seconds of your time can save lives

The message below has been slightly modified from an email sent Dec. 6 by Supreme Council.

Thanks to the generous support of our members and friends, we raised more than \$138,000 during our KofC #GivingTuesday campaign to help Christians and those in their care in the Middle East.

This equates to almost 70 families being able to move back to their homes. Or, more than 1,970 families receiving food for an entire month. Together, we have made a difference — thank you!

Of course, the need is ongoing — most Catholics in this country are barely aware of the genocide. A Catholic News Service story published Nov. 30, "Commentary: A plea for our fellow Catholics," spells it out clearly: Most Americans are more worried about Christmas shopping than saving a Christian life. You can read the article online at <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/11/30/commentary-a-plea-for-our-fellow-catholics>.

It's time we made a choice. Are we going to sit by and do nothing? Or are we going to pray for our suffering brother and sisters and encourage others to do the same?

All it takes is a simple tweet or share using the hashtags #ChristiansAtRisk and #KofC. Sharing these links, or even emailing your friends about the situation, will cost nothing more than a few seconds, but they can make a huge difference in spreading awareness!

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

Wednesday	Officers Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
DEC 27	
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
JAN 5-6	
Wednesday	Business Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
JAN 10	
Wednesday	Officers Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
JAN 31	
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
FEB 2-3	
Friday	Trivia Night CYO Gymnasium Evening (TBD)
FEB 2	
Wednesday	Business Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
FEB 7	
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
FEB 14	
Wednesday	Officers Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
FEB 28	
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
MAR 2-3	
Wednesday	Business Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
MAR 7	
Wednesday	Officers Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
MAR 21	
Sunday	Easter Sunday
APR 1	
Wednesday	Business Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
APR 4	
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
APR 6-7	
Wednesday	Officers Meeting Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
APR 25	



Men's Holy Hour:
First Wednesday every month
9 p.m. @ Holy Rosary



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

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in the November 2017 issue
of Columbia magazine.*

Priests for the people

On a trip to Rome in the 1980s, I had a long conversation with an African priest who was serving in the Vatican. We had become friends, and he had just returned from a vacation in Guatemala. When I asked him about his trip, he replied that it had gone very well — he had been able to relax, catch up on his reading and get much needed rest.

But he was also very troubled by what he had seen concerning the situation of the indigenous people there. “They treat these people like animals,” he said with emotion.

His words struck me, since years earlier he had lived through a violent transition in his own country, from centuries of colonial rule to independence.

I remembered this conversation in September while attending the beatification ceremony of Father Stanley Rother in Oklahoma City.

Blessed Stanley Rother was a priest from Oklahoma serving as a missionary among the Tz’utujil people in the mountains of Guatemala. He was one of 10 priests murdered in Guatemala in 1981, and the seventh in less than three months. Warned that his name was on a “death list,” he had returned to his parents’ farm in Oklahoma, and he could have remained there in safety.

But Father Rother repeatedly said, “The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger.” He returned to his parish in Santiago Atitlán, well aware of what he was facing. A short time later, three men murdered him in his rectory.

St. Francis de Sales once said, “All the science of the saints is included in these two things: To do, and to suffer. And whoever has done these two things best, has made himself most saintly.” Blessed Stanley Rother did both with great courage.

Returning from the beatification of Father Rother, I also thought of another priest — a brother Knight of Columbus, murdered in his own rectory 60 years earlier.

At a time when the Ku Klux Klan was asserting itself as a national power and mobilizing a nationwide anti-immigrant campaign, Father James Coyle emerged as a spokesman defending the Catholic laborers in the coal mines and factories of northern Alabama. As a result, he soon became a target of death threats.

But like Father Rother, Father Coyle refused to abandon his flock. On Aug. 11, 1921, after celebrating the wedding of the daughter of a Protestant minister and a Puerto Rican migrant worker, the woman’s father, who was also a member of the Klan, approached Father Coyle at his rectory and shot him dead.

St. John Paul II often spoke of what he called the “nuptial mystery” at the heart of Christ’s love for his Church, which we see reflected in a priest’s love for his parishioners.

In his book *Gift and Mystery*, John Paul II asks, “What does it mean to be a priest?” He then writes, “According to St. Paul, it means above all to be a steward of the mysteries of God.... The steward is not the owner, but the one to whom the owner entrusts his goods.... The priest receives from Christ the treasures of salvation.”

We see in the sacrifices of Father Rother and Father Coyle that they understood, as stewards and shepherds, that among the “treasures of salvation” entrusted to their care were the people of God in their parishes. Both were prepared, at the cost of their very lives, to live *in persona Christi* — as priest and victim for their people.

This same devotion is reflected in the life of our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney, whose daily sacrifices for the families of his mostly immigrant parish led to the sickness that ended his life at age 38.

We are grateful to Pope Francis for bringing to the attention of the world the courageous life of holiness that marked the life and death of Blessed Stanley Rother. May this saintly priest pray for us and for all Catholics, that we, too, may be worthy stewards of those goods the Lord has entrusted to our care.

Vivat Jesus!



Pope Francis
Supreme Pontiff

The Holy Father delivered this address in St. Peter's Square at his weekly General Audience of December 13, 2017.

The Christian Sunday revolves around the Mass

Today we ask ourselves: *why go to Sunday Mass?*

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. We Christians go to Sunday Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, or better still to allow ourselves to be encountered by him, to hear his Word, to nourish ourselves at his table, and thus to become the Church, that is, his mystical living Body in the world.

From the first hour, Jesus' disciples understood this; they celebrated the Eucharistic encounter with the Lord on the day of the week that the Hebrews called "the first of the week" and the Romans called "day of the sun," because *on that day Jesus rose from the dead* and appeared to the disciples, speaking with them, eating with them, giving them the Holy Spirit, as we have heard in the Gospel reading. The great outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost also happened on a Sunday, the 50th day after Jesus' Resurrection. For these reasons, Sunday is a holy day for us, sanctified by the Eucharistic celebration, the living presence of the Lord among us and for us. Thus, it is the Mass that *makes* Sunday Christian. The Christian Sunday revolves around the Mass. ...

Some secularized societies have lost the Christian sense of Sunday illuminated by the Eucharist. This is a shame! In these contexts it is necessary to revive this awareness, to recover the meaning of the celebration, the meaning of the joy, of the parish community, of solidarity, of the rest which restores body and soul. Of all these values, the Eucharist is our guide, Sunday after Sunday. For this reason the Second Vatican Council wished to emphasize that Sunday "is the original feast day, and it should be proposed to the piety of the faithful and taught to them so that it may become in fact a day of joy and of freedom from work."

The Sunday abstention from work did not exist in the early centuries: it is a specific contribution of Christianity. According to biblical tradition Jews rest on the Sabbath, while in Roman society a day of the week was not provided for abstention from servile labor. It was the Christian awareness of living as children and not as slaves, inspired by the Eucharist, which has made Sunday — almost universally — the day of rest.

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason we Christians go to encounter the Lord on Sunday, in the Eucharistic celebration.

Eucharistic communion with Jesus, Risen and ever-Living, anticipates the Sunday without sunset, when there will be no more weariness nor pain, nor sorrow nor tears, but only the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord. Sunday Mass also speaks to us of this blessed repose, teaching us to entrust ourselves during the course of the week to the hands of the Father who is in heaven.

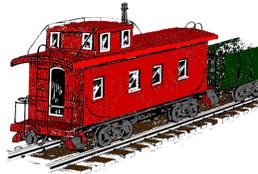
How can we respond to those who say that it is of no use going to Mass, even on Sunday, because the important thing is to live well, to love our neighbor? It is true that the quality of Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, as Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"; but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the energy necessary to do so, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible source of the Eucharist? We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but *to receive what we truly need from him*. We are reminded of this by the Church's prayer, which is addressed to God in this way: "although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation" (*Roman Missal, Common Preface iv*).

In conclusion, why do we go to Mass on Sundays? It is not enough to respond that it is a precept of the Church; this helps to preserve its value, but alone does not suffice. We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with Jesus' grace, with his living presence within us and among us, can we put his commandment into practice, and thus be his credible witnesses.



THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE

David Walden
Editor



Judging 'Messiah' and its great composer

Twice every year — at Christmas and Easter — I make a point to segregate myself from the world for about two and one-half hours and listen to Handel's great masterpiece, "Messiah." From its overture and piercing opening line, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God," to the magnificent "Amen" at its conclusion, I dive ever more deeply into the life of Christ, carried by waves of music into an ocean of divine devotion, sometimes moved even to tears by the beauty of the music and, more to the point, the beauty of the Life, Death, Resurrection — and Second Coming — of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Often I have remarked, and even more often thought, that no matter what George Frideric Handel did in his life, his composing "Messiah" — or, for that matter, just the "Hallelujah Chorus" by itself — earned him an eternity in heaven.

That, of course, cannot be true. Upon more sober reflection, coming down from the emotional high inspired by the work, I recognize that the entirety of Handel's life and the state of his soul at the moment of death are what determined his eternal status. If he died, say, an unrepentant adulterer who had destroyed two families and scandalized the community, no mere musical composition, however sublime, could save him from hell.

So who was Handel? Was he a saint inspired to compose perhaps the greatest piece of Christian music ever written? Was he a notorious sinner? Was he, more likely, something between those extremes?

It's hard to say. Despite his fame, very little is known about his personal life, primarily because few of his letters and correspondence survived beyond his death in 1759. "We know far more about the environment in which he lived and the sort of people he knew than about his private life," biographer Jonathan Keates told *Smithsonian* magazine in December 2009.

He never married. He was physically a large man and, according to some, battled gluttony. In his latter years, he was blind and arthritic. When it comes to religion, we know that he was born in Germany to a family of devout Lutherans, that he lived for a time in Italy and counted several Catholic cardinals among his patrons, and that he faithfully attended a Church of England parish in London in the final years of his life.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that he had a terrible temper. A dispute over seating in an orchestra pit led to a duel with swords that nearly killed him — a metal button on Handel's coat deflected the blade. (Oddly, the man with whom he fought the duel remained his lifelong friend.) He also once grabbed an argumentative soprano around the waist during rehearsal and threatened to throw her out a window: "I know well that you are a real she-devil," he shouted, "but I will have you know that I am Beelzebub!"

We also know that he was a generous man. His favorite charity was London's Foundling Hospital, a home for abandoned and orphaned children; he held annual benefit concerts for it. He left the bulk of his extensive estate to various charities, and he included his servants in his will in addition to friends and family.

Personally, I believe that the lack of evidence about his private life speaks well of him. For the most part, he apparently chose to live in the background and to let his music speak for him. One can't say the same about many famous musicians of our age. But one also cannot say that Handel was entirely modest: his will provided for the erection of an expensive and impressive memorial marker at his grave in Westminster Abbey.

While we can hope that Handel is in heaven, and we should pray for the repose of his soul, we who cherish his most memorable work can take satisfaction in the judgment of fellow composer Ludwig van Beethoven, who, citing "Messiah," described Handel as "the greatest composer that ever lived."