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## Newsletter

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**Right to Life**

#### **January 1 - Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation**

January 5, 7, & 8 - DD Organizational Meeting - Clemmons, NC

January 7 - First Sunday Rosary after the 9:00 am Mass in the Chapel

January 8 - O & D Meeting Meeting 7 pm

January 10 - Council Business Meeting 7 pm

January 12 - Charlotte March for Life

January 14 - Knights Parish Pancake Breakfast

January 15 - Program Award Submission Deadline

January 18 - Raleigh March For Life

January 18 - Fourth Degree Meeting 7pm

January 19 - Washington, DC Right to Life March

**January 31 - Annual Survey form 1728 Due**

**January 31 - Special Olympic form 4584 Due**

January 31 - LAMB Form 3 - 2019 Disbursement Request Due

January 31 - Blood Drive 9:30 to 6:30 pm Simmons Parish Center



# Grand Knight's Message



Worthy Brothers,

By the time you read this Christmas will be done and we'll be on our way into the New Year. This newsletter also marks the halfway point of our fraternal year. As I sat in midnight Mass the other night listening to the choir play Christmas music ahead of the Mass, I had a few moments to look around and reflect on all that has been happening since the 2023-2024 fraternal year began.

What I observed as I looked around was just how much the Knights are integrated into the activities of our parish. We had Knights helping out as Ministers of Hospitality, we had Knights in the choir, we had Knights helping set up everything to have Mass take place, we had one of our Brothers working the sound board, we had Brothers helping as Eucharistic Ministers for communion. We even had our Assembly Brothers participating as Honor Guard for the Mass. There was not one part of the Mass where I looked around and did not see fellow Brothers involved.

I then started reflecting back on all the various programs and events that we as Knights have volunteered time and resources to help during this first half of the fraternal year. It has been an amazing journey to this point and we have truly made a difference in the parishioner community. It would not be possible without the work of all of you to accomplish what we have done. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Knight during this time.

As we move forward, we need to remember that our job is never really truly done. There will be more programs and events that will need your help to pull them off. I have no doubt that you will meet the challenge as we always have.

We have a lot to be proud of and I would like to encourage you to utilize the successes we've had to encourage other Catholic men to join us. As stated before, the job is never really done and we need new members to keep the Council going and provide additional resources we can turn to for future events. Please prayerfully consider bringing someone you know into the fold. Finally, as we launch our second half of the fraternal year I would like to thank everyone for all you do for the Council and to wish each of you a safe and successful New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Charles Cheney GK

# District Deputy Report

## Knights at the Start of the 20th Century

The Knights of Columbus grew dramatically in response to the needs of communities within the United States but well beyond. By 1910, councils had been chartered throughout the United States and Canada, and international expansion continued into Mexico, the Philippines, Cuba and Panama.

During this early period, the Knights also turned to college campuses. In 1904 Knights and their families attended ceremonies at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., in which the Order presented the school with a grant to establish a K of C chair of American history. Chartered in 1910, Notre Dame Council 1477 was the Order's first college council, launching college councils that today include 244 schools worldwide.

1900: The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City where 1,100 Knights receive the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights take the degree in Boston.

1904: More than 10,000 Knights and their families attend ceremonies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in which a check for \$55,633.79 is presented to the school for the establishment of a KofC chair of American history. From 1909 to 1913, Knights raise \$500,000 to establish a permanent endowment for CUA.

1905: The first council in the Philippines — Manila Council 1000 — is chartered after the Spanish-American War. The same year, the Order expanded to Mexico, establishing Guadalupe Council 1050 in Mexico City.

1906: The Knights of Columbus moves to a new headquarters in New Haven, right by the New Haven green.

1909: U.S. workers in the Canal Zone start Balboa Council 1371 in Panama City and San Agustin Council 1390 is instituted in Havana, Cuba.

1909: A reported 5,000 Knights meet James A. Flaherty's train in Philadelphia in 1909 when he arrives at the annual convention where he is elected Supreme Knight.

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## District Deputy Report Cont.

As membership in the Knights of Columbus grew, the Order became known as a force for public good. Following the dedication ceremony for the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain in Washington, D.C., in 1912, a reporter for The Washington Star noted the large number of Knights in attendance “marked anew the important position of the Knights of Columbus as an order in the social fabric of the United States.”

During World War I, the Order provided rest and recreational facilities and social services to Allied servicemen of all faiths. K of C Huts throughout the United States and Europe provided religious services, supplies and recreation under the motto, “Everybody Welcome, Everything Free.”

Everybody meant everybody. Whatever your race or creed, you were welcome at K of C facilities. In fact, the Order was praised by a contemporary African American historian of World War I, because “unlike the other social welfare organizations operating in the war, it never drew the color line.”

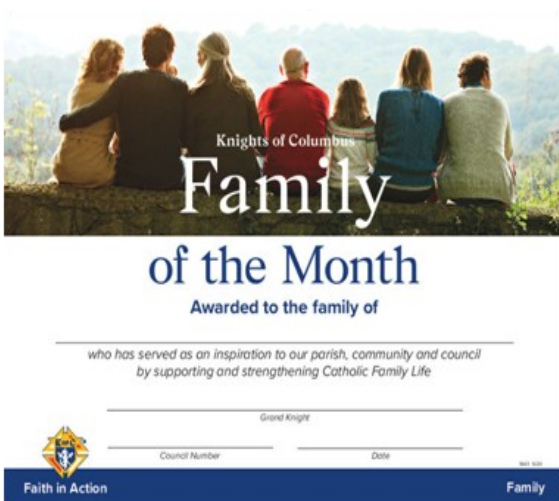
As a result of the Order’s wartime work, which earned high praise from Pope Benedict XV, nearly 400,000 men joined the Knights between 1917 and 1923.

1912 (left image): With support from the Knights, the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountains dedicated in Washington, D.C. Some 20,000 Knights attend the ceremonies, which are overseen by President William H. Taft.

1914: Tens of thousands of copies of a “bogus oath” are circulated to defame the Knights of Columbus. The Knights, in turn, lay the groundwork for a lecture series and educational programs to combat anti-Catholic hostility. Between 1914 and 1917, the number of anti-Catholic publications drops from 60 to fewer than five.

1917: When the United States enters World War I, Supreme Knight Flaherty writes President Woodrow Wilson telling him that the Order plans to establish centers to provide for the troops’ “recreational and spiritual comfort.” The Knights’ services, he says, will be offered “regardless of creed.”

By the summer of 1917, the Order opens service centers, or “K of C Huts,” in training camps and behind the lines of battle. The Knights and independent fund drives raise nearly \$30 million to finance the huts.



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## Blood Drive



**GIVE  
BLOOD.  
GIVE  
LIFE.**

**January 31. 2024  
9:30 am to 6:30 pm  
Simmons Parish Center**

Signup online for the St. Pius X Blood Drive through the Red Cross. Complete the Rapid Pass to expedite the giving process.

Please come out and support the urgent need for blood.

Consider donating sometime by assisting at the drive. Volunteers are needed. Additionally, Bake goods are needed.

## SUPER BOWL LVIII FUNDRAISER (RSVP SUPPORT)



The Bowl is in 6 weeks. My brothers, there are 30 boxes open. Pick a box, Take a box. Pool. Proceeds from this fundraiser are going towards the RSVP program (Seminarian Sponsor). Help the Council support this program, and also have a chance to win a prize.

The Super Bowl is February 11th and this may even make the game more interesting. The Super Bowl Pool is open to everyone, reach out to family, friends and neighbors, Help the Council make this successful.

The super bowl prizes are as follows: 1st and 3rd Quarter \$200, Half \$400, Final \$900.00. Boxes are \$25.00 each.

If interested pick 1 or more boxes text to Marty Sosnicki (Chairman) at **631-335-3882** or email to [msos01@optonline.net](mailto:msos01@optonline.net). Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fraternally,

Martin Sosnicki PGK

## Pickup and Drop-Off

Brother Knights,

December has been fruitful in the way that all of our PICKUPANDROPOFF programs are running with awesome workers. We will miss Mike Wachter, who died in November and his new life with the Lord was celebrated by us and Knights at St. Paul's and 939 where he had been Grand Knight. He was our driver at Starbucks and Chic-fil-A. He was replaced by Ted Halek, Ron Swanson and Ken Kirshner.

Last Christmas we started working with Backpack Beginnings, delivering lunches to two schools for the students to take home on weekends.

This year we have four schools with a total of 155 lunches per week. Our drivers are Ted Halek, Mark Harris, Greg Williams and Dan Lyons.

Our total work in PICKUPANDROPOFF IS 19 drivers doing 28 pickups a week in about 42 hours. I am so pleased with this group. Most of the food goes to our favorite local charity, Room at the Inn, with one delivery made to Sanctuary House and the four Backpack Beginning schools. I get to take the place of one or two of these each week and clean up loose ends. I have yet to hear of a bean counter wondering what we could do if we got paid. We do get paid. In Matthew 25 you will see that every time we feed the hungry we do it for the Lord.

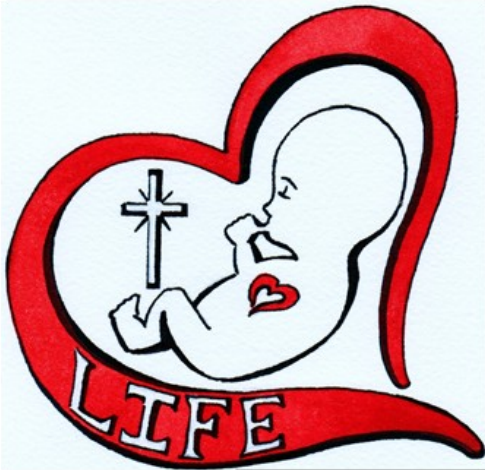
We are reminded that in spite of Roe v. Wade's overturn there is plenty to do. N.C. reduced the time of aborting babies from 20 to 12 weeks. These reductions all over the country have amounted to 38,000 more babies being born nationwide. Indiana and Kentucky have reduced their abortions to zero. If we are going to make abortion a thing of the past N.C. will have to go the same way. There is a Right to Life march in DC on January 12. Please watch it on EWTN to see what is happening nationally. As I find out about other events I will tell you.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Furman



## January Right to Life Month



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

*In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.*

### **RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH DATES:**

**January 12– Charlotte, NC**

**January 18—Raleigh, NC**

**January 19—Washington, DC**



# 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*



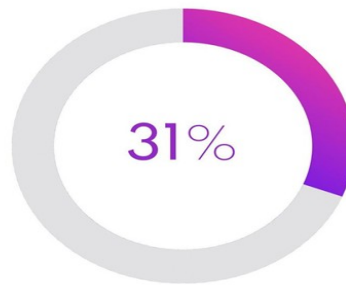
**DANIEL VU**  
*Traditional Catholic Men*

# **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

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

## Membership



# Councils Membership Goal for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024

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**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.



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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.