

Commodore John Barry Assembly, #1163 Arlington, Virginia

Navigator's Log



Sir Knights,

On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail seeking a westerly route to the Far East. Along the way he and his crew faced challenges, but they persevered and ten weeks later landed in the Bahamas. This was a first step in discovery of the New World, and the setting of a legacy that led to his serving as our organization's patron.

If ever there is a month filled with reminders of the virtue of perseverance, it is August. The entire month is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We also celebrate the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Assumptions. We remember martyrs ancient, St. Lawrence, and modern, St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) and St. Maximillian Kolbe; doctors of the Church – St. Augustine and St. Dominic. And perhaps most directly connected to the Knights of Columbus, St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests who we live to serve.

As we enter the dog days of summer, in each moment in our faith that we mark in August, let us pray that we focus on the blessings that we may attain through perseverance. Let us also pray for the children of our Sir Knights who are either preparing for the school year or have already begun.

Please review the minutes from our July meeting attached for some additional information about upcoming events and plans for the Assembly in the fall.

Finally, our meeting on Monday, August 28 will be an informal one, with a free dinner of BBQ beef and pork smoked at St. John the Beloved. Please RSVP to our Faithful Purser sk7mfarrell@yahoo.com so we have a good head count for the proper amount of meat to smoke and for sides.

I hope you all have the opportunity to relax a bit this month and enjoy some down time with family and friends. Stay cool. Stay safe. May God Bless you and your loved ones, and may God Bless America.

Vivat Jesus!

FN Ed McFadden

August 2023

Necrology:

SK Kerry Gorton, PGK, PFN, FDD

SK Peter T. Hoang, PGK

Please notify the Faithful Comptroller promptly of deaths of Sir Knights

**August 1-3
Supreme Convention**

**August 28th
Assembly Meeting**

Attire: Business casual or Polo shirt

Send your new e-mail addresses to
fn1163@vakofc.org

Upcoming Events

TUE 1-3 AUG - Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida

SUN 13 AUG - The Feast Day Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney at St. John Paul II

MON 28 AUG - Assembly Meeting at CCA

TUE 5 SEP - Memorial Mass for Fr. Vincent Capodanno at Basilica - Mass at 6:30PM

SUN 10 SEP - Heroes Mass at Saint Leo - Mass at 11AM

WED 13 SEP - Commodore John Barry Wreath Laying at his Statue in Washington DC



Blessed Michael McGivney

<http://kofcvn.org/blessed.htm>



Comptroller's Comments – August, 2023

NEW FRATERNAL YEAR – July starts our new fraternal year. Our installation will be conducted at our June meeting. I hope as many Sir Knights and their spouses/family will attend this important event.

ANNUAL DUES - Thanks to all who have already sent in their dues via the form below, electronically or in response to our dues mailings. I am again reprinting dues/donation information for you. Please make an extra effort to get your dues and donations to us.

If you wish to pay electronically, you can do so through either of these accounts:

VENMO - @CBA-1163

PayPal – john_tieso@netzero.net

Annual dues are:

\$25.00 for regular members

Life and Honorary Life members – Dues Waived

Priest and Religious – Dues Waived

A second printed dues notice will be going out on/about July 1st. Thirty days following, we will begin the process of suspending Sir Knights in arrears on dues for two years or more.

MSGR BRADIGAN FUND. Barry Assembly annually supports 10 seminarians preparing for service in the Diocese. We rely on Sir Knight's contributions to continue this offering. We count on our members and honorary members to help support the fund. 10 Seminarians cost \$5000, so we need to raise as much as we can to meet the goal and continue at the level we have had for a number of years. **Please consider the MSGR Bradigan fund as you submit your dues. As with dues, you have a number of ways to contribute, as indicated below in the dues section.**

If you have already paid your dues, you can also use the form below to contribute to the MSGR Bradigan Fund by check.

Mail to: FC John V Tieso 1300 S. Arlington Ridge Rd, #318 Arlington VA 22202

QUESTIONS: Please call FC John Tieso at 703-864-1209 or e-mail john.tieso@gmail.com

Name: _____

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Annual Dues (\$25.00)

2022 Dues:

MSG Bradigan Fund

Total Submitted



Funeral of SK Kerry Gorton, PGK, FDD, PFN at Nativity Catholic Church on Friday, July 28, 2023



Funeral of SK Peter Hoang, PGK at Holy Martyrs of VietNam on Wednesday, August 9, 2023



First in Faith and Charity

In annual report, the supreme knight urges members to respond to their baptismal calling and advance the Order's mission, pointing the world to Christ

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivered his [annual report](#) to the 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando, Fla., on Aug. 2, praising members for their work around the world and announcing new initiatives to help Knights grow closer to Christ, as the Order strives to be “First in Faith and Charity.”

“It’s a pleasure to celebrate another great year. We had a year of faith in action and heroic charity,” the supreme knight told the more than 2,300 Knights and their families, members of the Catholic hierarchy and special guests in attendance at the convention’s opening business session. “We stepped up in so many ways — all 2 million Knights of Columbus.”

Noting that Knights served 49 million volunteer hours and donated more than \$185 million to charity in 2022, he continued, “I’m grateful to God for the way he has worked among us and through us, and as we look back at the past year, I am confident Father McGivney is proud of us.”

FORMING MEN IN FAITH

Supreme Knight Kelly reminded convention delegates and guests that Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with one mission: to follow Jesus Christ.

In the face of growing threats to the family and the Church — “the two institutions that are most essential to human flourishing” — the supreme knight challenged Knights to remain committed to the Order’s mission and point the world to Christ.

“In this new era, forming Catholic men must be our top priority,” he said. “If we get the man right, we get everything right — the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who say ‘yes’ to their God-given vocation.”

To help Catholic men grow in prayer, faith formation and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus has launched an initiative called [Cor](#), Latin for “heart,” which the supreme knight described as “a game changer.”

“Young Catholic men, in particular, are hungry for faith and fraternity. *Cor* gives them what they’re looking for. And it opens their eyes to everything we offer,” the supreme knight said. “After a very successful pilot program in 21 jurisdictions, we’re preparing to roll *Cor* out to the entire Order. Every Knight and every Catholic man, of any age, can find value in *Cor*. I encourage you to make it a priority and invite the men of your parish.”

Supreme Knight Kelly also announced two new resources that can be used within *Cor* meetings. The first is a Bible study for men called [Men of the Word](#).

“This Bible study will bring Scripture alive, and it has the power to transform our lives,” he said.

The second is new five-part video series called *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family*. A follow-up to the Order’s popular [Into the Breach](#) series about *ily* proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic family; the place of the Catholic family; the gift of children, forgiveness and faithful family.



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'NEW HEIGHTS OF CHARITY'

"A relationship with Christ is the greatest gift we can offer the next generation," said the supreme knight. "The Knights of Columbus has a duty to help parents grow in their faith and pass it on to their children. Our new video series will help."

Growing closer to Christ will only strengthen Knights in their already robust charitable work, the supreme knight emphasized.

"Reaching new depths of faith will take us to new heights of charity," he said. "Father McGivney showed us the way. His love for Christ led him to care for widows and orphans."

Supreme Knight Kelly then highlighted some of the Knights' key charitable endeavors from the past year:

- Donating more than \$5.3 million to help people affected by natural disasters, including hurricanes Fiona and Ian.
- Marking the 20th anniversary of the Order's partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission.
- Giving more than \$3.7 million in scholarships and support for priests.
- Contributing more than \$21 million and countless volunteer hours to Special Olympics.
- Giving coats to children in need through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program; Knights are on track to donate the program's one-millionth coat this winter.
- Supporting the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in welcoming Pope Francis to Canada in order to foster healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

Supreme Knight Kelly also provided an update of the Knights' largest-ever relief effort — the Ukraine Solidarity Fund — which was established within 36 hours of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Today, the [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#) has raised over \$21 million to assist Ukrainian refugees — mostly women and children — and their families. With support from the fund, more than 9,000 Knights in Ukraine and Poland have distributed 7.2 million pounds of food, 3.6 million pounds of care packages, 85,000 pounds of medications and more to those affected by the war.

PROTECTING FAMILIES

Supreme Knight Kelly congratulated the achievements of the Knights' insurance division, which has been integral to the Order's mission since the beginning.

"As Catholic men, we all have a duty to protect families," he said. "Father McGivney built the Knights around this truth. And he charged us with caring for widows and orphans through our life insurance program."

Knights of Columbus Insurance continues to earn superior ratings from AM Best (A+) and Standard & Poor's (AA+). And, for the second consecutive year, *Forbes* has recognized Knights of Columbus Insurance as one of America's best life insurance companies.

At the same time, the Order is taking "our founding vision into bold new territory," the supreme knight said, by "empower[ing] Catholics to invest in line with their faith."

[Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors](#) today families, religious communities and dioceses. entrusted more than \$100 million to the -advised fund that allows people to support uphold the Catholic faith.



manages more than \$2.3 billion for Catholic. Additionally, individuals and families have Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, a donor charitable causes with investments that fully

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BUSIER THAN EVER IN A POST-*ROE* WORLD

The past year also witnessed many accomplishments as the Knights continued to build a culture of life after the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in June 2022.

“Now that *Roe* has been overturned, some fear that the pro-life movement is losing steam. But the opposite is true,” Supreme Knight Kelly said.

Last year, the supreme knight announced a new pro-life initiative called [ASAP](#) (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) and challenged Knights to raise \$5 million for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

“We didn’t meet that goal — we exceeded it, by more than \$1 million!” the supreme knight announced.

Additionally, the Knights have now donated 1,745 ultrasound machines to pro-life pregnancy centers through the Ultrasound Initiative, helping mothers see their babies and choose life.

Supreme Knight Kelly also acknowledged the 50th anniversary of the national March for Life in Washington. This year, the Knights co-hosted an event before the March with the Sisters of Life that drew more than 4,000 high school and college students.

“As I marched with my brother Knights in January, I felt a renewed sense of hope,” said the supreme knight. “It came, in large part, from the people who filled the streets in every direction. Our movement is young and passionate and filled with energy. And we have justice on our side. My hope hasn’t dimmed since then. In fact, it’s grown even stronger.”

Supreme Knight Kelly reminded Knights that the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* does not mean the end of the pro-life movement. The fight for the defense of life is far from over and will now continue in the states.

‘A NEW ERA OF IMPACT’

Noting the Order’s more than 2 million members around the world, the Supreme Knight Kelly applauded the Knights for reaching new generations and setting the stage for a “new era of impact.”

“Why do we continue to grow? Why, at a time when the Catholic Church faces serious demographic challenges, is the Order expanding year after year?” the supreme knight asked convention delegates. “I believe the reason is simple. In this age of mediocrity, the Knights of Columbus invites men to greatness; to sacrifice themselves for the good of others; to commit to a higher call with a band of brothers; and to stand strong in the breach, side by side, instead of being swept away by the culture, one at a time.”

He concluded, “When Father McGivney created the Order, he called us to this life of service. Catholic men rallied to the cause in his time. And in our time, we will inspire a new generation of men on a mission — first in faith and charity.”



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Upcoming Assembly Meeting Dates

2023:

Aug 28th — Assembly — CCA
Assembly Meeting

Sep 25th — Assembly — CCA
Assembly Meeting

Oct 23rd — Assembly — CCA
Assembly Meeting

Nov 27th — Assembly — CCA
Assembly Installation

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