



# The Knight Line

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## Grand Knight's Corner



### Brother Knights,

We are coming up to the first anniversary of the day that the Covid-19 pandemic affected all of us with the shutdowns of offices, churches and much of the country. A whole year affected by this virus turning our lives upside down in a lot of ways. I remember that in early March last year, we were getting ready for our St. Patrick's dinner, our day away retreat in Santa Cruz and our Exemplification ceremony in the church; then, all was cancelled and we didn't know what to do. However, that only lasted a week or so and the Knights were back in action, calling Knights and parishioners to see how they were doing, helping with drive thru confessions and looking into supporting the parish in any way we could.

We bounced back and did all the parish needed from us while we did virtual meetings, rosaries and talks. The Knights were there to help and we still are. The Knights have done a lot of good this year and you all should be proud. Hopefully we are getting to the end of the worst part of this pandemic with more

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## Grand Knight's Corner (Cont'd)

people getting vaccine shots, some of our older Knights are already receiving their shots and hopefully more of us will do so in the next month or so. Unfortunately, it looks like we will still be in a restrictive mode until the end of the Columbian year (June 30<sup>th</sup>), so we need to be vigilant and stay safe.

Since we are not having a St. Patrick's dinner this year, I hope everyone celebrates St. Patrick's day at home or safely outside. I wish everyone a Happy San Jose ( St. Joseph) Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> during the year of Saint Joseph and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of San Jose.

Our Food for Families drive plus the winter items for the Homeless drive we did in coordination with our parish's St. Vincent de Paul group was a success. Over 80 bags of food and over 40 bags of winter items for the homeless were collected and St. Vincent de Paul really appreciated all the work we did to help the needy during this cold winter with the pandemic still affecting so many people financially. Special thanks goes to Jeff Stone, a dual member of our Council and St. Vincent de Paul, who helped with the coordination and collection of items.

We are now in the middle of Lent and I hope all the Knights are spending their time in prayer, in almsgiving, and in fasting. I encourage all Knights to make use of the events the Parish has planned, like Stations of the Cross (inside or outside in Murphy's meadow), daily adoration in the church (with just a few people inside), and especially the Parish Lenten Retreat with Bishop Cantú on March 5<sup>th</sup> (get your in-person tickets now or watch on Livestream). But I also encourage all the Knights to pray: pray for your family, pray for the Parish and pray for the world!! Let us prepare ourselves for Easter, the glorious day when Jesus rose from the dead to give us a place in heaven and eternal life.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Eric Bateman, Grand Knight  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853**

## KNIGHTS' 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

At each Holy Family mass on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> our Council celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ordination. Thanks to the many Brother Knights who attended and spoke to other Catholic gentlemen about your service and inviting them to consider joining us.



**The photographic reminder above includes our Pastor, Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen, and our Chaplain Fr. Celso Singson with Grand Knight Eric Bateman (center) and Brother Knights following mass.**

### THANK YOU KNIGHTS!

“Thank you, Knights, for doing this food & homeless drive for us. It's so wonderful to see our pantry overflowing! With the monetary donations, we will buy more food cards to supplement the bag of food we give monthly to many families & individuals. We also made up 20 bags to give to the homeless. Each bag has gloves, We have lots of extra items so we can keep on making bags as needed. There were also bags of clothing donated. Since we don't have room for a clothes closet, we donated some items to St. Julie's parish & another organization, Opening Doors, which accept jackets, pants & shirts for homeless & low income families.

Thank you, Eric, for organizing this drive for us, Jeff, for being our go-between, & Judy Schaub & Sue Peters for helping me sort & put away all the food & clothes. A special thank you to the Holy Family community for your generous donations, our families really appreciate it in this difficult financial time.” **From Marlene Perez, St. Vincent de Paul**

## Chaplain's Message



### **24/7 FOR THE LORD, JESUS**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It's the time for Catholics to think and reflect on how Jesus sacrificed and suffered for our salvation. Jesus died for us. How worthy are we that the Son of God offered His life for us.

I believe this is a nice question that we need to ponder. Living in the world and indulging ourselves with everything we like and want. Gratifying all the things that we desire to taste and accomplish. Choosing what we love that can bring us pleasure and contentment. Like living a life as gods of our own. We thought as masters of what we do and still want to do. All of a sudden, a tragic event unfolded. Pushed on a wall where we have no place to go. Trapped alone and can't move even our feet and bend to the ground. There we are, hopeless and with no one to cling onto. Tears are falling in our eyes asking for someone to help but no one can hear us. Things changed abruptly from super-contented physically to undying thirst for inner satisfaction. We need something, we need someone to pull us up from this present inconvenience. We want to take a breath and be freed so we can start a new life.

My dear friends, don't wait any longer for these things to happen. Remember, Jesus is always there for us. He will always abide with us and will never leave us. Lent is the time that Jesus assures us of His loving presence among us. He offered His life for us, whoever and whatever kind of person we are. Being sinners or righteous does not matter to Him. All of us are given salvation by His death on the cross. Jesus did His part in saving us, now we must do our part.

A powerful start to begin this season by purifying our self from all evil desires and inclinations through

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the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After being cleansed, arise and listen to His words. Accept and put His will in the heart. The greatest challenge is to act it out through our words and actions. Doing the will of God in our life entails sharing Jesus with others. Having a life of good works, others can vividly see Jesus in us. Thus, inspiring them to admire Jesus and be drawn to Him by our way life. The LIFE to which all of us are called. A life of constant witnessing to the faith we believe. It's a 24/7 life of faith in Jesus. By this, I am certain that we are truly God's children on pilgrimage towards our final destiny to be with JESUS.

**Fr. Celso Singson**  
**Chaplain**

### **MEMBER PROFILE** **ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

#### **John Hesler**

##### **How did I 'hear' about the Knights?**

I've known about the Knights for many years, mainly through hearing about their many good works and volunteer efforts that they are involved within the parish and in the community.

##### **When did I actually 'think' about joining?**

Approximately six years ago.

##### **Who approached you about being a Knight and how long was your process in deciding to be a Knight?**

A number of men who are Knights at Holy Family invited and encouraged me to join. It took me awhile to say "yes" because I was concerned about being overcommitted given my other obligations. I decided to join after being reassured by various Knights that I would have the flexibility to choose which activities I wanted to participate in.

##### **What can I say about being a Knight?**

Participating in Knight's activities at Holy Family and in the community (e.g., annual VA Hospital BBQ) with other service-oriented men has been a true blessing and source of satisfaction in my life. I have never been pressured to do Knights activities or be an officer. I have always had the choice to decide on what activities I wanted to help with. Being a Knight provides both fellowship and concrete ways to use my talents in the service of God and my neighbor.

# RECOGNIZING OUR KNIGHTS

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Recognized for January, **Brother Hans Rechenmacher** responded to a last minute call for helpers for setting up for Holy Family's outdoor Masses when our Brother David was having knee troubles. Hans was there for us on Sunday when we needed him the most. Hans is normally seen in his role as our Pancake Breakfast coordinator. He purchases the food and supplies and supervises the setup for the breakfasts -- which we hope we will be allowed to restart later this year! Hans helped considerably with his construction expertise in the expansion of the Knight's storage shed, allowing us the critically needed extra space for our BBQ equipment and for reorganizing the interior space.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

**Brother Jeff and his wife Laura Knight** were recognized for January as our Family of the Month. Brother Jim Jeff is our Council Warden and was very busy during December and January installing new lights at the Council's shed and replacing the battery for our door lock (before it totally died). Jeff has also helped with Mass setup and tear down numerous times with his son Ian helping as well. Laura Knight has provided music for outside Masses and is the leader of the Ladies Faith Fellowship group at Holy Family.

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## KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2020	Hans Rechenmacher
DECEMBER 2020	Toby Laufer
NOVEMBER	Marv Lewis
OCTOBER	Mark Williams
SEPTEMBER	Jovie Palteng
AUGUST	Jeff Knight
JULY	Gary Miskimon
JUNE	Dcn. Joseph Tran
MAY	Chris Mardesich
APRIL	Fr. Andrew V. Nguyen
MARCH	Fr. Celso Singson
FEBRUARY	Jon Bosco

**Knight of the Year 2019-20: DAVID GOMEZ**

## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2020	Jeff & Laura Knight
DECEMBER 2020	James & Carla Lucarotti
NOVEMBER	John & Maria Christina Ruiz
OCTOBER	Eric & Judy Bateman
SEPTEMBER	John & Alvira Chargin
AUGUST	Gary & Mary Herbst
JULY	John & Sandie Hesler
JUNE	Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
MAY	(Shelter in Place)
APRIL	(Shelter in Place)
MARCH	(Shelter in Place)
FEBRUARY	Bradley Jannine Vandehey

**Family of the Year 2019-20: Gary Miskimon**

### **Second Collections in March:**

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Building & Grounds  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Community Ctr/Hall  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Relief Services  
(and next month, April 1<sup>st</sup>–Holy Land)

### **Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention:**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

## COLUMBIETTES PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



During March we will be holding a fundraiser at Bibo's New York Pizza in Willow Glen we will provide flyers to be redeemed for meals at this great pizza place. Ten percent of these sales will be provided to the Columbiettes.

For the second year we are awarding a \$1,000 Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who is an active member of Holy Family. Applications were due on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and we will be evaluating them for this award, which can be used for two-year programs, trade schools, or 4-year Universities and Colleges.

During Lent we are collecting hand sanitizer, water bottles (16 oz.), band-aids, wet wipes (w/alcohol), face masks, bar soap, and individual tissue packets. All donations will be delivered to "Hope Hearted" which was created by 4 high school volunteers at a San Jose hospital.. This young adults saw the importance of helping the unhoused and low-income populations outside of the hospital that they were helping as patients when inside.

### KNIGHT'S ROSARY



Thank You to all of the Knights, Columbiettes, family members, and parishioners who joined in our monthly rosary on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Your Rosary Team is making the arrangements for the next monthly rosary on March 18<sup>th</sup>, so plan on signing in through Zoom to confirm your connections before we begin at 6:00 p.m.

### NEXT KNIGHT'S ROSARY 3/18/21

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### Membership Growth

Growth of the is the fuel that keeps our great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the Council, State, national and international levels are thanks to our hard-working members. Having more members allows us to perform more works of charity.

We see "membership blitzes" often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and our Council.

During the rest of the year, we may see less emphasis on asking men to join and bring their families into our Knights of Columbus family. But you already know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Is the only reason he hasn't joined is that no one has asked him?

When telling a friend about the strengths of your Order, remember our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This especially important to a potential member. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members and become even more active. As your Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping you lead us in growing in fraternity.

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## VACATION PLANNING TIPS!?

Traveling in 2021? Consider adding a Catholic Shrine or Holy Place while going over hill and dale to granny's house, or cruising north. Here's another site for your consideration.

Just 'up the coastline' in Alaska:  
**The Shrine of St. Therese.**



The Shrine of St. Therese was the dream of Fr. William G. LeVasseur, S.J. St. Therese of Lisieux is the patron saint of Alaska, missionaries, and the Diocese of Juneau. In 1932, 5 acres of forest reserve land was secured from the federal government and a lodge was built to house the workers. This National Shrine is located in the Tongass National Forest, about 22 miles north of downtown Juneau. A side trip during your Alaska Cruise Vacation?

More info at:

<https://www.shrineofsainttherese.org/about-shrine>

**Any Sites You Would Like Mentioned?**

### A FEW ZOOM SUGGESTIONS:

1. Place a **lamp** somewhere to your front to light your face – you look like you're in a cave.
2. Find your **video** and your **mute buttons** before going live. Please mute yourself while others speak.
3. Need a refill, or chat with wife/kids? Push **Video** - "go dark" until you return.
4. **Password or Code** needed? Check your instructions an hour before signing in. **GOOD LUCK, VIRTUALLY SPEAKING**

## SAVE THE DATES:

**Friday, March 5, Lenten Retreat at Holy Family with Bishop Oscar Cantú**

**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Online Rosary**

**Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Ray Gans -Zoom Reflection on HOPE**

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 4  
**Business Meeting**                      **VIRTUAL**  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Friday, March 5  
**Lenten Retreat with Bishop Oscar Cantú**  
**Register and print tickets at Eventbrite**  
7:00 – 9:00 pm **VERY LIMITED TICKETS**

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. March 18  
**Online Knights' Rosary**

Tuesday, March 23  
**Portola Assembly Meeting**                      **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, March 24  
**Zoom Reflection on HOPE**

Thursday, March 25  
**Columbiettes' Meeting**                      **VIRTUAL**  
6:00 pm

Thursday, March 25  
**Officer's Meeting**                      **VIRTUAL**  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 31  
(But on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Holy Family)  
**Cesar Chavez Day**  
**Parish Office Closed: April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Thursday, April 1  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**Business Meeting**                      **VIRTUAL**  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 4  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

## PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

*\* Seminarians with Council financial support this year*

March 1	Rev.Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
March 2	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3 *
March 3	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3 *
March 4	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1 *
March 5	Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1 *
March 6	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1
March 7	Rev. Andrew Vu Nguyen
March 8	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2 *
March 9	Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pastoral year
March 10	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
March 11	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3 *
March 12	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3 *
March 13	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1 *
March 14	Rev. Celso Singon
March 15	Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1 *
March 16	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1
March 17	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2 *
March 18	Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pastoral year
March 19	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
March 20	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology *
March 21	Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
March 22	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3 *
March 23	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1 *
March 24	Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1 *
March 25	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1
March 26	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2 *
March 27	Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pastoral year
March 28	Rev. Andrew C. Nguyen, Vocations Dir
March 29	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
March 30	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3 *
March 31	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3 *

**Support our seminarians with notes or letters to these men spending years in preparation for ordination.**

**Use this address:**

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## March Birthdays



Scott Conry	3/2
Emmanuel Kiven	3/4
Eugene Okafor	3/5
Michael Rodrigues	3/5
Orlando Salcedo	3/15
Tedja Surjadi	3/16
John P. Lyons	3/16
Joseph Franco	3/19
Jose Luis Artigas	3/21
Noly F. Balbastro	3/22
James A Cattaneo	3/23
Rev. Khoa D. Vu	3/24
William D. Glover	3/25
Robert B Elkins	3/27

### March Notable Days:

- **March 11** – “Spanish” flu reached US as 107 Fort Riley soldiers became sick. A fourth of the US became sick & 500,000 died over a 2 year period. 1<sup>st</sup> US COVID death was in Santa Clara County on 2/6/20 and the 12 month total is now 473,000.
- **March 13** – In 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio elected as the 266<sup>th</sup> Pope: Pope Francis.
- **March 16** – My Lai Massacre in Vietnam.
- **March 17** – St. Patrick’s Day
- **March 31** – Baptism of 1<sup>st</sup> Catholics in the Philippines – 1<sup>st</sup> Christian nation in SE Asia.
- **March Birthdays:** Presidents Madison, Jackson, Cleveland, Tyler, Harrison, Lincoln, and Washington. Others? David Niven, Alexander Graham Bell, Theodor Geisel (AKA Dr. Suess), Albert Einstein, Moms Mabley, & Fred Rogers.
- **Papal Birthdays:** Pius XII, Leo XIII, Clement XIII, Clement XIV, Innocent XII, Pius IV, Hdrian VI.

## What's YOUR Lent plan this year? Lenten

### Meal Ideas Needed?

#### How about one or more (or all) of these?

Shrimp Gumbo, Linguine with Sardines, Fennel & Tomato, Poached Salmon, Provencal Tuna Melt, Pasta with Leeks & Scallops, any White Fish roasted with Rosemary Potatoes, Tuna Burgers, or the traditional 'go to dishes' of Battered Fish & Chips or Four Cheese Pizza?

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**Know anyone who disagrees with some point of our Church's changes over the past hundred years?** What can we do? Other than God Himself, there is no authority above our Pope. Obedience to him must flow, not so much from an understanding of faith, but from faith itself, which guides and nourishes the will. This, whether dealing with infallible doctrine or a decree that concerns a Church discipline, obedience to the Pope exemplifies a unity of faith founded on the will of Christ.



----- **PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS** -----

Al Abrahamsohn 4/16/17  
 Howard Davis 1/11/16  
 Richard Domenici 4/21/13  
 Kenneth J. Goyeau 5/21/04  
 Charles Hogate 2/22/05  
 Richard Infantino 9/26/07  
 Leroy (Bud) Larson 3/12/02  
 Robert W. Livingston 11/3/14



Lyle Meacham 10/14/16  
 Frank O'Donnell 11/12/16  
 Edward M. Olsen 8/23/15  
 Rocco (Rocky) Palladino 12/25/94  
 Charles Pori 9/4/15  
 Robert Smearden 6/3/14  
 Carrol (Bill) Spencer 9/1/10  
 Harry Lee Stanley 11/28/10

**Membership Director – Jovie Palteng:**

Have you asked a Catholic gentleman at your mass time or a neighbor to join our council? If we each ask just one man there's a good chance that one of them would say yes each month. Joining is so much easier with the unified 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies, so remind prospective Knight members that all of the 'secrecy' and formality has been changed and their families are also invited to attend now.

**Program Director - DGK David Gomez:**

**Our business meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, unless preempted by a major Church activity or Special Notice.** During Shelter in Place, we meet online only. Brothers, check out the programs we are planning in 2021 and pick one (or one more!) that interests you or your family. Let me know and I will have the coordinator contact you. We always need a few Brothers to help traffic on Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm for Confessions or for Drive-Thru Communion on Sundays 4:00-4:15. More hands on Sundays to help/supervise setting up canopies for Masses at 7:15 am and breaking them down at 6:45 pm are very welcome.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Council Calendar of Key dates and Service Program Events**

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>
Business Meeting – 3/4 <b>Virtual</b> Pancake Breakfast – <b>CANCELLED</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner – CANCELLED</b> Online Rosary–3/18 Zoom Reflection on HOPE – 3/24 Officer's Meeting – 3/25 <b>Cesar Chavez Day –3/31</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY– 4/1</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY– 4/2</b> Pancake Breakfast – <b>CANCELLED</b> <b>EASTER – 4/4</b> Business Meeting – 4/8 <b>Virtual</b> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>CHANGED!</b></span> Online Rosary–4/15 Officer's Meeting – 4/29	Pancake Breakfast – 5/2 Business Meeting – 5/6 <b>Virtual</b> <b>Mother's Day – 5/9</b> Online Rosary–5/20 Officer's Meeting – 5/27 <b>Memorial Day –5/31</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>
Business Meeting – 6/3 <b>Virtual</b> Pancake Breakfast – 6/6 <b>Father's Day – 6/20</b> Online Rosary–6/17 Officer's Meeting – 6/24	Business Meeting – 7/1 <b>Virtual</b> Pancake Breakfast – 7/4 <b>Independence Day – 7/5</b> Online Rosary–7/15 Officer's Meeting – 7/29	Business Meeting – 8/1 <b>Virtual</b> Pancake Breakfast – 8/4 Online Rosary–8/15 Officer's Meeting – 8/29

**Nominations for our Knight and Family of the Month for March  
 and for April's Knight Line input are due by March 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **Knights of Columbus elects next Supreme Knight, to Commence March 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. Carl A. Anderson retires on Feb. 28, after more than 20 years of service and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70.



### **Statement by our retiring Supreme Knight:**

"The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new Supreme Knight in Patrick Kelly. Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick has played a leading role in several major initiatives, including our international religious freedom efforts, our pro-life Ultrasound Initiative, and our new public initiation ceremony. He also served as Executive

Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, leading its transformation through the creation of its worship spaces and world-class exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future." For over a decade, Patrick Kelly has worked at a senior level on the frontlines of the Knights' work in charity, advocacy, and the management of the organization's multibillion-dollar insurance and investment operations. Mr. Kelly joined the Knights as a university student in Wisconsin in 1983 and later served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia from 2012-2013. He was named the Knights' Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and was elected Deputy Supreme Knight in January 2017.

### **Statement by Archbishop Lori, Supreme Chaplain:**

"The Knights of Columbus board has elected a brilliant new Supreme Knight with whom I have had the pleasure of working with for more than a decade. Patrick Kelly is a devoted husband, father of three young daughters, and a man of deep faith with many years of experience as a public servant. He possesses the knowledge, experience and commitment necessary to carry the Order forward in service to our brother Knights, their families, our parishes, and our communities."

The newly elected Supreme Knight is a retired Navy Captain with 20 years of service. In 2016, he retired from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the Naval War College. Mr. Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice. He also served as Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other nations on religious freedom issues.

Mr. Kelly holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America.

## **Acceptance Statement by Supreme Knight-elect Patrick Kelly:**

"I am honored, thankful and blessed. I am honored to be called to serve as Supreme Knight. I am thankful to my wife and family, and to my brother Knights for affording me this honor and privilege. I am blessed to have worked beside Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who has done so much to strengthen the Knights of Columbus and fulfill our mission through acts of love, kindness, compassion and prayer that have helped countless people here at home and around the world. Carl has long been a friend to me, and while I count myself among our many colleagues who will miss his daily collaboration, I know that he will continue to contribute much to the good of the Order as Past Supreme Knight and a member of the Board of Directors. I wish Carl, his wife Dorian, and the entire Anderson family the very best and thank them for everything they have done in service to the Knights and the Church."

"I look forward to continuing Carl's great work and will strive to guide the Knights of Columbus by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity according to the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. These principles are as important today as they were almost 140 years ago at our founding. They are a proven path to deepen our Catholic faith, and build strong families, strong parishes, and strong communities that work together for the common good and recognize the dignity and worth of every human being. I ask for prayers as I endeavor to advance the great history and traditions of the Knights of Columbus in service to the Lord, his Church, our brother Knights and their families, our parishes and our communities."

### **QUOTES TO LIVE BY**

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else." ~ **President Theodore Roosevelt (R)**

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." ~ **President John F. Kennedy (D)**

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have." ~ **President Gerald Ford (R)**

"Failure at some point in your life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable." ~ **President Joseph Biden (D)**

"Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt." ~ **President Herbert Hoover (R)**