

# The Knightly News



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## President's Day February 17, 2025



Presidents Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents Day 2025 occurs on Monday, February 17th. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

Around the country, patriotic and historical groups hold events and celebrations and schools often teach students about the accomplishments of American presidents. The third Monday in February is still officially called Washington's Birthday. However, in the mid-1980's, advertisers began referring to the holiday as President's Day nationwide, and the name was unofficially adopted by the public. It even appears that way on most U.S. calendars.

Did you know? President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives: George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

## Notes From the Top: Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers,

First, I'd like to welcome three new brothers to the counsel: Alfred Ledesma, Antony Varghese and Matt Bonfadini. We now have ten new members this Columbian year! Let's all welcome and involve them early.

We have the good fortune of being selected as the first counsel in California to host the relic of Blessed Michael McGivney as it makes its way through California. This event is part of three-days of veneration culminating with the 125th anniversary 4th Degree exemplification at Christ Cathedral on Saturday, March 1. Our counsel involvement will occur on Thursday, February 27th, beginning at 4:00pm and will include Mass, veneration of the relic, a 3rd Degree exemplification, buffet dinner and hosting our local Chapter (OC) business meeting.

Hosting a relic of our Order's founder is truly a blessing. All Knights and families are encouraged partake in this event. We will need ushers, exemplification officers, dinner coordinators and hall set up/clean up volunteers. Look for an email communication with online sign up or sign-up sheets at this week's council meeting.

Also, our annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive is on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd. Your help for a few minutes after the Mass of your choice will be much appreciated. I look forward to seeing many of you this month.

Fraternally,  
Brother Jim

## Notes From the Top Deputy Grand Knight's Message:



Dear Brothers,

February is dedicated to the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are often represented humbly in artwork. Even the glow around their virtuous heads is usually simple, at least when they are represented as the Holy Family. (When Mary is represented as the Queen of Heavens, that's a different and incredibly elaborate depiction.)

Remember that even though Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for three days, they are still saints. Let's focus on our families and help each other grow as practicing Catholics.

Vivat Jesus,  
Brother Mike Urratio

## Notes From the Top: District Deputy's Message



Worthy Knights.

St. Killian Parish and this council is hosting a huge four hour event Thursday Night Feb 27th: A relic of our Blessed Fr. McGivney is arriving for the first time ever in Orange County. A holy hour is being offered, a Mass in his honor, then followed by a CUF Exemplification for any new candidate Knights from around O.C.

Then a banquet served from your dandy new parish kitchen to be followed by the monthly Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting. On your parish grounds there very well be more honored Knight guests from your Chapter, your State and Supreme that evening than will ever be again. You Knights are called to attend this once in a lifetime spiritual opportunity.

Why such a extravaganza? The Relic is to travel over to Christ Cathedral for the new "open" 4th Degree Exemplification hosted by our Bishop Vahn on Saturday March 1st. If you haven't ever obtained your 4th degree, this is the way to do it in style! I am. Please consider joining me. I forwarded the info through your council GK, and the info is available on our ockc.net Chapter Website There's a big banquet after that too! Wives and families are invited to all exemplifications! Don't sweat their due date, which said by Feb 1, that's for Knights that may need to fly in, you guys are local, so the deadline will slide a week into February for you. Just apply the form 4 to your FS!

Vivat Jesus  
Dan Hoffman  
District Deputy 138

## Notes From the Top: Chancellor's Message:



Dear Brothers,

For those who are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, NOW is the time to ACT! You have the unique opportunity to participate as we prepare to have a considerable number of brother knights throughout the Southern California area join our ranks.

Fourth Degree is the highest degree that you can attain in the Knights of Columbus. The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be taking place on March 1st, 2025, at Christ Cathedral. It is going to be a memorable and historic event, as the Knights celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree, highlighting Patriotism. Expect a big turnout and celebration with KofC Supreme and California State dignitaries. This will be the first "125th Anniversary Fourth Degree Exemplifica-

tion” taking place “west of the Mississippi”. Supreme chose Orange County, CA and Christ Cathedral over other dioceses in California – we are the FIRST, due to our strong presence and brotherhood. The first official one in 2025 kicking off our 125th Anniversary will be taking place February 22, 2025, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City, where it all began.

It is \$90 to participate on March 1, 2025, which includes one meal for yourself, for dinner that night. It is \$30 for each additional guest.

In order to participate, please print, complete and sign a Form 4 - work with our Council 6332 Financial Secretary, Brother Steve, to complete and sign the Form 4. It needs to go through Council 6332, before it comes to Assembly 2305. Please get the printed/completed/signed Form 4 to either me or to SK Arnie Herrera (Worthy Faithful Navigator, Assembly 2305). Please include cash, check or money order payable to “Santiago de Compostela Assembly 2305”.

Let me know if you are interested and want to move forward. We will need to complete this by February 15, 2025. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Fraternally,  
SK Mario Alegre  
Faithful Captain, KofC Assembly 2305

## Notes From the Top:

### Trustee’s Corner:

#### *Badges and Shirts*

My Dear Brother Knights,

I had two very different experiences on the Sunday of our latest pancake breakfast.

The number of brothers that were wearing their name badges was impressive.

The first experience was when a woman approached me looking at my name badge and asked if I could help her as this was the first time she had come to our church.

The second, while eating breakfast with three other brothers in our red shirts. There was a young mother chasing her three year old around the table saying playfully, “I’m going to get you!”. Laughingly she said you think these knights in their red shirts are going to save you.

In both cases I believe that wearing our name badges and shirts brings our council to the front of our parish, people are recognizing that we are the knights and that we will help. Also February is a red month (Valentines Day).

I have been reading the book, Vivat Jesus 2025, I am finding it very insightful in ways to help me pray. I encourage everyone to pick up a copy.

Fraternally,  
Br. Michael



## Notes From the Top:

### Financial Secretary’s Message



Dear Brother Knights,

It’s been a busy January. Collection of annual dues has been a struggle. Out of 230 members, as of January 31st, only 131 members have paid their dues. Dues are a significant portion of our yearly budget, and I hope that those who have not paid get their payments in as soon as possible. And for those who have paid and have not received your 2025 membership card, please see me at the next Council meeting.

The Council collected over \$7,700 in January and it was mostly due to annual due and the pancake breakfast. The Council spent over \$5,000 on a variety of charities including the Global Wheelchair program, Coats for Kids, Intellectual Disabilities, and Catholic Charities as well as food supplies for the pancake breakfast.

The Council also submitted the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2024. This was developed in part from the information provided on the individual Fraternal Activity Sheets that each member was supposed to fill out and return to the Financial Secretary by the pancake breakfast. Unfortunately, out of 230 members, only 23 were submitted, which made the task that much harder. The 2024 Annual Survey was completed and the Council disbursed over \$18,000 in charitable donations and over 3,900 service hours. And finally, the Semi-Annual Council Audit Report for July 1st to December 31st, 2024, developed by the Grand Knight, was finalized and submitted to the Supreme Council. The Council collected approximately \$17,800 and disbursed approximately \$17,600. Records between the Financial Secretary and Treasurer were reviewed by the Grand Knight and Trustees and all was found to be in order.

God Bless Our Council,  
Steven Shekerlian

### Recycle Drive News



Dear Brothers,

Following two strong months to finish the calendar year, January had a low result, netting \$270. We filled 4 ½ out of six bins. Less than a full bin of aluminum will almost always yield a lower month. Due to fewer events over the holidays, there was less product from the hall. Thanks to all brothers who helped out and to those who contributed with recycle.

The next recycle drive is February 15. The drive begins with set up at 6:45am and concludes at Noon. Please sign up at the monthly meeting or on SignUp Genius and wear your Knight shirt or hat and your badge, and don’t forget to bring your own recycle on Saturday or leave at the shed if you can’t make it on the 15th.

Fraternally,  
Brother Jim Messmer

## Notes From the Top: Field Agent's Message



Dear Brothers,

It feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in February! Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list? Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance. If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make adjustments? Now is the time to check.

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. Our Agency can connect you with one of our team members that is registered to offer you investment options through KoCAA.

It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances! I'd love to sit down with you, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Fraternaly,  
Mark Yubeta  
Fraternal Insurance Agent  
949-322-7266

## Lecturer's Corner: Norm Abbod



Dear Brothers,

Thought for the Day:

HEAVEN is where we all HOPE to get there but we really don't know what to expect. No one knows, of course, but we must have FAITH to HOPE to get to heaven. FAITH comes FIRST.

Our daily Masses during the week are really rewarding. They are SHORT, THOUGHTFUL and REWARDING. Our Priests and Church Staff work hard every day to produce them. Show your appreciation by attending either the 6:30 AM or 9:00AM Mass whatever fits your schedule during the week, Monday through Friday.

Fraternaly,  
Br. Norm

## Blood Drive Update



Dear Brothers,

Greetings Wonderful Supporters of our Knight-Sponsored Blood Drives!

At our recent blood drive on January 22nd, a total of 20 donors were able to donate, including one extra-generous donor who did the 'double red'! We thank you each and everyone who donated and/or helped out in any way to make this event another 'success'. (Our goal was 15 pints so of course 20 collected is not only commendable but, also, means that up to 60 lives may be saved as a result of this precious gift of life!)

Our next drive is scheduled for April 24th; so please stay tuned for announcements within our St. Kilian Church Community - from our weekly

Many Thanks & Blessings!  
Bob, Nik, Aaron and ALL!

## Knights in Action: Exemplification Photos



Dear Brothers,

An Exemplification was held at St. Martin De Porres in Yorba Linda on 1/26/2025. We had 2 Knights in attendance: Alfred Ledesma and Antony Varghese. Please extend a warm welcome to our new brothers: Alfred Ledesma and Anthony Varghese! We also have a 3rd brother to welcome as well to our council, Matt Bonfadini!

Br Ron Cichocki



## Knights on GroupMe



Worthy Brothers,

GroupMe is a social media application for mobile phones that will help improve communications within our council. We are up to (24) members. Please join, stay current and help our Council as we manage multiple events! It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download the GroupMe app from the app store for iPhones or Android phones. This is a free app from Microsoft
2. Create your own account on GroupMe
3. Text or email Brother Mario Alegre at 949-636-6542 or [marioalegre86@gmail.com](mailto:marioalegre86@gmail.com), and the link to join will be sent to you.

Please join and stay connected if you have not yet done so.

Thanks,  
Brother Mario Alegre

## Notes From the Top:

### From the Editor:



Dear Brothers,

I wanted to share the back story on one of the Saint articles for this month. As it happens, I will serve as the weekday lector on 2/5/2025 which is the feast day of St. Agatha. As part of my preparation for lecturing, I did some research on St. Agatha and discovered she is one of 4 virgin martyrs in the Catholic Calendar of Saints and she is also included in the Canon of the Roman Mass, (see page 17 of the Breaking Bread Book of the Eucharistic Prayer I) so I decided to include her story in the newsletter.

Blessings in Christ,  
Brother Tracy Higuchi

## Sickness, Distress and Gratitude Prayer List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>	<u>For</u>
Paul Garcia	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Allison Bertrando	Dave Bertrando	Healing and restoration of her eyesight
Regina Hrad Schnell	Bob Hrad	Healing for cancer, recovery cancer surgery
James Tognazzini	Dave Bertrando	Successful heart evaluation and potential surgery
Zoe Lou	Fernando Lozada	Healing stage 4 Lung Cancer
Sonja Lindsay-Smith	Dave Bertrando	Healing and recovery ovarian Cancer
Fran Lus	Dave Bertrando	Rest of the Soul
Bernie November	Matt Woods	Spine Surgery
Alex	Aaron Garcia	To start coming to church
Elaine Davies	Norm Abbod	Healing Bone and Blood Cancer
Sharon Pfister	Norm Abbod	Healing
John O'Neill	John White	
Mellisa Patch	Dan Hoffman	Rest of the Soul
Charles Schuster	Bill Delucca	16 years old, car accident
Salvador Garcia	Jake	Not doing well
Tong Dong	Michael Urratio	Illness
Paige Doyle	Michael Urratio	child cancer
Baby Dawson	Matt Woods	7 months in Childrens Hospital Of Phil. (almost going home)
Mackenzie Paulcivic	Joe Paulcivic	prayers
John Catey	Bill Catey	92 years old dying from Parkinsons
Patty Hrad	Tracy Higuchi	Rest of the Soul
Toby Renzullo	Council 6332 and RCIA	Cancer
Sonya Lindsay-Smith	Dave Bertrando	Cancer
Mary Heller	Dave Bertrando	Rest of the Soul
Philip Stroth	Tom Real	Rest of the Soul
Ron Meozwiecki	Dave Bertrando	Rest of the Soul
Jude DiBernardo	Anthony DiBernardo	Hospitalization
Kyra Schmidt	Danny Reed	Paralyzed
Lon Hopkins	Bill Deluca	
Ventura Firemen	Matt Woods	Gratitude for the tough job they do
Al Rizzo	Norm Abbod	Peace, trust in God for son
Dr. Poliski	Matt Woods	Rest of the Soul
Matthew Morrison	Randy Blair	Healing Drug Addiction
Julia Roscof	Dan Hoffman	Rest of the Soul
John O'Conner	Al Dillingham	Rest of the Soul
Thomas Oliphant	Anthony DiBernardo	Healing and recovery from Back Surgery
Vicky Lindsey	Tracy Higuchi	Healing Foot surgery
Beth Daniels	Michael Urratio	Cancer
Kay Kenson	Tracy Higuchi	Recovery & Healing from Stroke
Lotus Rea	Jake Huluna	Rest of the Soul
Nobue Puchalski	Raymond Trebels	Rest of the Soul
Julie Orozco	Dan Hoffman	Rest of the Soul
Joe Paulcivic	Mike Ensley	Health
Maria Corona	Jake Huluna	Rest of the Soul
Diane Contreras	David Hoffman	Rest of the Soul
Burt Susunka	Bill Delucca	Rest of the Soul
Baby Eilla	Bob Hrad	Cancer, recovery from cancer
Hank Berry	Matt Woods	Cancer
Roopa Gopal Guttal	Matt Woods	Passed due to stroke, Rest of the Soul
Patrick Gawne	Sean Gawne	Healing for Spine Injury, Alchoholism
Mike Schnell	Bob Hrad	Cancer
Grace Dunn	Bob Hrad	Healing, heart
Mariella Stie	Michael Urratio	Cancer
Val Deamonte	Michael Urratio	Rest of the soul for her husband
Pricilla Anderson	Norm Abbod	Passed due to cancer, Rest of the Soul
Angela Blair	Randy Blair	Healing, Double knee replacement, Auto immune disease, neuropathy
Rich Kreich	Danny Reed	Rest of the Soul, passed due to Cancer
Mary O'Hearn	Jim O'Hearn	Memory issues
Bob Knoke	Council 6332	Memory issues
Carol Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Rest of the Soul
John Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Rest of the Soul
Raymond Toal	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Phillip Mc Elhinney	Al Rizzo	Healing spine cancer
End to conflict in Middle East	Council 6332	Peace and that love of neighbor will prevail
Those impacted by the LA Fires	Council 6332	Prayers for healing, recovery, support
Ventura Fire Victims	Council 6332	Prayers for recovery, support
Those impacted by the Hurricanes	Council 6332	Prayers for healing and support
People of Ukraine	Council 6332	Peace, healing, comfort, relief
Medical and Essential Workers	Council 6332	Gratitude & pray for their health/safety
Our military	Council 6332	Gratitude for their service and sacrifice

## Feast Days-February 2025

### The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025



On February 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.



### Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr February 3, 2025

If you are already familiar with St. Blaise, it is probably because of the blessing of throats—a Catholic custom on his feast.

According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a

fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

### St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr February 5, 2025



Saint Agatha is the patroness of nurses, foundry workers, miners, jewelers, and Alpine guides. She is invoked against fire, earthquakes, famine, thunderstorms, and volcanic eruptions. In Italy, her feast day is celebrated with fireworks. According to some stories, Agatha was born in Sicily of noble parents in the third century. Her loveliness and kindness came to the attention of Quintian, governor of Sicily. He put her into prison for being a Christian, and there she underwent the extreme tortures that finally killed her. Art shows her holding a plate, a candle, or a house in flames.

It is certain that Agatha was a martyr. She probably died during the persecutions under the emperor Decius between 240 and 251. Agatha's name came to be included in the canon of the Roman Mass. She is honored for her courage in suffering and in remaining pure for the sake of Christ.

### St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs February 6, 2025



When the first missionaries, like St. Francis Xavier, came to Japan in 1549 they were welcomed. Many Japanese became Christians. When the warlord, Hideyoshi became ruler of Japan, he feared that Christians would take over the government. In 1587 he banished them and destroyed many of their churches. Some missionary priests stayed and went into hiding, dressing like Japanese in order to minister to the Christians.

More than 3,000 Christians were martyred in Japan. On December 8, 1596, Hideyoshi arrested and condemned to death the friars of Miako. Among them were three Japanese Jesuits, six Franciscans

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(four of them Spanish), and seventeen Japanese laymen. Charged with attempting to harm the government, they were sentenced to crucifixion. The best known was Paul Miki, who was a Japanese of a noble family, a Jesuit brother, and a brilliant preacher.

The twenty-six men were tortured and then forced to walk more than 300 miles from Miako to Nagasaki through snow and ice and freezing streams. Along the way they preached and sang Psalms to the people who had come out to see them. They prayed the rosary and told the people that such a martyrdom was an occasion of rejoicing, not of sadness. Finally, on February 5, they reached Nagasaki, where twenty-six crosses awaited them on a hill now called the Holy Mountain. It is said that the Christians ran to their crosses, singing. Soldiers bound them to the crosses with iron bands at their wrists, ankles, and throats. Then they thrust them through with lances. Many people came to watch the cruel deaths. Hideyoshi and his soldiers had hoped the example would frighten other Christians. Instead, it gave them the courage to profess their faith as the martyrs had.

In 1858, Japan again permitted Christianity in Japan. Missionaries found thousands of Christians still in Japan. For two hundred years they had carried on the faith in secret.

Paul Miki was born in Japan and educated by the Jesuits. He would have been the very first Japanese priest if he had escaped arrest, for he had already completed his studies for the priesthood. From his cross he forgave his persecutors and told the people to ask Christ to show them how to be truly happy.

### Our Lady of Lourdes February 11, 2025



Each year over 2 million people make their way through the mountainous country of southeastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing, and praying. At Lourdes, people recall the Lady dressed in white, with a blue sash, yellow roses at her feet, and a Rosary on her arm—the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On February 11, 1858, Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. This was the first of 18 visits, many of them with 20,000 people present. When Bernadette asked the Lady's identity, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Just four years earlier, the pope had proclaimed it a dogma that Mary was conceived immaculate without original sin. The Blessed Virgin, through Bernadette, had come to call sinners to a change of heart. Her message was a request for prayer and penance. She also instructed Bernadette to tell the priests that a chapel was to be built on the site and processions held.

On February 25, 1858, the Lady told Bernadette to dig in the dirt and drink of the stream. Bernadette began to dig, and after several attempts she was able to find the water to drink. The water continued

to flow from where she had dug with her hands until it was producing over 32,000 gallons of water a day—as it still does. There have been over 5,000 cures recorded but less than 100 of them have been declared miraculous by the Church. Most of these have taken place during the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We may not have the opportunity to travel to Lourdes and join in the processions, but we can know always that we have a Mother to help us and lead us to her Son, Jesus. And so we pray to her:

***Grant us, O merciful God,  
protection in our weakness,  
that we, who keep the Memorial of the  
Immaculate Mother of God,  
may, with the help of her intercession,  
rise up from our iniquities.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever  
Amen.***

(Collect Prayer from the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)

### Saint Valentine's Day February 14, 2025



Everyone has heard about Saint Valentine. He's the patron saint of lovers, and on his day people send anonymous cards or presents to the one they love. But who was Saint Valentine?

Well, there was a priest named Valentine who lived in Rome in the third century. He was put in prison because he helped some Christians who were going to be executed by a cruel emperor named Claudius. While Valentine was in prison, he healed the chief warder's daughter, who was blind, and the warder and all his family became Christians.

When Emperor Claudius heard this, he said that Valentine should be executed. And so, on February 14 in the year 269, Valentine was clubbed to death. Then his head was chopped off, just to make sure he was dead.

In the same year, another man named Valentine, who was the bishop of Terni (about sixty miles from Rome), was also put to death by Emperor Claudius for being a Christian.

Neither saint seems to have anything to do with young lovers. So where do the traditions come from? Some say it is because on this day of the year (in the northern hemisphere) birds pair up and start mating.



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Others say the day is special for lovers because at that time of year there had been a pagan Roman festival named Lupercalia, when young men took part in a kind of lottery to find a partner. But Lupercalia has nothing to do with either Saint Valentine.

## The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order February 17, 2025



### The Story of the Seven Founders of the Servite Order

Can you imagine seven prominent men of Boston or Denver banding together, leaving their homes and professions, and going into solitude for a life directly given to God? That is what happened in the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century. The city was torn with political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathari, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil. Morals were low and religion seemed meaningless.

In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers.

Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario.

In 1244, under the direction of Saint Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St. Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders.

Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852 and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. The two American provinces developed from the foundation made by Father Austin Morini in 1870 in Wisconsin.

Community members combined monastic life and active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parochial work, teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities.

## Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto February 20, 2025



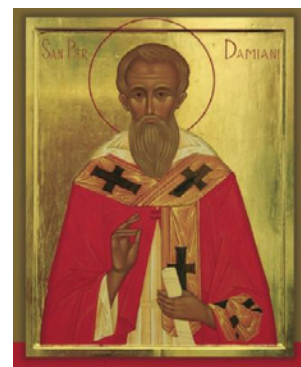
### Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto's Story

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

## St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church February 21, 2025



Born in Ravenna, Italy, in 1007, Peter Damian knew hardship as a child. He became a successful teacher, but only for a short time. He was ordained to the priesthood, and in 1035, he entered a Benedictine monastery. The monks lived in small hermitages, with two monks in each. Peter was known for his fasting, penance, and long hours of prayer. In 1043, he was elected abbot. Peter began reorganizing the rules of the order to return to the original spirit and purpose of the order. Men were drawn to the monastery, and Peter started five other foundations, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust.

## Feast Days-February 2025

In 1057, Peter was made cardinal and bishop of Ostia. Soon he was called upon by the Church to settle disputes, attend synods, and fight abuses. He devoted much energy to helping the clergy, as well as the leaders of the empire. With his letters, biographies, sermons, stories, and poems, he encouraged others to restore discipline to their lives. Through all his diplomatic missions, Peter Damian remained a monk at heart. He served the Church as he was asked, however, and as best he could. He died February 22, 1072, and in 1828, was declared a Doctor of the Church.

### **The Chair of Saint Peter, The Apostle February 22, 2025**



When the pope cautions world leaders, pleads for peace, or condemns social injustice, people listen and respond. What makes the world listen to this man? The answer lies in Scripture and in Tradition. Peter is named first among the apostles of Jesus; he was often their spokesman and leader; he was the first to preach after Pentecost; and he was the leader in defending Christ and his message. Peter was at the Transfiguration and in the garden.

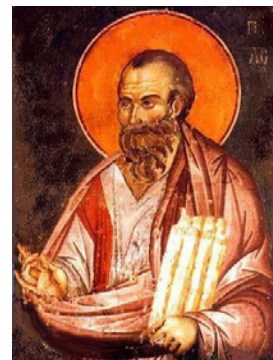
He proclaimed to Jesus, "You are the Christ," and Christ singled him out:

"[S]o I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18–19)

Jesus prayed for Peter that he might strengthen his brothers. (Luke 22:32) And Jesus gave Peter a threefold commission to "[f]eed my sheep." (John 21:15–17)

From the beginning, the specialness, or primacy, of Peter has been recognized. On the feast of the Chair of Peter, we celebrate our unity as a Church. We celebrate the love, presence, and protection of Christ for us, the Church. The title Chair of Peter refers to the chair from which a bishop presided, a symbol of his authority. When the title refers to Saint Peter, it recalls the supreme teaching power of Peter and his successors. It is from the chair, from the pastoral power given him, that the pope shepherds Christ's flock.

### **Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr February 23, 2025**



The story of Polycarp's martyrdom is the earliest recorded account of a Christian martyr. Polycarp was a disciple of St. John the apostle. While still quite young, he became the bishop of Smyrna and was one of the most respected leaders in the first half of the second century. St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Irenaeus spoke highly of him, and people loved him very much.

Polycarp was a Christian leader in a pagan world. He spoke clearly and simply, fearless in love and defense of Christ, even though persecutions raged around him. He sought only to hand on the message he had been given by John. Even as Polycarp prepared for martyrdom, his joy and confident trust were evident to all.

Polycarp was seized for being a Christian. Persecution and death would not tear him away from Jesus now. Polycarp was led into the stadium of Smyrna. The crowd demanded that he be left to the lions, but instead he was sentenced to death by fire. An eyewitness account claims that the flames didn't harm him. He was finally killed by the sword, and his body was burned.

The community of believers celebrated the anniversary of Polycarp's death with great joy, for in him they had seen an outstanding example of love and patience. He had held strong and had won the treasure of eternal life. Polycarp is remembered as an Apostolic Father, one who was a disciple of the apostles.



**Knights of Columbus  
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February, 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Presentation of the Lord	3 St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	4	5 St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Business Meeting 7:00 p.m	7 Adoration 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.	8
9 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Welcome and Recruitment after AM masses	10	11 Our Lady of Lourdes	12	13 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 p. m.	14 St. Valentine's Day	15 Recycle 7:00 a.m. - Noon
16 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Donut Ministry after AM masses	17 President's Day	18	19	20 Sts. Jacinta and Francisco	21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	22 Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle, Tootsie Roll Sales After Sunday Masses
23 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Donut Ministry after AM masses. Tootsie Roll Sales after Masses	24	25	26	27 Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Relic Veneration, Mass & Exemplification 4-7pm	28	



**Knights of Columbus  
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March, 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin	4 St Casmir	5 Ash Wednesday	6 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Adoration 8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs.	8 St. John of God, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses
9 1st Sunday of Lent Welcome Ministry & Recruiting after AM Masses, 40 Cans for Lent, Corporate Communion 8:30 Mass	10	11 St. Benedict, Abbot	12	13 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15 Recycle 7 am-12 Noon, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses
16 2nd Sunday of Lent Donut Ministry after AM masses, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses	17 St Patrick, Bishop	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of the Church	19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20	21	22 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses
23 3rd Sunday of Lent, Donut Ministry after AM masses, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses	24	25 The Annuciation of the Lord	26	27 St. Gregory of Narek, Officer Meeting 7:00	28	29 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses
30 4th Sunday of Lent, Donut Ministry after AM masses, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses	31					

## ROSE & ROSARY PROGRAM:

Our Council distributes Knights of Columbus rosaries at the baptisms held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at noon. A rosary is given to each family and it is a beautiful meaningful part of the ceremony. We are always interested in more Knights and their wives participating, and you can contact Mike Kelleher for further details.

## COFFEE & DONUTS PROGRAM:

The Knights coordinate and staff Sunday coffee and donuts after the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses. This is a wonderful chance to meet and talk with fellow parishioners. We also find that it is an effective way to recruit new Knights. We start setting up at 6:00 am; we usually finish cleanup at 12:00 pm. In between, we staff the coffee and donuts tables. If you are interested in helping, even in a limited way, we'd appreciate your help. Please contact Brother Benny Jones at benny.jones1@cox.net or Terry Koressel at terrykoressel@gmail.com for further information. **Next dates: February 9th, 16th and 23rd during the morning Masses.**

## NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL:

- Membership Director: Form a team to coordinate recruiting activity at Knight events, ensure processing of Form 100 membership applications and track status of candidates through Exemplification.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Pancake breakfasts are one of our biggest fund raisers for our parish. It is expected that all Knights make an effort to attend and assist with duties they sign up for. Please contact Br. Anthony DiBernardo for more information at 949 573-3776 or via email at adibernardo25@gmail.com.. Please sign up at the business meeting or online. **Our next breakfast is on 5/4/2025.**

## BLOOD DRIVE:

**Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for April 24th, 2025.** Contact Brother Bob Bochirairz at (949)215-0201 or Nik Raleigh at (949)500-6615 for more information. You can sign up via the link in the flyer in our newsletter or in the parish bulletin.

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council Business meeting will be on 2/6/2025 at 7:00 p.m.  
March's meeting will be on 3/6/2025

## 4TH DEGREE LIAISON:

4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Santiago de Compostela Assembly #2305 meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Conference Center. For further details, contact Mario Alegre or Arnie Herrera **The February meeting is on February 13th, 2025. The March meeting will be on 3/15/2025**

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:

Adoration is always the First Friday of every month, Knights of Cardinal McIntyre Council have responded to the Pastor's concern that at least one good Catholic man be in attendance during the "small hours" (10:00 PM to 6:00 AM Saturday) so that other parishioners, women and children, can feel safe and confident to visit the Church at all hours. Please contact Mike Kelleher if you can participate or sign up at our next business meeting or online. **February's Eucharistic Adoration will be on February 7, 2025. March's Adoration will be on March 7, 2025.**

## CORPORATE COMMUNION:

Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Kilian every quarter. Spouses and family members are encouraged to attend. Please wear your name badge and sit with fellow Knights in the reserved seats. **Our next Corporate Communion: March 9th, 2025 during the 8:30 Mass.**

## RECYCLE DRIVE:





















Monthly Recycle Drive held the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7 am until noon. We can use your help. If you are interested, please sign up at the meeting or online. **Next Drive: 2/15/2025, March's Recycle Drive is 3/15/2025**

## Intellectual Disability Drive/ Tootsie Roll Sales:

**Our Intellectual Disability Drive/Tootsie Roll Sales will be after Sunday Masses on 2/22/25-2/23/25.** Please contact Br. Steven Shekerlian for more information at (949) 215-8529 or via email at sshekerlian@gmail.com. Sign up at the Business Meeting or online.

# "Congratulations!"

## "St. Kilian Council 6332 Officers 2024-2025"

Name		Position
Jim Messmer		Grand Knight
Michael Urratio		Deputy Grand Knight
Fr. Brandon Lopez		Chaplain
Steven Shekerlian		Financial Secretary
Mario Alegre		Chancellor
Terrance Koressel		Recorder
William G Daly		Treasurer
David Bertrando		Advocate
Thomas Real		Warden
Norm Abbod		Lecturer
George Muro		Inside Guard
Matthew Woods		Outside Guard
Anthony DiBernardo		One Year Trustee
Mike Williams		Two Year Trustee
Jim O'Hearn		Three Year Trustee
Dan Hoffman		District Deputy
Mark Yubeta		Insurance Agent
Ron Cichocki		Life Director
Mike Kelleher		Faith Director
Anthony DiBernardo		Community Director
Terry Koressel		Family Director
Vacant		Membership Director
Jim Messmer		Recycle Director

## **"St. Kilian Council 6332 Monthly Recognition"**

For brother knights as follows:

### **Degree Completions**

Alfred Ledesma
Antony Varghese
Matt Bonfadini

### **Transfers to our Council**

none
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### **Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Service**

Stephen Vallely	February 1	43 Years
Bob Knoke	February 1	39 Years
John West	February 1	39 Years
Ray Trebels	February 16	30 Years
Mike Williams	February 17	27 Years
Gary Murdy	February 17	22 Years
Dcn Mark Martin	February 1	20 Years
Michael Lepre	February 9	13 Years
Jim O'Hearn	February 9	13 Years
Patrick Bauer	February 9	13 Years
Wayne Dupre	February 17	11 Years
Paul Garcia	February 17	11 Years
Richard McGill	February 16	10 Years
Tyler Voss	February 16	10 Years
Fernando Lozada	February 11	9 Years
Michael Mauer	February 11	9 Years
Gabe Smith	February 11	9 Years
Tom Ryall	February 18	9 Years
Eric Inocencio	February 4	7 Years
Vinnie Brascia	February 27	6 Years

### **Birthdays in February**

Kyle Gryzanoski	February 2
T J Henricks	February 4
John Rodriguez	February 10
Thomas Razo	February 11
Francisco Diaz	February 14
John Lawrence	February 14
Michael J Orts	February 18
Tony DiBernardo	February 20
Tracy Higuchi	February 20
Herbert Lank	February 22
Matt Pastorkovich	February 22
John (Mike) Woodward	February 24
Donald Voss	February 24
Donald Closs	February 27
Jonathan Goodwin	February 28