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**Next business meeting is Wednesday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!**

## Another Fraternal Year nears its end

**B**ehold a faithful and wise servant whom the Lord has set over His family” (cf. Luke 12:42). The Fraternal Year will be quickly coming to an end; the annual Indiana State Convention is this month and shortly after that we will be nominating officers for the next Fraternal Year. It hardly seems like nearly nine months have passed since my brother officers and I were installed by the Worthy District Deputy.

The season of Lent is now behind us as are our Fish Fry Fridays; the days of fried fish, hush puppies, coleslaw and tartar sauce have passed until next year. Thanks again to all the Brother Knights who helped make it a success, especially Brother Lee Ashton, PGK; Brother Tom Brown; Brother Charlie Stevens; and Brother Brad Williams, PGK — and a special thanks to Father McCarthy for making the ever-popular coleslaw dressing.

Lent also saw another installment of our Parish Breakfasts. Thanks to all who helped set up, cook, serve and clean for that event, and especially thanks to Brother Don Murphy, PGK, for overseeing the cooking duties.

At the district level, we are organizing a Formation (Second) De-



### THE GRAND OPENING

**Daniel Knight  
Grand Knight**

gree team. Ideally, starting by next Fraternal Year, getting an advanced degree will no longer require committing to a full Saturday or Sunday and often traveling across the state. Instead, a local team consisting of members from Mater Dei, Our Lady of Fatima and our own Santo Rosario councils will organize Formation Degree ceremonies at one of those local councils.

Moving the Formation Degree ceremony to the district level was a result of a pilot program done by Supreme Council in two states, which found that Knights who could more easily obtain their Formation Degree were more likely to stay active and advance to their Knighthood (Third) Degree.

We just completed the month of March, which is the month of St. Joseph. This great saint, the foster father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, could be called the patron of the

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Domestic Church. In that capacity he serves as a model for us Knights.

Supreme Council is still encouraging the “Building the Domestic Church” program, highlighting the home as the foundation of prayer and piety. St. Joseph, as recorded in Scripture, exemplifies this ideal; he is a man of few words (in fact, no words of his are recorded in Scripture), yet trusts piously in God, acts righteously and safeguards Our Lord and Our Lady. The father of a family should act similarly, leading his family in prayer and training his children in virtue.

“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast.” Have a blessed and joyous Easter.

**Alleluia, He is Risen & Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia**



**Jerry Friederick**  
Lecturer

## *Restoring beauty*

**F**or those of you who haven't heard about it yet, I and various others have been working to restore the railing and stairwell in the west bell tower at Holy Rosary. This is the tower that houses "San Salvador," the second-largest free-swinging bell in the state of Indiana.

The project has been slowly moving along, but much faster lately with the help of brother Knights: John Molloy, Jim Wagner and his sons, and Walt Janiec. We've also gotten help from some students at Lumen Christi Catholic School and others in our efforts to restore the beauty of our church.

As our past chaplain Father Michael Magiera once said, we are trying to undo the "wreck-ovation" as well as the work of Father Time. In the pictures here, you can see that the railings and balusters are all over our church, but from what I've discovered in research, they were covered up in the 1960s or 70s. Now they need repair and refinishing with helpful upgrades/improvements.

After much gluing, planing, sanding, staining, polyurethaning of treads, balusters, newels (corner post), handrails, landings, trim, etc., we are getting closer to completing one section of stairwell. We have already completed the third-floor railing and refinished the floor where the organ and my work area ("Quasimodo" territory) is located.

The plan was to start reinstalling in about mid-to late-March. If you want to help with any of the work we are doing, please contact me. Or, if you want a tour of bell tower and bells, just ask!

Slow and steady wins the race.  
*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.*



**Balusters are hiding behind the hardboard that was put in place on stairwells during the 1960s or 1970s at Holy Rosary.**



**Brother Jim Wagner and his sons pulling hundreds of nails during work on the project completed in my workshop at home.**

## *Family of the Quarter named, and two new officers elected in April*

Congratulations are in order to the John Molloy Family for being named our council's Family of the Quarter. Also, we congratulate two brother Knights who were elected officers at the April business meeting: Aaron Hodge, Chancellor; and Arturo Mondello, Inside Guard.



Brother John Molloy working the construction treads in the west bell tower.



Here's what the balusters look like after being sanded.



Here is the initial finished railing assembly from the church bell tower's third floor.



Repair of the stringers during the work phase at my home workshop.



The third floor "Quasimodo area" with the refined railing assembly.

**All photos  
on Pages 2-3  
by Brother  
Jerry Friederick**



**Charles Stevens**  
Deputy Grand Knight  
& Culture of Life Director

## *A winter of many successful events*

The Culture of Life Committee is pleased to report that the March for Life campaign for the *Roe v. Wade* anniversary in January was very successful. The Mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Charles Thompson of Indianapolis and Bishop Timothy Doherty of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. The attendance was at full capacity. There were at least nine of our Knights present, and they also helped in leading the after-Mass procession to the Indiana Statehouse.

On Feb. 9, the Holy Rosary Parish Pro-Life Ministry, in conjunction with the Pro-Life Committee of St. John's Parish, presented the film, "3801 Lancaster" as part of the ongoing Pro-Life Film Series. It was about the notorious abortionist, Dr. Gosnell. There were nearly 40 people in attendance, five of them being Knights from our council. The next film will be at 6:30 p.m. May 11, at St. John's. The film, "At The Death House," is about the death penalty.

The Faithful Citizens have resumed their monthly meeting and procession in the Holy Rosary neighborhood. The event occurs every fourth Saturday after the 10 a.m. Mass, with the recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercury Chaplet.

Holy Rosary's Pro-Life Ministry recently conducted elections of new officers. One main goal for 2018 is to increase awareness of Pro-Life events, news and legislation. The Committee will be setting up more workshops on Sunday after each Mass to register individuals to receive online news regarding these issues. The ministry also completed its Bottles for Babies drive, which turned out to be successful, with the funds going to support Pro-Life activities.

Forty Days for Life began on Feb. 14 and ended on March 25. Our council participated in the sign ministry at Planned Parenthood each Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On March 24th, our planned final gathering was canceled due to a snowstorm; instead we encouraged everyone to pray at home.



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

## *Life insurance as a thoughtful gift*

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers — even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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## **COUNCIL CALENDAR**

Friday-Sunday <b>APR 20-22</b>	<b>K of C State Convention</b> Indianapolis Marriott East
Wednesday <b>APR 25</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b> Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday <b>MAY 1</b>	<b>Bishop Chatard #245 meeting</b> Priori Hall Social 6 p.m., dinner 6:30, meeting 7
Wednesday <b>MAY 2</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b> Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
Friday-Saturday <b>MAY 4-5</b>	<b>First Friday Adoration</b> Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Wednesday <b>MAY 30</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b> Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday <b>JUN 1-2</b>	<b>First Friday Adoration</b> Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Sunday <b>JUN 3</b>	<b>Corpus Christi Procession</b> Holy Rosary Church Time to be determined
Wednesday <b>TBD</b>	<b>June Business Meeting</b> Date, Time, Location to be determined
Friday-Saturday <b>JUN 8-9</b>	<b>Italian Street Festival</b> Holy Rosary Church 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Wednesday <b>JUN 27</b>	<b>Officers Meeting (tentative)</b> Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday <b>TBD</b>	<b>July Business Meeting</b> Priori Hall Date, Time to be determined
Friday-Saturday <b>JUL 6-7</b>	<b>First Friday Adoration</b> Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Wednesday <b>JUL 25</b>	<b>Officers Meeting (tentative)</b> Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## **Men's Holy Hour:**

*First Wednesday every month — 9 p.m. @ Holy Rosary*



**Carl A. Anderson**  
**Supreme Knight**

*This article first appeared in the  
April 2018 issue of Columbia magazine.*

## ***Embracing Church's wisdom on marriage, family***

**I**n 1980, I had the opportunity to speak in Rome at a conference on the future of the family in Europe and Africa, which was sponsored by the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart's medical school.

During the meeting, a young African mother introduced herself and her new baby. She told us that her child's name was "Gift Francis" and that she chose that name because when she was pregnant her parish priest, who was a Franciscan missionary, told her that her child was a gift from God.

I thought of Gift Francis last Advent when Pope Francis lamented nations that have entered a demographic winter because they have "chosen sterility." Pope Francis contrasted this with the Christian's way of life that is open "to receive and give life."

The pope's words followed a recent study published by Demographic Intelligence, which reports that the U.S. birthrate has fallen to a 30-year low of 1.77 children per woman. The study predicts that the U.S. birthrate will be at its lowest rate of growth since the Great Depression years of 1936-1937.

Numerous factors influence this negative growth; we identified many during our conference back in 1980. But now some experts suggest there may be a new factor: a correlation between the birth rate and increased use of social media.

They say more time spent in virtual reality has not only diminished real human interaction but created a new hesitation to commit to long-term relationships such as marriage and especially to the responsibility of raising children.

In an earlier column this year, I wrote about the coming of a new crisis as developments in science in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics and genetics increasingly blur our understanding of what it means to be human and even to act in a human way.

I wrote that, in this regard, Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, was truly prophetic.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the encyclical, let us strive to recover its central teaching, that "married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who 'is love,'" (8) and that "this love is above all fully human"(9).

If we do not recover this understanding of the "true nature and nobility" of married love, many younger Catholics living in a thoroughly secularized culture will find it increasingly difficult — if not impossible — to understand "human fulfillment" and what it means to be "fully human."

We need more Catholic couples to adopt the attitude described by Pope Francis: a life of such generosity and sacrifice that they are willing "to receive and give life."

This will require all of us to make greater efforts to transmit the central teaching of *Humanae Vitae* regarding the dignity and mission of marriage. This is one of the great pastoral challenges facing the Church in our time.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking to strengthen Catholic families by helping men and women understand their mission as both spouses and parents in terms of a "domestic church."

We hope more Catholic families will appreciate in their daily lives how, in the words of Paul VI, "the marriage of those who have been baptized ... represents the union of Christ and His Church" (8).

At times, this will require Catholic couples to act heroically. At times, all of us will respond imperfectly. But this should only make us more, not less, determined to accompany and assist each other in fulfilling the noble mission given to our families. The safeguarding of this mission has been entrusted, through Father McGivney's foresight, to our noble Order.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**Pope Francis  
Supreme Pontiff**

*The Holy Father delivered this homily in St. Peter's Square during Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.*

***‘Do I have a heart that is open to God’s surprises?’***

**A**fter listening to the Word of God from this Gospel passage, there are three things that I would like to say. First: the *announcement*. There is an announcement: the Lord has risen; that announcement which traveled by word of mouth ever since the early days of Christianity: it was a greeting: The Lord has risen. And the women who went to anoint the Lord’s body were met by a surprise. The surprise ... God’s announcements always bring surprises because our God is the God of surprises. It has been like this from the beginning of salvation history; ever since our father Abraham. God surprises you: “Just go, go, leave your land and go.” And one surprise always follows another. God is not able to make an announcement without surprising us. And the surprise is what moves your heart, what touches you in the very place you do not expect. To use the language of young people: *the surprise is a low blow*; you do not expect it. And he goes and moves you. First: the surprising announcement.

Second: *haste*. The women run, they hasten to say: “But we have found this!” God’s surprises place us on a journey, immediately, without delay. And so they run to see. Peter and John run. The shepherds on that Christmas night run: “Let us go to Bethlehem to see what the angels have told us.” And the Samaritan woman runs to tell her people: “This is the news: I found a man who told me everything I have done.” And the people know the things that the woman has done. And those people run; they leave what they are doing, even the housewife leaves the potatoes in the pot — she will find them burnt [on her return] — but the important thing is to go, to run in order to see that surprise, that announcement. It still happens today. In our neighborhoods, in the villages, when something extraordinary happens, people run to see; they go in haste. Andrew wasted no time and went in haste to tell Peter: “We have found the Messiah.” Surprises, good news are always announced in this manner: in haste. There is a person in the Gospel who takes his time. He does not want to take risks. But the Lord is good. He awaits him with love. It is Thomas. “I will believe when I see the wounds,” he says. The Lord also has patience for those who are in no hurry.

The surprising announcement, the hastened response, and the third thing I wish to mention to you today is a question: What about me? Do I have a heart that is open to God’s surprises; am I capable of going in haste or do I persist with the refrain: “well, I’ll see tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow?” What does the surprise tell me? John and Peter hastened to the sepulcher. The Gospel said that John “believed.” Peter also “believed,” but in his own way; with his faith somewhat clouded by regret for having denied the Lord. The surprising announcement, the running, the hastening and the question: And what do I do on this Easter Day 2018? What do you do?

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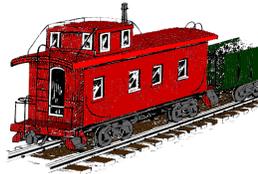
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## ***THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE***

**David Walden**  
**Editor**



### ***Never forget our persecuted Christian brethren***

**A**n article in *Crisis Magazine* last month asked the burning question, “Why so little Catholic concern over Christian persecution?” It cited a recent survey that showed the percentage of U.S. Catholics who are “very concerned” about five global issues to be:

- Human trafficking ..... 72 percent
- Poverty ..... 68 percent
- Climate change..... 55 percent
- Refugee crisis ..... 51 percent
- Christian persecution..... 49 percent

The article’s writer, William Kirkpatrick, theorizes that “images of people in trouble personalize the crisis in a way that text alone does not. Pictures of people in danger from hurricanes, floods, and forest fires are omnipresent — a constant reminder of the dangers supposedly caused by climate change. By contrast, images of persecuted Christians are in short supply. Hence, their crisis seems less immediate.”

During a homily at daily Mass in early 2017, Pope Francis lamented the lack of major media coverage of Christian genocide in the Middle East. He called it a “humiliation” for Christians in the West.

The above-cited survey had been commissioned earlier this year by the U.S. branch of the international charity, Aid to the Church in Need. If its results are accurate, the Knights of Columbus goes against the national trend. Our Order takes quite seriously the plight of our persecuted Christian brethren. In fact, at the beginning of Holy Week this year, the K of C provided about \$1 million in new financial assistance to persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

“As we recall the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, it is particularly timely for us to remember and support our brothers and sisters in Christ in places like Iraq and Syria who have endured so much persecution for their faith,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Having faced suffering and even death at the hands of ISIS, it is our hope that our assistance will assist these communities in rising up again and rebuilding for the future.”

About half of the recent donation will go to a food program run by the Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil. Another \$300,000 will help the Syriac Catholic Patriarchate’s aid programs for families from Iraq and Syria who have lost everything and need food, clothing, shelter and access to education and medical care. In addition, \$250,000 was donated toward the Order’s ongoing commitment to rebuild an Iraqi Christian town that had been destroyed by ISIS.

Since 2014, the Knights have given to nearly \$19 million to assistance programs in that region of the world. This includes \$2 million for the rebuilding of the town of Karamles on the Nineveh Plain.

Assistance to that degree is noticed and appreciated by its recipients.

“Our people know that without the direct support from the Knights of Columbus to Christians in the region, and without its assistance in making our case to the United State government, Christianity might already have been driven out of Iraq completely,” said Chaldean Archbishop of Erbil Bashar Warda, CSsR.

It isn’t too late for the Knights of Santo Rosario Council to assist this worthy cause. To learn more about our Order’s efforts and how you can help, visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>.

*Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!*