



The Official Publication of St. Pius X Council 11101 Knights of Columbus



# Newsletter

St. Pius X Council 11101—Greensboro, NC

February 2024

Volume 2024 Issue 8



## FEBRUARY 14, 2024

### ASH WEDNESDAY



## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- February 1 - State Convention the following are due:
- February 1 - Knight of the Year
- February 1 - Family of the YEAR
- February 1 - Golden Knight of the Year
- February 1 - Rookie of the Year
- February 1 - Priest of the Year
- February 1 - Deacon of the Year
- February 1 - The Duane Russell Award-Council Newsletter Contest
- February 1 - Council Website Award
- February 4 - First Sunday Rosary after the 9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
- February 10 - Catholic Men's Conference 8am - 3pm St. Thomas Aquinas Charlotte
- February 11 - Knight's Parish Pancake Breakfast after the 9 am mass
- February 12 - O & D Meeting 6 pm
- February 12 - Business Meeting 7:00 pm
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday**
- February 14 - Valentines' Day
- February 15 - Audit Due**
- February 16 - Stations of the Cross
- February 23 - Stations of the Cross

## Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

Usually I reserve this space in the newsletter to talk about events upcoming or try to think of something to encourage people to stay active with the Council. This month however I am going to key in on a specific message about Membership and Exemplification ceremonies.

Membership is one of the driving forces behind everything we do as a Council. In order to conduct all the various programs and events we participate in, we need members willing to participate and help out. Many hands make for light work and we truly need many in order to do all that we do. Certainly we are tasked with trying to increase our membership and are given a goal each year by Supreme but if we put aside for the moment all the focus on Membership for things like STAR Council and awarded there is a much more fundamental reason and need for this focus. I started my time as your Grand Knight with a movie quote that said "we can get busy living or get busy dying" At the time I quoted this I was using it to drive our Council back into action post pandemic. But it also fits in most appropriately with the matter of Membership. The harsh reality is that members move away or pass away from old age, illness etc. Their jobs require them to transfer elsewhere or sometimes something happens that just causes them to step away. In other words, life happens. To balance this out we need to do our part to motivate other Catholic men such as ourselves to join us in this most worthwhile journey of being a Knight. Without these new members we most surely will die as a Council. It is as easy as having them scan a QR Code which is available in this newsletter and other locations. Even greater is that there is still no membership dues charged for the Fraternal year they join. They have every opportunity to see what we are about and interact with the Council at no expense to them. If they were to join today they'll have 6 months to see what we are all about without a dime coming out of their pocket to do so. Seems like a pretty decent deal with no real downside.

Once we have these members signed up as new Knights, we conduct an exemplification ceremony in which they learn about the virtues and meaning of what it is to be a Knight and then they take an oath. The ceremony is actually very well done by our Exemplification Team. I recall when I went through the various degree ceremonies and remember that I really didn't remember an awful lot about the ceremonies at the time. I seemed more caught up in the notion of looking around and trying to ensure I wasn't doing anything wrong to mess up during the ceremony. Now participating in the new exemplification ceremony I have a chance to reflect more on those virtues and meaning and hear the call for being a Knight much clearer. If you have not seen the new ceremony I strongly encourage you to attend. Not only do we welcome in our new members but we all take the same oath with the new members. It is a great time to reflect and renew our commitment as a Knight.

Our goal for 2023-2024 is to add 13 new members to our Council. So far we are at 4. Putting aside the number for a moment, we should be proud of who we are and all the great programs and events we are involved in that do truly make a difference in the lives of our community and parish. We should want to bring in new members who can join with us to also make a difference. And with those new members we will also position ourselves to keep our Council going strong long after we have taken our leave of it.

Please consider bringing even one person who you believe to be a good Catholic man into the fold. And when you do, attend the exemplification ceremony with them. Take the time to attend and reflect back on your own journey as a Knight and renew the oath some of us took so long ago. I guarantee you will not be disappointed that you did and our Council will remain strong and continue to "live" because of your effort.

## District Deputy Report

### KNIGHTS 1919-1929 IN SEARCH OF LIBERTY

After the Great War, the Knights of Columbus continued its charitable work, offering education and employment services to returning servicemen. In less than two years, the Knights of Columbus Bureau of Employment placed some 100,000 people in jobs. The Order's presence in Europe continued in August 1920, when a delegation of 235 Knights made a pilgrimage to Rome, Pope Benedict XV invited them to build several recreation centers for Roman youth. The architect of these centers, Count Enrico Galeazzi, went on to serve as the Knights' representative in Rome for more than six decades.

Throughout the 1920s, the Order's anti-defamation work also continued. When the Ku Klux Klan and other "nativist" and anti-Catholic groups launched campaigns to make students attend public schools, Church leaders enlisted the Knights' support. The K of C Historical Commission, meanwhile, worked to overcome racial prejudice in American society, publishing books on the contributions of African-, Jewish-, and German-Americans.

The Great Depression initially had hurt the Order's membership and finances, but it also led to a renewed sense of volunteer service.

Two years after launching educational, vocational and employment programs for World War I veterans, more than 50,000 students are enrolled in K of C-sponsored evening school programs across the US and Canada. The Order also launched a correspondence school.

1920: 235 Knights sail from New York City to France. In Paris, they are greeted by Church and civic authorities, who thank the Knights for their WWI work. In Metz, a large equestrian statue of the French Revolutionary War hero Lafayette, funded by the Knights, is unveiled. The K of C delegation continues to Rome, where it is received in a private audience with Pope Benedict XV on Aug. 28, 1920.

1923: In response to the passage of laws in Oregon prohibiting children under 16 from attending private schools, the Knights work to overturn the law. In 1925, the Supreme Court declares the Oregon law unconstitutional.

1924: In response to a request from Pope Benedict XV, the Knights open St. Peter's Oratory, the first K of C recreation center for youth in Rome. Four more are established between 1924 and 1927.

## District Deputy Report Cont.

1926: Supreme Knight Flaherty, Deputy Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody and other K of C officers meet with President Calvin Coolidge about the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico. The Order launches a \$1 million educational campaign to influence American public opinion on the need for a strong stand against the Mexican government's attacks on the Church. It takes more than 10 years for the tensions to ease.

### 1930-1940 NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

In the early 1930s, the threat of atheistic communism was growing in Europe. In response, the Knights organized anti-communist rallies in early 1937. When Pope Pius XI's encyclical on the subject, *Divini Redemptoris*, was released in March of that year, the Order printed and distributed a million copies. The Knights also sponsored a new lecture tour and expanded its anti-communism program to include a Crusade for Social Justice.

1932: The 50th anniversary of the Knights is celebrated with Commemoration Week, June 24-30, 1932. Among the highlights is the unveiling in Washington, D.C. of a statue of Cardinal James Gibbons, an early supporter of the Knights who ordained Father McGivney.

1935: On July 8, 1935, Supreme Knight Martin Carmody and other K of C officials meet with President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the ongoing situation in Mexico.

1936: Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, visits the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven; in 1939, Cardinal Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.

1939: Less than two weeks after World War II begins, Canadian Knights establish a welfare program for soldiers comparable to the KC huts program that operated during World War I. Within a year, Canadian Knights raise nearly \$250,000 to support troops.





**Jim & Kim Lewis**

[Http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm](http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm)

Check our website for more information on the Family & Knight of the Month



**Sean Morin**

[Http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm](http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm)

Check our website for more information on the Family & Knight of the Month



# Catholic Men's Conference



14TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE OF THE CAROLINAS  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

Day of Faith and Fellowship including keynote speakers, Mass, Rosary, Confession, Adoration and lunch included.

## SPEAKERS



**BISHOP RAFAEL ZARAMA**  
*Diocese of Raleigh  
 Celebrant*



**JESSE ROMERO**  
*Author, Radio Host,  
 Speaker*



**E-KNOCK**  
*Catholic Rapper*



**JOSEPH ENDERS**  
*Host of Red Top Report*

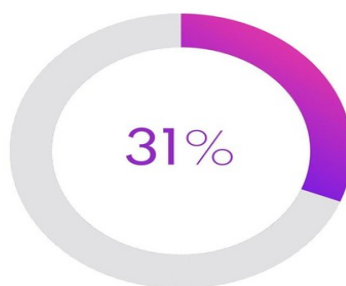


**DANIEL VU**  
*Traditional Catholic Men*

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## FEBRUARY 10, 2024

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
 Charlotte, NC**



# Councils Membership Goal for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024

# 13

**To date we have only brought in 4 new members for a total of 31% of our membership goal.**

**Ask a fellow parishioner to join the knights to be a better catholic.**

**Every member should point out the following reasons for becoming a knight.**

**Faith** - Grow in Faith with a band of brothers - Live out a masculine faith life with high caliber men - Act with men of the council to be a force for good in the world - Live out your vocation as a husband, son, or brother.

**Stability** - Gain exclusive access to our top-rated life insurance products, available only to members and their families - Meet with your insurance agent is a Knight dedicated to helping his brother Knights protect their families - Know your money is safeguarded and invested according to Catholic principles

**Service** - Aid your brothers in serving your parish - Serve your local community through programs like Coats for Kids and Food for Families - Support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities - Aid victims of natural disasters and other catastrophic events, local and worldwide - Donate wheelchairs to people without mobility at home and abroad -Stand up for the most vulnerable including the poor, orphaned, oppressed and unborn.



**Knights of Columbus  
St. Pius X Council 11101  
Greensboro, NC**

**John Joyce  
Financial Secretary  
7510 Oak Valley Lane  
Brown Summit, NC 27214**

### **E-Mail Address:**

[spxcouncil11101@gmail.com](mailto:spxcouncil11101@gmail.com)

Knights of Columbus is a service organization that provides an outlet for its members to better serve their church, brotherhood, country, and community. Our principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We participate in charitable works, Promoting the Domestic Church, raising money, and providing effort for groups in need throughout our communities. We provide social fellowship, reinforcing our beliefs and strengthening the ties between families and friends. It is our great privilege to serve and augment the activities of our parish and the church as a whole. And we provide support for those members who may find themselves in need, especially through our long-standing and excellent insurance program.

The order also owns the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, a money management firm that invests in accordance with Catholic social teachings.



## **Meetings**

**Business Meeting-  
Second Wednesday of the Month**

**Officers & Directors Meeting—Monday before the business meeting  
All meetings in the Simmons Parish Center at 7:00 PM**

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT**

It means a life of faith in action, of boldness in brotherhood, and a life worth living. We are men who lead, serve, protect and defend, whether giving Coats for Kids, lending a hand in disaster relief efforts, supporting local pregnancy centers by donating ultrasound machines, or providing top-quality financial products.