



*Brothers,*

May this month's edition find you all ready for the Thanksgiving Day Celebration!

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2024 occurs on Thursday, November 28. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. As a whole ~ we do not depend on our crops to survive for us to survive. We are a country of bountiful supplies. It is a time to give thanks for all we have and how we can make life just a bit better for those less fortunate. Some donate Money, Some donate their time, Many others donate food. I ask we give a bit of all three as at this time we have plenty of & Food is something many have little of. Come out and give a hand on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8am to help deliver food to needy families.

Be well! Dan Ciesielski – Grand Knight

## K of C Safe Environment Program

### IF YOU WORK ON A PROGRAM DIRECTLY WITH KIDS – THIS IS A MUST

It has recently become a **HOT** topic for anyone dealing with or around children programs – must go through this program

**Now the Archdiocese requires this if you participate with kids programs**

### Safe Environment Program Best Practices

Before all programs, events, and activities in which minors are present, the Family Director and/or Community Director, along with the Grand Knight, shall call a short meeting of all volunteers participating in that activity sponsored by the council. All participating volunteers shall be provided with copies of these Safe Environment Best Practices.

### Working Together with Dioceses to Protect Our Children

The Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection works collaboratively with dioceses to fulfill our shared mission to protect minors and vulnerable persons

### Safe Environment Quick Reference Guide

What to Watch For - Boundary Violations and Inappropriate Behavior;  
Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships.

**Background Screening link**   **Program Resources Link**   **Leadership Resources Link**

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### **Building the Domestic Church:**

#### **The Family Fully Alive**

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/>

### **MISSION**

**Together, We're Empowering Catholic Men  
to Live Their Faith at Home, in Their  
Parish, and in Their Community.**

### **Run this in Your Church Bulletin:**

Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today. It's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.   KofC.org/JoinUs



## **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) - Chairman Dan Ciesielski**

If your council has donated at least \$500 to any pregnancy resource center,  
Please ensure you apply for the matching funds from Aid and Support After Pregnancy.  
Pregnancy Resource Centers remain on the front lines of serving our country's most vulnerable  
populations, and our councils and assemblies have  
always been a critical source of support for them.

As part of our Order's commitment to the culture of life, the Supreme Council  
will add an additional \$100 donation for every \$500 your council donates to a  
pregnancy resource center.

To apply for the matching grant, ask the organization to complete the Supreme form  
and provide a donation receipt letter. You can then complete the grant request  
application online at <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/asap.html>.

The Supreme Council will issue a matching grant check to the pregnancy  
resource center and will mail it to your council.

## **Invoke the Intercession of the Defender of Life**

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments in a case  
that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread  
accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills).

Chemical abortions are now the most common form of  
abortion in the United States.

The case is in response to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA)  
promoting the availability of chemical abortion while ignoring risks  
to women and violating federal law.

In short, the FDA has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion  
industry and turned neighborhood pharmacies into chemical abortion  
providers. While the Supreme Court case is not about ending chemical  
abortion, it can restore limitations that the FDA has overridden.  
When a Supreme Court decision is released, probably in June, we can  
expect a public and political reaction similar to the Dobbs  
decision that overturned Roe v. Wade.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to  
join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection  
of women and preborn children. In particular, we will invoke the  
intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer.

Online and print versions of the prayer can be found at  
[www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

Thank you for responding to this invitation to prayer for an end to  
all abortions and for the protection of women and preborn children.  
St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

## **Dearest St. Joseph,**

At the word of an angel,  
You lovingly took Mary  
into your home.

As God's humble servant,  
you guided the Holy Family  
on the road to Bethlehem,  
Welcomed Jesus as your own  
son in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both  
Mother and Child.

We praise God that as  
their faithful protector,  
You never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit  
ourselves to the service and  
defense of human life,  
especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do  
the will of God in all things.

Amen

## Abortion in the Case of Rape

Do you struggle with opposing abortion in the case of rape?  
Many of our political leaders are willing to make this exception in pro-life laws,  
and it is one of the most difficult aspects of the pro-life cause.  
On the one hand, we want to show compassion for the rape victim, and having the mother  
complete the pregnancy might lead to further trauma as it can serve as a reminder  
of what was likely to be the most horrific event of their life. On the other hand,  
we cannot deny that the abortion involves the taking of a human life.

The Catholic Church has a very consistent stance regarding the dignity and sanctity of all human life,  
and this explains how they not only oppose abortion, but also oppose the death penalty and euthanasia.

If the taking of a human life for any reason is wrong, how can any exception be justified?  
One of the best arguments regarding this issue is that the abortion is an act of violence that  
happens as a result of a previous act of violence. We want to see the perpetrator of the rape  
punished for his act of violence. But the baby in the womb becomes a second victim  
to the crime when its life is ended in response to the initial violence.

However, this is a difficult topic. If you struggle with this topic, and how to best approach it,  
you might find help at a website from an organization called “Save the One”.

The site provides videos, essays, and testimonials from rape victims who chose to keep  
their babies, as well as testimonials from people who were born as a result of women choosing  
to keep their babies. Their website is <https://www.savethe1.com>.

## Who should I vote for?

OK, that title was kind of click bait. I’m not going to tell you who to vote for.

But, did you hear what Pope Francis had to say about who to vote for?

He was concerned about the life stance of both candidates, and suggested that voters  
pick the “lesser of two evils” (without saying which candidate that is). You can see what he  
said in this YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/aCcQYgc19j0?si=sEPgB1Kp2skOhPEH>.

I was considering whether I should try to find the official stance that each party takes  
on the abortion issue so they could be laid side by side and help us all make an  
informed decision about who to vote for. I gave up trying to find that, but while I was  
looking, I found an interesting article from Newsweek, of all places. It is an opinion  
piece written by the presidential candidate from the American Solidarity Party. The  
article can be found here: <https://www.newsweek.com/pro-life-voters-dont-have-pick-lesser-two-evils-opinion-1955666>. I’m not endorsing this candidate, and I’m not  
saying who I’m voting for. But, I have talked with people who say they will not vote  
for either the Republican or the Democratic candidate because they are turned off by  
both, and for these people, perhaps this candidate is an option for them. In any case,  
I thought his opinion was interesting, and I was surprised to  
see it published in Newsweek of all places.

The USCCB provides guidance on voting in their document “Forming Consciences for  
Faithful Citizenship”, which can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2023-Nov-15%20FCFC%20action%20item%20text%20final.pdf>. They have reiterated their  
previous statement that abortion is the “preeminent issue” for America.

They also have a web page that provides quotes intended to address those who take a  
“pro-choice” position, which is very helpful. It can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/on-the-prochoice-position-on-abortion>.

# Deacons Den

## All Saints Day - - All Souls Day

Brother Knights:

On November 1st of each year we celebrate All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, to honor all of the saints of the Church whether they are known or unknown. The first evidence for the November 1 date of celebration to include all saints occurred during the reign of Pope Gregory III (731-741),

who dedicated a chapel in Saint Peter's, Rome, on November 1, in honor of all saints. One great tradition and practice associated with the Solemnity of All Sais is going to Mass—it is, after all, a Holy Day of Obligation! Every time we go to Mass, we remember the saints in a special way in the Eucharist.

Other traditions on this day include reading and learning about the saints. Let's remember to pray to our favorite saints, our name sake through Baptism, selected by our parents, or those we chose through the Confirmation process, every day of the year, but especially on November 1st. We pray to them for their intercession also to the greatest intercession, the Blessed Virgin Mary, our council patron saint, The Sweet Star of the Sea.

On November 2nd of each year we celebrate All Souls' Day. Sometime in the 10<sup>th</sup> century, the Catholic priest, Saint Odilo of Cluny instituted All Souls' Day, a day to pray for the souls of deceased family members, ordinary men and women who have lived good lives and were waiting in purgatory until they were worthy to enter heaven. Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven, and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass is commonly held, and many people visit the graves of loved ones. It is the final day of the tritium dedicated to remembering the dead, beginning with All Hallows Eve (AKA Halloween) and followed by All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Our past council Chaplain Father Anthony Legarski would often remind us to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially, the "Poor Souls of Purgatory", those whom have no family or friends remaining here on earth to pray for them. Let's strive to remember those "poor souls" along with our deceased family members and friends in our daily prayers.

Faithfully Yours, Viva Jesus

Rev. M. David Dawson - Our Lady of Mercy

**The Knights of Columbus - Empowers Catholic men to live their faith  
and serve their family, parish, community, and country.**

You can watch a short introduction to the Cor Meeting initiative at <https://bit.ly/3FdWMCu>

**Why Cor? Families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ.**

**Through Cor, men will be formed and sharpened as disciples of Jesus, who are committed to serving him and willing to boldly live and share their faith. It is the mandate of every Catholic man to bring Jesus to a broken world. To live his faith and engage in this mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Catholic men need to proactively invest in their ongoing faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church.**

**The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity.**

**The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.**

**Contact me for more information or to schedule a presentation about Cor.**

## Faithful Navigator's Message



REPEAT POSTING – TIME LIMIT APPROACHING

**ATTENTION ALL KOREAN & VIETNAM VETERANS!**



Supreme Council is trying to assemble of list of members who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars -- as they did for WWI and WWII members and received the service medals for that endeavor.

This applies to both living and deceased members.

**The information needed:**

Your Name, K of C membership number, date of birth, council number, assembly number (if 4th degree), whether living or deceased, which war, the branch of service, and the year for which the service medal was awarded. If you are eligible, please provide me with the info requested and I will submit the data to Supreme. NOTE: All surviving recipients who earned these medals will receive a certificate of appreciation from Supreme.

Reply is requested no later than Dec 31st. Thanks!. Remember

***To Waste Time is to Have Lost it Forever***

**CONTACT ME DIRECTLY FOR ME TO PROCESS THIS**

or you can also go onto our website and fill out the form yourselves

[http://kofc3544.org/Rosary -Mediations 2024.docx](http://kofc3544.org/Rosary-Mediations 2024.docx)

## Food for Families Report



A REMINDER that time goes quickly as our time to help approaches...

The Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays seem to sneak up on us & Yes - we need to keep in mind that the holidays are not the only times during the year our fellow townsman need assistance.

I thank GOD every day our families have enough to live and survive on but not everyone is as blessed. Please put two dates on your calendar - **November 23rd, 2024 & December 21st, 2024** (Saturdays).

We once again will be called upon to donate a few hours in the am to assist the Plainville Food Pantry in delivery of food baskets once again.

Please remember to donate Non-Perishable & canned goods in the gathering space of O.L.M. during the holidays. Donating a bit of time is the easiest thing to donate as this commodity we have plenty of...



## **Editors Message**

**Brothers,**

The Knight's Edition has been received without any feedback and thus I hope everything is right...  
Should you know of an event that is not on the calendar – Please – send me a message  
so I can post it accordingly. My focus is to give as up to date information as I can  
so that more members are better informed.

I enjoy putting it together and hopefully – it will be accepted by all...

***LET'S HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER***

## ***Field Agents Report***

### ***“Update Your Beneficiaries”***

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.  
Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies.

If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the  
person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you  
would want to receive the policy proceeds.

If you bought the policy when you were single, for example,  
You may have named your parents as beneficiaries.

If you have since married, your policies should be updated  
to reflect your spouse as beneficiary.

Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated  
as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds.

We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary,  
an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds,  
usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments,  
usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is,  
the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss  
during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations.

If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete  
the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

Thank you & I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney  
watches over our families this month.

Vivat Jesus - Mark Sirois - Assistant General Agent - 203-910-3430 - <http://sirois-ins.us>

## **REPEAT POSTING**

### **Tootsie Roll Drive**



I wish to thank everyone that has made this year's Tootsie Roll Drive successful. Yes, it had a rough start but as you guys always do, you made it into an achievement instead of a failure.

The ordering of the Tootsie Rolls is now easier for us as the order form was placed on our website.

Going forward we can order the Tootsie Rolls as early as July 1st of each year and receive them in September. Again, **Thank You** to **ALL** volunteers & Thank You to Gnazzo's for getting us in last minute.

**Grateful to all - Bill Brayne**

### ***Kids Christmas Party***

***Date to be Determined***

*Like years in the past need your help in the buying, delivering to the council unwrapped presents, coming out for a gift wrapping party - where we identify age groups for gifts and male vs female... Once all tagging is done, we settle back knowing we helped the kids have a great start to the Christmas season... Don*

### ***Breakfast with Santa***

***DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED***

### **Website Update**

*With new links for Pro Life - upcoming Council Events - Field Agents Monthly Report - Upcoming Degrees Join the Knights w/ form on our website and the Tootsie Roll Order Form all here for your convenience. If you have someone you know that wishes to join - use "MSIROIS" as the Agent Code to remove the 1st years dues and credit will go to our faithful Field Agent He is always there for us - help him now... We also have a QR code added for people to join the Knights of Columbus using their smartphones*

There is also a link to our daily prayers and a link for those that wish to attend mass during your traveling that allows you to type in the zip code and all masses in that area with their times of service pops right up...

You can order the new uniforms for the 4th degree on our website (make sure you select the USA flag)...

**PLEASE GO TO THE WEBSITE - USE IT OFTEN - USE THE INFO THERE AND TRY TO ENJOY THE VIDEOS**

We now have the Google Calendar up & live on the website. Go to the main page and click on the link that is blinking – it has all our events as well as all the CT State Council events. The web address is: <http://kofc3544.org> - ENJOY

My goal is to get the most up-to-date information and have it there for all to see & use...

Should you need to see something that is not posted - Please let me know...

You have questions - this will supply the answers. It was requested that we have photos of past functions post online so people can see then and maybe save them should they choose to do so...

Until people send me photos for posting – there is nothing I can do on this request...

My hope is everyone goes on and enjoys all it has to provide. <http://kofc3544.org> - With kind regards, Mark Germain

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

40 days for life – Dan Ciesielski

[The Rosary & 40 Days of Life](#) has been added to our website for everyone to read and enjoy.

It covers: Joyful Mystery, Sorrowful Mystery, The Glorious Mystery, & The Luminous Mystery.

Please take time to read as it is very informative.

**Family Director** – Bill Fasciano - No report

**Faith Director** – Brian Roche - No Report at this time

**Kids Christmas Party & Breakfast w/ Santa**

Don Melanson – Christmas is next month and coming up very quickly...

Are YOU ready? The dates for when they are held are to be determined...

**Into the Breach** – Brian Roche - No Report at this time

**Life Director** – Dan Ciesielski – No Report at this time

Membership – William Fasciano - No Report at this time

**Parish Sunday Breakfast** – Bill Brayne, Mike Melninkaitis – Our Next Breakfast will be November 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am until 10 am. Should you have time – Make this a family breakfast.

No Family – Bring a potential new member – bring a neighbor – main thing is to come out...

Enjoy a hearty Breakfast by the Knights Brigade.

**Special Olympics** – ALL in the name of Special Olympics – the following are coming up in CT.

Please visit the website to see when you may wish to venture out as a spectator...

[Special Olympics Calendar of Events](#) – Support them if you can...

Gratefully – Mark Germain

**Tootsie Roll** – Bill Brayne – Another year has passed for our Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser.

Many of you came out and donated the most valuable commodity we have – Our Time...

Thank You to everyone that helped either in person or by donating yourselves...

Final report to be given during the next council meeting – 11/14/2024 – meeting begins at 7pm.

*Gratefully Yours – Bill Brayne*

**Knight Edition** – As stated in October's Knight Edition Newsletter – many new items have been added. My hope is everyone can use and enjoy all that is there!

I will be going over the results of the survey that 27 brothers responded to... I really do wish that more could have responded to get a larger opinion by the membership but we have what we have...



### *Editors Thanksgiving Message*

As a brother Knight – I ask all my brothers and their families to take time during this thanksgiving to thank God for all we have. Through his Grace, he has provided for all of us. Some of you will donate time to deliver food baskets at the Plainville Food Pantry, Some donate time to collect donations, others will take time to shop for food and deliver to the pantry for delivery to a needy family. Here in Las Vegas, we have decided to go with a local program called “Adopt a family” to donate a complete meal. Yes, the way it works – we do not know the names of the families – just addresses... we pick the addresses out of a bowl and that is for whom we deliver.

The paper informs me how many in the family (up to 4 people), we will go out and pick up what is needed, and deliver the weekend prior to Thanksgiving.

Remember where you were when YOU needed help once...  
Growing up with very little except for what the state gave every year for 19 years, I remember dearly and hate to see other go through it...  
I will always remember and hope you do too...

May this Thanksgiving bring you the Happiness & Joy of Sharing.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families,

**Mark Germain – Knight Edition Editor**

A MAN WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET - HE FALLS INTO A HOLE...THE WALLS WERE TOO STEEP AND HE COULD NOT CLIMB OUT...

AS A DOCTOR WALKS BY THE MAN IN THE HOLE YELLS OUT - DOCTOR, CAN YOU HELP ME - I HAVE FALLEN INTO THIS HOLE, THE WALLS WERE TOO STEEP - I CAN NOT CLIMB OUT?  
THE DOCTOR SAID BACK HERE IS A PRESCRIPTION, GET IT FILLED WHEN YOU GET OUT AND THEN HE WALKED AWAY...

AS A LAWYER WALKS BY THE MAN IN THE HOLE AGAIN YELLS OUT - SIR, CAN YOU HELP ME - I HAVE FALLEN INTO THIS HOLE, THE WALLS WERE TOO STEEP - I CAN NOT CLIMB OUT? THE DOCTOR SAID BACK HERE IS MY BUSINESS CARD, COME SEE ME WHEN YOU GET OUT AND THEN HE WALKED AWAY...

THEN A BROTHER KNIGHT WALKS BY THE MAN IN THE HOLE YELLS OUT - BROTHER, CAN YOU HELP ME - I HAVE FALLEN INTO THIS HOLE, THE WALLS WERE TOO STEEP - I CAN NOT CLIMB OUT?  
THE BROTHER SAYS SURE I CAN HELP AND THEN JUMPS DOWN INTO THE HOLE...  
THE GUY AGAIN YELLS OUT "WHAT ARE YOU DOING - I TOLD YOU I FELL INTO THIS HOLE AND THE WALLS WERE TOO STEEP TO CLIMB OUT BUT NOW WE BOTH ARE STUCK IN THIS HOLE.....  
THE BROTHER RESPONDS BY SAYING YES, YOU DID TELL ME THIS BUT I HAVE BEEN DOWN IN THIS HOLE BEFORE AND I KNOW A WAY OUT...

MORAL OF THE STORY IS - NO MATTER HOW BIG A HOLE YOU ARE IN - SOMEONE ELSE HAS BEEN THERE BEFORE - THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE THAT HAS GONE THROUGH THAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE GOING THROUGH... ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CONTACT YOUR GK, DD OR IF YOU NEED TO - YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT ME. IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS - WE CAN GET SOMEONE THAT CAN GET THE ANSWERS... HELP IS BUT A CALL, EMAIL, or TEXT AWAY...



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## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS**

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Douglas L. Wright PGK-PFN**

**Timothy J. Maloney**

**THOMAS SULLIVAN - FDD**

**Thomas was our district deputy for 4 years.  
he was in the hospital for cardiac issues.**

**IF YOU KNOW OF A BROTHER KNIGHT OR FIRST RESPONDER  
THAT IS IN DISTRESS – LET ME KNOW SO THEY CAN BE ADDED.**

### **Pro Life Report**

**The Knight of Columbus is proud to once again support this year's "40 Days for Life" campaign.**

**The "40 Days for Life" mission is bringing an end to the tragedy of abortion and the evil and destruction of innocent life. With a focus on prayers, fasting, and peaceful activism we seek God's favor to turn the hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. It is estimated that since the campaign started in 2007**

**the 40 day life program over 24,800 lives have been spared from abortion,**

**155 abortion centers closed, and 263 abortion workers quitting.**

**Define ABORTION: is the termination of a pregnancy after, accompanied by, resulting in, or closely followed by the death of the embryo or fetus. Simply put the killing of a baby.**

**Minors can receive abortion care in Connecticut without parental notification. People under age 16 are required by law to receive counseling during their abortion care visit. There is generally no requirement of spousal notification in Connecticut. Husky, which you pay for covers abortion services for people enrolled in HUSKY, in our state.**

**Please look at the candidates for President--- who is likely to continue killing babies.....**

**When you go out to vote - remember WHO supports all versions of abortions...**

***YOUR VOICE IS YOUR TRUMPET - LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD  
AND YOU GET OUT TO MAKE YOUR VOTE BE COUNTED FOR LIFE***

### **P.S.A. on e-mail and phishing scams**

**Brothers, since e-mail and phone phishing scams have been getting increasingly worse recently (whether it be related Medicare, Politics, the Church, or another topic), please watch out for anyone that is asking for a favor or for you to purchase gift cards or some other type of monetary item. Since phone numbers and e-mails can be easily spoofed, if something sounds strange or out of the ordinary from the person asking, verify with that person by the e-mail or phone number you have on record, or if it looks like it came from the church or another knight, please verify.**

**AND never click on links in emails or reply to the sender in the suspect e-mail.**

**And if you unfortunately have become a victim of an e-mail or phone scam and lost money, PLEASE – REPORT the incident to <https://www.ic3.gov/> Internet Crime Complaint Center because they are very good about recovering money and closing down the fraudulent scam email and/or phone sites**

## Helping Hands

Do YOU know of a Knight in Need – Do not know how to help?  
Do YOU need help but not sure who to call?  
Call the Knight Squad – beginning with the Grand Knight.  
Help is just a call away



**REV. GERALD T CORRIGAN**

Council 3544 – Recognizes

**Name Here**

as the November 2024  
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



**REV. GERALD T CORRIGAN**

Council 3544 – Recognizes

**Name Here**

as the November 2024  
FAMILY OF THE MONTH

## -- NOTICE --

If you know of a future event & you did not see it here,  
drop me a quick message for me to look into and try to  
get it published in the next monthly Knight Edition  
[council3544@gmail.com](mailto:council3544@gmail.com)

*Happy  
Birthday*

## MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS











RAYMOND SILVERIO	11-19-1958
STEVE F. TARDIF	11-20-1970
NORMAN STITHAM	11-26-1931
DENNIS W SADOWSK	11-30-1949

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

**Man in Confession:**  
**Father - I keep hearing a voice telling**  
**me what to do - am I possessed?**  
**Priest replies: No - You're Married!**



## Knights of Columbus November 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27 October</b>  Don't forget to attend Mass	<b>28 October</b>	<b>29 October</b>	<b>30 October</b>	<b>31 October</b>  <b>Happy Halloween</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  Don't forget to attend Mass	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> Get out and vote 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm @ <b>O.L.M.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Time to fall back</b> 						
<b>10</b>  Don't forget to attend Mass  <b>PARISH BREAKFAST</b> O.L.M. 8:30 – 11AM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Assembly Meeting</b> 7:00 pm @ <b>O.L.M.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  Don't forget to attend Mass	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Delivery of Food Baskets for Plainville Food Pantry</b>
<b>24</b>  Don't forget to attend Mass	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> 	<b>29</b> <b>BLACK FRIDAY</b> 	<b>30</b>
<b>1 December</b> Don't forget to attend Mass	<b>2 December</b>	<b>3 December</b>	<b>4 December</b>	<b>5 December</b>	<b>6 December</b>	<b>7 December</b>

**HAVE YOU INVITED A NEIGHBOR – A FRIEND OR FAMILY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**  
**NOW IS THE TIME TO INVITE A BROTHER IN CHRIST TO JOIN – USE THE QR CODE ON THE WEBSITE**  
**OR BELOW TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORLDS LARGEST CATHOLIC FRATERNAL**  
**ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CATHOLIC MEN TO COME**  
**OUT AND SUPPORT THE CHURCH – THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR FAITH...**  
**FOR FREE 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR DUES – USE *MSIROIS* AS THE AGENT CODE**



## ***Knight's Alert for Halloween***

***Keep the Ghouls & Goblins Safe by  
following the guidelines below...  
Your Kids or Grandkids deserve "SAFE" FUN***

### ***URGENT HALLOWEEN INFORMATION***

Eat only factory-wrapped treats.  
If you have any doubt about the safety of a treat, throw it out.

- Carrying a glow stick is one way to see and be seen as night wears on, but did you know that the luminescent liquid inside a glow stick is minimally toxic in small amounts?  
Do not allow children to chew on glow sticks. Symptoms of ingestion can include mouth or throat irritation and vomiting. Better yet take a flashlight.
- Children are curious and put all sorts of things in their mouths. Confusing medicine with candies can make Halloween go from spooky to scary. Practice safe medication storage. Keep all medications and vitamins, including your emergency supply, up and away and out of reach and sight of children to avoid confusion with Halloween treats.
- Halloween can be tricky for children with food allergies. Parents: always read labels (avoid treats without labels), carry an epinephrine auto-injector (if prescribed started by Food Allergy Research and Education to provide non-food treats, such as stickers, school supplies, and small toys, to kids with allergies).

### ***Street Smarts***

The frightening fact is that, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween more than on any other day of the year.

As a parent or caregiver, here are a few important rules of the road to share with your costumed pedestrians before stepping out.

- Prepare your Trick or Treater with trick or treat safety items: a flashlight, reflective tape or strips applied to costumes and candy bags, and an emergency contact information card in case they get lost or separated from the group.
- Trick or treat as part of a large group with a responsible adult.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Look both ways before crossing the street at a crosswalk or intersection.
- Walk, Don't Run between houses to avoid trips and falls.

### ***Caution with costumes***

**Your little princess or goblin is *itching* to hit the Trick-or-Treat Trail, but is their costume safe?**

- Do NOT wear decorative contact lenses without a prescription. Decorative lenses purchased without a prescription may not fit properly, leaving the eye more susceptible to scratches on the outer layer of the eye, or getting an ulcer (an open sore) on the cornea—the clear covering over the front of the eye.
- Painting your face can be fun alternative to wearing a mask. Test novelty make-ups in a small area on the arm to test for an allergic reaction before applying it to your face. Remove all makeup according to the manufacturers' instructions before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Make sure costumes fit well to avoid blocked vision and help prevent trips and falls.
- Choose costume accessories that are short, soft (i.e., made of plastic or foam) and flexible.