













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"The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life."

-Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*





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Grand Knights Report

This month has been filled with meaningful events and activities that highlight the spirit of community and charity within our council. We are excited to announce that we were awarded two grants from the Parrish Foundation, which will greatly enhance our ongoing initiatives and programs.

One of the highlights of December was our Christmas party, where we had the pleasure of celebrating with our brothers from Holy Cross. The event was filled with joy, laughter, and camaraderie. During the festivities, we held a 50/50 raffle, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the winner, who generously donated half of her winnings back to allow us to pull a second winner.

This month, we provided meals to our faith formation families. We purchased and served pizza from Domino's, and I would like to thank the manager, Donnie, for negotiating special pricing to make this possible. It was a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship among families and brothers.

Deputy Grand Knight Jim Recupito and I had the privilege of delivering gifts from our Angel Tree to North River Care Pregnancy Center. The generosity of our parish family was remarkable, as we ensured that every child received a gift and each mother received a gift card for the number of children on their list, providing additional support during this season of giving. We are grateful to Father Joseph and Lori Park for their support and assistance in assembling the gift bags.

December also marked the occasion of the Big Red Bus and our Blood Drive. They collected 17 units of life-saving blood. Thank you to Brother Tom for his unwavering commitment to this worthy cause.

A special thank you goes to Worthy District Warden, John Kreger and Brother Kris Donley for leading our parish family in the Fifth Sunday Rosary.

Our Spring Golf Tournament plans are in full swing. We recently held our second steering committee meeting, and we are pleased to report that we have secured our event sponsor and several repeat hole sponsors. However, we still have plenty of room for more sponsorship opportunities. Contact DGK Jim if you are considering participating in the tournament; please sign up early to assist us in planning for the banquet.

Finally, I would like to emphasize the importance of membership recruitment. While we will have a dedicated recruitment drive in January. Every day presents an opportunity to invite potential new brothers to join us in our mission. Together, let's continue to grow our council through outreach and support. Let's make a concerted effort to ask those who may be interested in joining our ranks. Thank you all for your contributions and commitment.

peace,
Ron





THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The pious practice to bow our head whenever we heard the name of Jesus or said His name ourselves has not been promoted by the "Renewed Church of the Modernists." Children are no longer taught to do this and as they grow into adults and have children of their own, they are unaware of it.

Jesus' name is known far and wide, but as a word with which to swear profanely. His Name is blasphemed, He is depicted as a homosexual doing unspeakable things to His Own Body, His Mother's perpetual virginity is disdained and so forth. Our culture is strewn with the garbage of sacrilege. If only souls knew the riches of just uttering the Sweet Name of Jesus with reverence and wonder, and the happiness which that Name brings to souls so disposed. (A book THE WONDERS OF THE HOLY NAME by Fr. Paul O' Sullivan, O.P.,)

The name Jesus comes from the Greek Iesous which was derived from the Aramaic, Yeshu. It means "Yaweh is salvation." The name was not unique, even in biblical times, and today it is common in Arabic-speaking East and in Spanish-speaking countries. From apostolic times the name has been treated with the greatest respect, as honor is due the name which represents Our Lord, himself.

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. **Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that whatever we ask the Father in His Name we shall receive.** God never fails to keep His word.

When, therefore, we say, "Jesus," let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard. For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words, "through Jesus Christ, our Lord" which gives the prayer a new and Divine efficacy.

But the Holy Name is something still greater. Each time we say, "Jesus," we give God infinite joy and glory, **for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.** St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the Name by His Passion and Death.

- Each time we say "Jesus," let us clearly wish to offer God all the [Masses](#) being said all over the world for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of [Masses](#).
- Each time we say "Jesus," we gain indulgences for the [Holy Souls in Purgatory](#), thus relieving and liberating many of these holy souls from their awful pains. Thus they may be our best friends and pray for us--they cannot pray for themselves, however.
- Each time we say "Jesus," it is an act of perfect love, for we offer to God the infinite love of Jesus.
- The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm.
- The Holy Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and joy we never had before.
- The Holy Name of Jesus gives us strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.



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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
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THE YEAR OF *Hope*

This Christmas marks the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. May the coming of Christ renew our hope, for in Him we find peace and salvation.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, 2024. In

his new document announcing the Jubilee, *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis reminds the faithful of St. Paul's words, "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). The Holy Father continues, "For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' (cf. Jn 10:7-9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope' (1 Tim 1:1)." Christ indeed gives us every reason to hope, for He is our life and salvation. By His coming to us, we have freedom from our sins and the hope of life everlasting. Pope Francis concludes *Spes Non Confundit* by praying that the power of hope may "fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever." May this Christmas season be an occasion for the renewal of your hope and an invitation to draw closer to Christ, who in his Incarnation draws near to us.



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Thank you for hosting a blood drive and sharing your power to save lives! We had a nice turnout yesterday. We have your next blood drive scheduled **on Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 8am to 1pm.**



We value our partnership with St. Frances Cabrini Church and thank you for all you do as the chairperson to help make the blood drive a success.

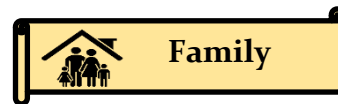
We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in **17 units** of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives so that means **42 patients** could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors at St. Frances Cabrini Church. We encourage you to share the drive results with the rest of your team and please pass along our gratitude for their lifesaving efforts.

The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant.

An enthusiastic, dependable blood drive chairperson is one of the keys to a blood drive's success and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for helping with coordinating the drive and saving lives in our community.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our lifesaving mission.

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

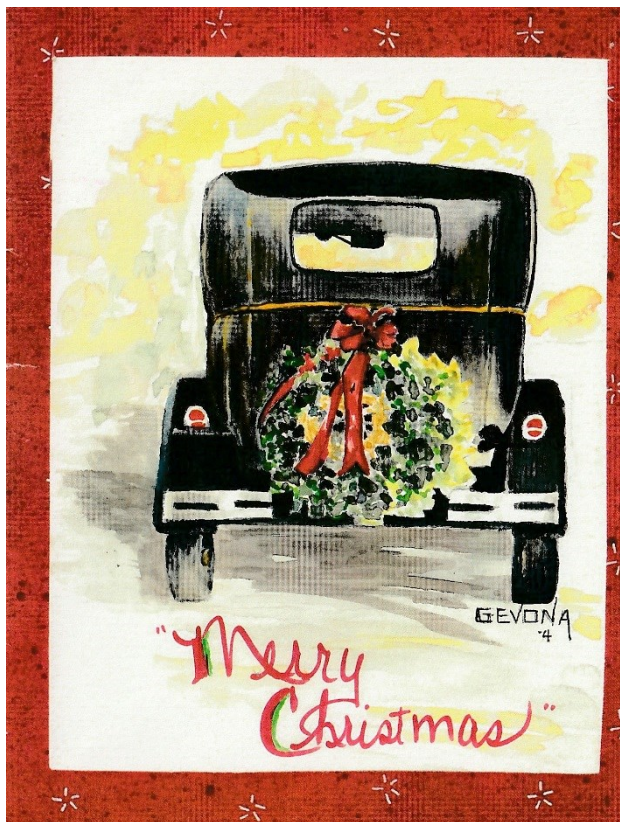


Faith Formation held their Christmas and Pizza Party on December 18th. The knights served around 125 people with over 50 pizzas. Everyone had a great time and plenty to eat. Santa also made an appearance for the kids to give him their Christmas wishes!



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This year, North River Care was one of the recipients of the "Angle Tree". From the generosity of the Parish community and Knights, we provided gifts to 75 mothers with gift cards for the mother and each child. Also, each mother received a bag with additional gifts for the children. Again, thanks to all for supporting this activity.

Thank you note from North River Care

Dear Ron & Knights,
Words cannot express how grateful and blessed we feel after receiving the ultrasound machine, and the Christmas gifts. Thank you so much to the Knights and to your church for all of the work involved in making both projects possible. We understand and appreciate the

The God moments involved in the ultrasound machine are such a blessing and reassurance to us. God is moving!

Thank you again, our clients, from first detection to Christmas morning will be touched by your generosity and kindness. God bless you all!
North River Care



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The Miriam-Webster Dictionary defines "Divine Providence" as "a Biblical concept that refers to God's plan for humanity and His ability to intervene in human affairs." I would like to share some insights about our ultrasound placement, knowing that this is just the beginning of many instances of Divine Providence related to our ultrasound machine.

Our journey began with our plan to raise enough funds to cover the 50% required for councils to receive matching funds from Supreme to place an ultrasound machine. Initially, we set a two-year timeline for this endeavor, but our Lord had different plans. We were incredibly blessed to raise sufficient funds at our very first event to pay for our portion.

The approval process went relatively smoothly, and we received both Diocesan and State approvals within about six weeks. Next, we contacted our supplier, Philips, who informed us that it would take approximately six months to receive the unit and schedule training. Again, our Lord had other plans; the machine arrived in just six weeks.

The next step was to schedule training, which we anticipated would be straightforward. However, aligning the schedules of four professionals with the operational clinic proved to be quite challenging and took about five weeks to coordinate.

Finally, the big day arrived, and everyone was present for the training. During the session, the phone rang. Closing the clinic for four hours to conduct the training had been easy to plan around existing clients, but what about new ones? The team let the call go to voicemail a couple of times, but when it rang a third time, the director knew she had to answer. It was a young woman in crisis. Committed to her professional role, the director asked the young woman to come into the clinic, informing the training team of the situation and saying she would catch up later. The training coordinator assured her that they were ready to assist if she needed the machine.

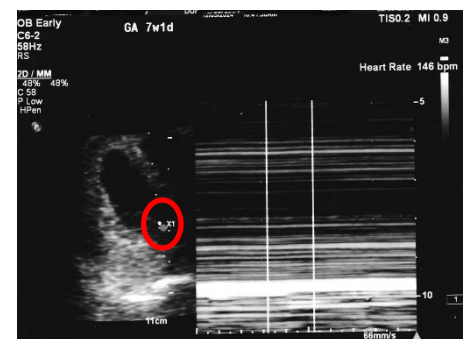
The young woman arrived for her appointment with her mother, who was suffering from advanced-stage cancer and had refused treatment. After talking for a while, the young woman agreed to have an ultrasound. Tears flowed from both the mother and the grandmother as they looked at the baby on the screen. The new machine provided a remarkable level of detail, showing the baby's heartbeat as well as its tiny hands and feet growing from the torso. In that moment, the grandmother promised to seek treatment for her cancer and to help the young woman care for her baby. That day, two lives were saved, and a grandmother and a new mom would get to meet God's little miracle.

Humbled beyond description and forever in service to our Lord!

Peace, Ron



Old Ultrasound resolution
for 7 weeks + 1day fetus —>



<— Training on the New
Ultrasound unit.

Resolution of the New Ultra-
sound, same patient —>





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Brothers,

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we jump into 2025.

Beginning January 1, 2025, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies. This is in addition to the increased **fraternal benefits** announced last year. Inspired by our founder Blessed Michael McGivney, we continue to seek opportunities to help provide our members with financial security.



What does an increased dividend rate mean?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. ¹

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium.¹
- Reduce an existing loan.

Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$22 billion in dividends and insurance benefits.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

¹Dividends are not guaranteed.

¹ This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.



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Council



Worthy District Deputy John Hansen:

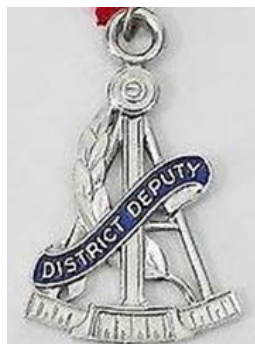
The Star Award is presented to Councils who meet goals set by the Supreme Council. Councils have membership goals based on the size of the Council. They need to conduct events from the many programs the Knights promote. And to help promote the Fraternal Benefits available to its members.

I Presented Mother Cabrini their Triple Star award. The Council exceeded 300% of their membership goal. I presented the Award to PGK John Kreger.



I presented Holy Cross with the Star Award for exceeding its membership goal. They ended up just short of making Double Star. I was hoping to present it to PGK Ed Mottaz, but he was unable to attend. So, I presented it to the Council's Financial Secretary, Mike Healy, and the Treasurer, Dave Renzi.

At the State Mid Year Meeting I was presented the All State District Award. All 4 of the Councils in the District won the Star Award this year. I received this award due to all the hard work of the Councils of District 49.





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Mother Cabrini and Holy Cross held their annual Christmas Party, this year hosted by Mother Cabrini. Dinner this year was a traditional menu with turkey and ham and all the fixings. Reception started at 5:30, with dinner serving at 6:00. All had a great time with plenty of food and drink to go around.



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Knights News

The Parrish Foundation Grant Fund:

The Council submitted **two** \$500 grant requests to The Parrish Foundation Grant Fund in October for the Faith Formation Meals and the Meals for First Responders. On December 12th, we were honored to receive both grants from the foundation.



**The Parrish
Foundation, Inc.**



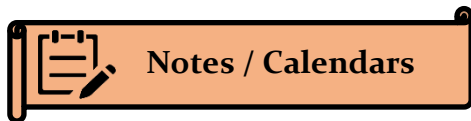
Upcoming Knight's Shirt Order:

We will be ordering more Council/Assembly shirts in the new year. If you are interested in ordering shirt(s), please contact John Kreger via email "kregerjd@aol.com" with what you would like and he will add it to the list. Red Polo (3rd Degree) shirts are \$25 each and Black Polo (4th Degree) shirts are \$35 each. If you would like a T-shirt(s) they are \$15 each, and are available in black, gray, red, or blue. Sizes for the Polo's and T-Shirts are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Please let John know color and size for the Polo, and/or T-shirt(s).



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Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings has been moved to the Council's web site. Here is the URL for the web site. For the "Members Only" section you need to login for access, the login ID is your membership number (located on you membership card), and your password is your birthdate in the format of "mmddyyyy".

[Mother Cabrini Council #12155 \(uknight.org\)](https://uknight.org) or <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155>

Please mark your calendar; we are having another **golf outing** at the River Wilderness Golf & Country Club. The event team is just starting to meet and put the details together. If you want to help, sponsor, **or play**, please let the GK or DGK know. We can send you the necessary forms if you want to sign up to play or sponsor.



TMIY— Is starting back up after the Holidays, the first meeting will be on Saturday January 11th 8-9am, coffee and donuts at 7:30am. They will run every Saturday till April 12th.

January 18—District Deputy John Hansen will be holding his annual District meeting from 9-12 in the MCC Hall. All are welcome.

January 18 & 19, Recruitment Weekend after all masses

Say Happy Birthday! to our fellow Brothers in January!

ANDREW	JOHNSON	6
ADAM	LESTER	6
THOMAS	MOLINE	14
SAMUEL	HOPKINS	21
VINCENT	GATTO	22
CASPER	HORN	23
THOMAS	JANUSZKA	27