

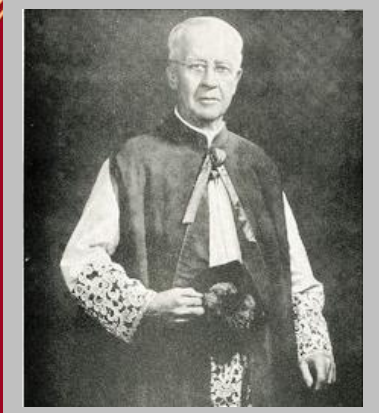


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 Our Council's Namesake

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**ALL COUNCIL EVENTS ARE  
 CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers All,

My Brothers All I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

What can I say that has not already been said about these trying times that we are experiencing? Everything has come to a halt and we are constantly trying to keep ourselves safe whenever we go out into public areas.

What can we as Catholic Brothers do? Many are trying to help their own families with children home and grandchildren needing support. Many are helping their neighbors, especially the elderly. By doing these things we are fulfilling our Knights of Columbus principle of Charity.

Our Council churches still need to pay their bills. In the spirit of our Catholic duties, if you can continue your weekly church budget, please help your respective parish church. One way that we can help our Community is to give blood. You can only give blood, however, by making an appointment. You can find out about any blood drives by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) the Red Cross website or you can schedule and appointment at a local blood center.

There are opportunities to attend a "virtual Mass" on your computer. The Saint John and Paul parish has live streaming of Masses. You can get connected by: Going to the home page of SSJP website [www.ssjp.com](http://www.ssjp.com) Scroll down and click on their Facebook Page. The Mass stream might not pop up until 5 minutes or so before Mass starts. All streaming Mass schedules and other information is on the SSJP website given above.

Also, virtual Mass can be found on the cable TV station EWTN. I know one is always on at 12pm. If you have Cox it is on channel 1022 or 22. Just search for EWTN network. A spiritual Communion is always celebrated at each virtual Mass. The priest will lead you in this prayer.

My brothers, we must pray daily. As Knights of Columbus we were all given a rosary at one of our exemplifications. Let's use it and continue to invoke our Blessed Mother to intercede for us to keep our families, friends, all clergy and God's family around the world safe and secure as much as possible and grant that this Covid 19 virus epidemic comes to an end.

Roberta and I pray that all our Brothers and their families stay safe and healthy. God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek  
 Grand Knight

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## Chaplain's Corner

My Brother Knights in just a few days we will be ending our Lenten season, which has been unlike other Lenten seasons. As we begin Holy Week, we are called to reflect upon the saving death and glorious resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As our Lenten Season so will our Holy Week observances be different. I encourage you to consult your parishes to see what they be live streaming during the week. Also, you may turn to EWTN or other areas in the media to watch and to participate spiritually in the Holy Week services.

Please use the account of the Passion from the Gospel of John has your prayer and reflection this Holy Week. Continue to pray the Rosary daily interceding to our Blessed Lady that she may seek the healing hand of her son, Jesus Christ upon our families and our world.

Please remember to observe distancing and be safe so that you and your families may be kept safe from COVID-19.

You and your families will be held in my prayers.

God bless you during this Holy Week and Easter Season.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi, Chaplain

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father Richard Bucci
- Father Victor Silva
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK Daniel Danis
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Brother Alan Ogradnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Joan Thompson (recently deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- Those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

*“Yahweh himself will lead you; he will be with you; he will not fail you or desert you. Have no fear, do not be alarmed.” – Deuteronomy 31:8*



**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**



All Community activities are cancelled until further notice.

John Pizzo, Community Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**



All Life activities are cancelled until further notice.

John Murray, Life Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH**



In conjunction with the Sts. John and James council, we will be steaming a Retreat led by Father Nicholas Fleming on Saturday April 18 (time to be determined). I will send an email with the time and detailed information on how to access this retreat electronically. Please plan to attend this event as it is a requirement to be eligible for our council to receive the Columbian award but, more importantly, it is a way to increase our knowledge of our Catholic faith in union with our fellow Brother Knights.

Paul Lemek, Faith Activities Director

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

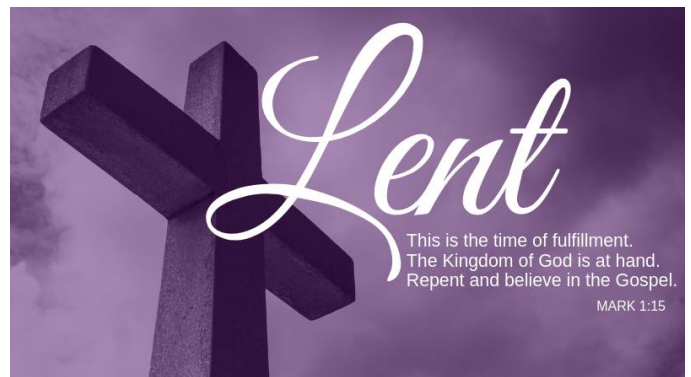
E. J. Robinson	April 1
Shawn Corcoran	April 1
Joseph Fleury	April 3
George Paquin	April 11
Stelvio Cordeiro	April 12
Richard Denningham, Jr.	April 14
Robert Martin	April 15
John Pizzo	April 19
Robert Chartier	April 20
Thomas Rossi	April 21
William Jakabek	April 24
Alan Ogrodnik	April 26
Keith Parent	April 26
Rudolph Cirelli	April 28
Peter Turner	April 29
Gerard Heroux	April 30

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY**



All Knights Out and Family activities are cancelled until further notice

David Legault, Family Activities Director



*“Yahweh is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? Yahweh is the fortress of my life, whom should I dread?” – Psalm 27:1*

**CHARLES W. SWEENEY, JR. 1936-2020**



Brother Charley Sweeney went to his final reward on March 24, just one day after his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. Brother Charlie joined the order and our council in November 2002 and was also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in Father Wallace Assembly. He and his wife Aline were fixtures in our council up until the time we sold the council hall on Knotty Oak Road. He and his wife Aline used to run the children's Christmas Party held every year at the council hall, and they used to help out with many dinners held there. When the Squires Circle has just started, the young men held a huge Yard Sale in the council hall, and Brother Charlie and Aline's assistance in running it made it a huge success. Brother Charlie was also a US Navy veteran having served in the late 1950's. Please pray for the repose of Brother Charlie's soul, and also for his wife Aline and the entire Sweeney family in their time of grief.

**JOAN THOMPSON 1941-2020**



Joan Thompson, companion of Worthy FDD/PGK/Advocate Patrick Hurley, went to her final reward yesterday, March 9. Joan attended many of our council's events over the past few years including many Knights Out. Brother Pat told me that the past three weeks were very hard for Joan, and it proved too much for her. We will certainly miss her. Please pray for the repose of Joan's soul as well as Brother Pat and Joan's family in their time of grief.

**FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT ON COVID-19**

Dear Brother Knights:

When I announced the Order's Building the Domestic Church initiative in 2015, no one imagined that five years later churches coast to coast would be closed, leaving Catholics unable to attend Mass.

The coronavirus pandemic is a crisis of unprecedented proportions. It is also an opportunity for Knights of Columbus to step into the breach and become the spiritual leaders that our families need in this hour, when the only church we can enter is our own domestic church.

The Order offers many wonderful resources through the Building the Domestic Church program. During these days of a Lent like no other, I want to highlight two of them tailor-made for this time.

Our Catholic Information Service (CIS) offers The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations booklet which can be downloaded free of charge. We have also developed a companion for families with young children — a Stations of the Cross coloring book based on mosaics by Father Marko Rupnik, S.J., and the talented artisans of Centro Aletti, a community of artists based in Rome. Their mosaics adorn chapels and churches throughout the world, including the Supreme Council's Holy Family Chapel and the worship spaces of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

This Good Friday, I encourage every Knight with a young family to prepare a Via Crucis in his domestic church. Post the stations throughout your home and invite children to be altar servers, carrying candles or flashlights, as you lead your family in prayer.

These days of challenge require us to be creative and to be faithful. If we are both, I believe this will be the most meaningful Lent of our lives.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

*“Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God. I give you strength, truly I help you, truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand.” – Isaiah 41:10*



## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrika di San Pietro M. Falconi.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

*"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." – John 14:27*