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Grand Knight's Message

Our next Council 13243 business 3rd degree meeting is on Apr 3rd at 7 pm. We will start with the Liturgy of the Word. Please attend this meeting.

I hope you had a Happy Easter and I hope you had time to visit with family. We can't always visit family, sometimes they live out of state. A phone call is the next best thing.

Leo Nelson recently had surgery and is now at Sea Pines Rehab (101 E. Florida, Ave., Melbourne, FL 32901) for about another week. He is in good spirits and he would appreciate having visitors. You can stop by (not sure of the room #) to spread some Easter cheer.

Do you know a Catholic male 18 years or older? Chances are you do. Tell the person about the Knights. Knights of Columbus handouts will be on the sign table at the April business meeting. The handouts tell what we do worldwide.

Kairos is a prison ministry. The Kairos Lake Correctional Institution prison retreat number 71 is April 26th-29th. Kairos brings God's love to prisoners. Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison and you visited me." Parishioners from Our Lady of Grace Church will attend/volunteer the April prison retreat.


How can you become involved with this amazing prison ministry? Read the Church bulletin for Kairos updates. Not everyone can go to the prison but you can help. You can donate store bought cookies, sign the Kairos prayer vigil sign up sheet or donate funds. Cookies are eaten by the participants and volunteers during retreat breaks. The participants can eat a lot of cookies. There are opportunities to pray for the volunteers and the participants while we are in the Prison. Funds are collected to pay for the meals inside the prison. A meal for one person is \$5 and meals for the whole weekend are \$25. Please email Mark Stephenson if you want to know more about Kairos, email mstephenson18@cfl.rr.com.

The Hygiene Ministry desperately needs donations of Men's and Women's: underwear, tee shirts, socks, deodorant, bug spray, sunscreen and chapstick. These items can be dropped off at the hall on Fridays from 11-2 or at the Church.

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St. Vincent DePaul needs help every Wednesday at 8 am to unload food at the Battersea St. location. Help St. Vincent DePaul if you can.



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Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our

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members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2016 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that

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shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values.”

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04/02 – Sammy Manguel
04/03 – David Gonzalez
04/04 – Pedro Fernandez
04/11 Travis Herring
04/12 William Crewe
04/22 – James Cleary
04/22 – Richard Seeberger
04/23 – John Buchanan

Anniversary of Knighthood

04/01/64 – Phillip McCutcheon
04/13/94 – Parker Ward
04/11/96 – Ezra James
04/19/96 – Andre Franco
04/22/04 – Jack Rhine
04/28/08 – Santiago Garcia
04/28/08 – Ken Gilbert
04/27/09 – David Jacques
04/27/09 – James Cleary
04/17/13 – Michael Smith

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04/17/13 – Kevin Pelzer
04/17/13 – Juan Linares
04/17/13 – Victor Cotto
04/17/13 – Quinton Dallas
04/20/15 – Deacon Albert Gutierrez
04/20/15 – Ronald Gento
04/06/17 – Todd White
04/06/17 – Edward Trotter
04/06/17 – Esperant Edouard
04/06/17 – Dr. Joven Garcia

The Family Fully Alive



The inner form of [Christian](#) familial love is mercy like God the Father who is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4).

Meditation

From Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia*

Once we allow ill will to take root in our hearts, it leads to [deep](#) resentment. ... The opposite of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people’s weaknesses and to excuse them. As Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34). Yet we keep looking for more and more faults, imagining greater evils, presuming all kinds of bad intentions, and so resentment grows and deepens. ... Something is wrong when we see every problem as equally serious; in this way, we risk being unduly harsh with the failings of others. The just desire to see our rights respected turns into a thirst for vengeance rather than a reasoned defense of our dignity.

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When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. ... All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the Father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us. Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of understanding, support and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism.

1. Considering that Jesus forgave his persecutors from the cross, what does God's mercy in the scriptures teach us about how to forgive our family members?
2. Why is it important to be forgiven by God? Why must we trust in his forgiveness in order to forgive others properly?
3. Do any of us find it hard to forgive? What holds us back from forgiving? Is it resentment based on ill will, unduly looking for faults, an excessive concern for our rights, the inability to forgive ourselves or to accept our own limitations? Or is it something else?

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:3-6, 11-15

A prayer of penance and longing for God's abundant mercy

Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love;

in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.

Thoroughly wash away my guilt;

and from my sin [cleanse](#) me.

For I know my transgressions;

my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone have I sinned;

I have done what is evil in your eyes

So that you are just in your word,
and without reproach in your judgment.
Turn away your face from my sins;
blot out all my iniquities.
A clean heart create for me, God;
renew within me a steadfast spirit.
Do not drive me from before your face,
nor take from me your holy spirit.
Restore to me the gladness of your salvation;
uphold me with a willing spirit.
I will teach the wicked your ways,
that sinners may return to you.

Family Project

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS COMMITTED TO CATHOLIC VALUES AND LEADING BY EXAMPLE



LAST MONTH, I shared some thoughts on the tremendous growth of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program since the year 2000: Our [insurance](#) in force has grown from \$40 billion to nearly \$110 billion, and our assets under management are up from \$8.5 billion to nearly \$25 billion.

We can all be proud of this long-term, superior performance that, year after year, extends greater financial protection to the families of our brother Knights.

I am also especially proud that once again this year we were selected as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute.

We are one of only 135 companies named from 23 countries — and we are one of only three honorees in the [life insurance](#) category.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus has been so honored.

This designation recognizes that the Knights of Columbus continues to show “exemplary leadership” in such areas as “improving culture, leading authentically and committing to transparency.”

At the Knights of Columbus, we share the Ethisphere Institute's commitment to “continually raising the

standards of corporate behavior” and to “values-based leadership.”

And I am particularly grateful to have personally been named by Ethisphere as one of the “100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics” in 2014 and 2015.

As I have often said, we will not sacrifice our ethics in order to chase profits. On the contrary, we believe a values-based, ethical strategy in both [marketing](#) and investments is the best way to achieve sustainability and to remain competitive in a free-market economy.

We are proud that the Knights of Columbus way of doing business is both ethical and successful. We maintain a decades-long tradition of superior performance in operations and on the balance sheet.

Our designation by the Ethisphere Institute came soon after the release of the 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer, which found that the United States is enduring the worst collapse in trust ever recorded in the 18-year history of [the survey](#).

Most significantly, the survey found a 30-point decline in trust in government. The trust index ranked the United States lowest of all the 28 nations surveyed.

The report stated: “In a year marked by turbulence at home and abroad, trust in institutions in the United States crashed, posting the steepest, most dramatic decline the Trust Barometer has ever measured.”

It continued, “It is no exaggeration to state that the U.S. has reached a point of crisis that should provoke every leader, in government, business, or civil sector, into urgent action. Inertia is not an option, and neither is silence. The public's confidence in the traditional structures of American leadership is now fully undermined and has been replaced with a strong sense of fear, uncertainty and disillusionment.”

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Its conclusion was perhaps most interesting: “Today, business and NGOs are viewed equally as the institutions holding the most hope for our respondents.”

This places a very special responsibility upon the Knights of Columbus as the greatest Catholic business and fraternal organization in the world. And it is a challenge that we will not turn away from.

We will continue in our mission to maintain a strong, successful business model based upon an ethics of fraternity. And we will continue to promote our values of charity, unity and fraternity as the best foundation to rebuild trust in our social and governmental institutions.

In fact, working to return these values to the center of our national life may be one of the most patriotic actions we can take today.

Some may say that the values we cherish are becoming increasingly outdated. I would ask them to remember the words of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: “It is always the right time to do the right thing.”

Today, we have a unique opportunity to bring our Catholic values into both the marketplace and the public square.

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