



Knights Knews

Knights of Columbus Council 3285

January 2023

Grand Knight's Note

Brothers,

Happy New Year! I type this in message in awe of God's love and kindness. 2023 has been a whirlwind of activity. I have seen his blessings and love in those around me. I am thankful everyday for my Brother Knights and all you do to serve our God and our Church. We have made our efforts felt in our community and I know you men are doing God's work. In 2022, we helped educate the young with the largest scholarships in our history, through Catechism and through example. We fed the hungry with nearly five hundred food baskets. We served our parish, through ministries, Eucharists, Sacristans, Finance Council and with labor service. We hosted the church volunteer picnic, and we hosted the beer and wine station at the Church Festival. We have welcomed several new Knights in our order. We also worked to protect the unborn and vulnerable by donating our council's first ultrasound to the Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center in La Junta, CO.

We are also reminded that there are several challenges we are asked to face. We have several brothers in need of prayers and support. One of the most reassuring things I have seen is that Brother's support each other and our families in times of need. No person can carry the load for someone else, but we can help lessen the burden. Time and time again you men have stepped up to help our community and our Brother's in need.

Jesus calls us to work to save souls. We understand that our words and actions are hallow without love and without Jesus at our lead. Many times, we may be humbled into silence by the knowledge of scripture of others or by the harsh anger expressed at Catholics. Let us continue to express God's word in our actions always. When our words may fail, let our lives and actions be the prayers and our preaching of the Gospel. When others step back let us step forward together. As an individual we may be silenced or overwhelmed but as a brotherhood we are the strong right arm of the Church.

During our January 19th meeting we will be voting on a motion presented to support St. Augustine Church by paying \$15,000 towards the installation of a new digital sign. I encourage all current members to come and participate in the Vote.

Also worth putting on your Calendars our local Assembly 2616, is hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification on February 4th at St. Augustine. Help us grow our Patriotic Degree, by encouraging any member of our council who is interested in becoming a 4th Degree to register. If you are already a 4th Degree members we will be needing volunteers to help at the Exemplification and at the dinner.

In 2023 we will continue to further our goal protect the unborn and infirm, feed the hungry, clothe those in need, serve our Parish and care for our brothers. If you have been absent for a while, please join us. Our meetings will continue to be thew 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the CHEC, 1096 E. Bridge. Rosary prayed at 7pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. You will also find upcoming events in our calendar in the newsletter.

Vivat Jesus!

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Welcome New Members



Preston Stanley



William Stanley - Joshua Houk - Sean Griffith



St Augustin Christmas Play

3285 baked cookies and served cocoa for the young cast and the audience.



January News from the 4th Degree

Brighton Assembly 2616



Our meeting this month is scheduled on Tuesday, January 3rd, with the rosary to start at 7 pm and the business meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. By the time you read this our Assembly meeting may have already occurred. I want to remind you our discussion will include hosting the 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, February 4th.

At our last meeting in November, we discussed the schedule for the PLC, Mass at St. Augustine Church with the Banquet to follow at the CHEC. We need everyone's participation as this will be a daylong event. Those of us with the new regalia will take an active part in the Exemplification and assist with the posting the colors at the PLC and Banquet.

In the past we have hosted this event at the CHEC and everyone who has attended it found it to be a great experience with testimonials from the Candidates, Families and

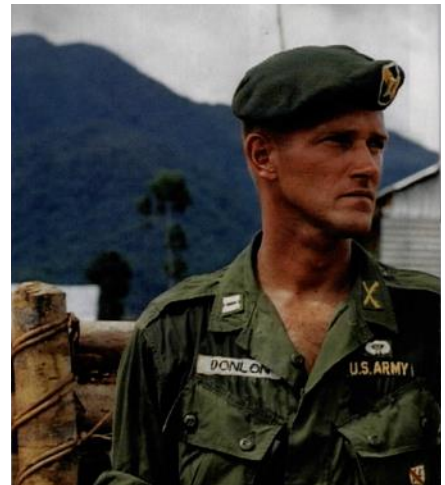
State Officers. I appreciate your willingness to help and pray this event will be as successful as they have been in the past.

Regarding the regalia and Sir Knights contemplating its purchase, remember to go onto the State website; www.colradokofc.org and follow the link to order your regalia. The beret is better purchased from the Rothco Company who sells black berets that are well shaped, shaved and fit very well with our Color Corps Regalia.

Here is the link: <https://www.rothco.com/producs/rothco-gi-type-beret-without-flash>

For shaping your beret, here is a link to a U-tube video with instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTiv34xTGac>

Remember to drape your beret left to right according to the attached photo taken from the November Columbia magazine. I encourage you to read this article about a brother Knight and Medal of Honor recipient; Roger Donlon. In the Vietnam war he exposed himself repeatedly to gunfire, grenade attacks and mortar shells throughout the fight, as he rallied his men, responded to threats, and assisted the wounded. He exemplifies our Degree with Patriotism.



Vivat Jesus,

From the Council Lecturer

Doing the Right Thing

Recently, I picked up a book written by Matthew Kelly. You probably know of his work as an author supporting Catholic values. A few of his past accomplishments include; *Rediscover Catholicism* and *The Four signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. He's written many others as well, and all of them can be considered self-improvement books. The one I'm reading now is called *Perfectly Yourself*, and I thought I'd share a few take aways from it.

Whether we are struggling to overcome a pattern of defeat, yearning for inner peace, trying to create lasting happiness, wishing to succeed in our career, desperately trying to overcome procrastination, or battling with an addiction, this lesson holds the key. Just do the next right thing. We cannot think or talk our way out of these problems. If we acted our way into them, we must act our way out of them. It requires an plan of action, not pretense. It is a purposeful action that will lead to becoming a-better-version-of-ourselves and action is the key to our progress.

Whenever we get into a funk, just remember to do the next right thing. And keep doing the next right thing. It's amazing how quickly we can work ourself out of the funk, if we approach it in this way. Don't worry about next week or next month or next year. Just do the next right thing and keep doing the next right thing, and gradually we will act our way out of destructive patterns. We cannot think or pray or wish or hope ourselves out of the pattern that is holding us back. It must be an action and a way out of it, one moment at a time.

One moment at a time, by simply doing the next right thing, we can move from confusion to clarity, from misunderstanding to insight, from despair to hope, from darkness to light, and discover our truest self, the unique person God designed us to be.

- How to apply this lesson-

In every moment and in every circumstance, do whatever we honestly believe to be the next right thing. Ask yourself throughout the day, especially when you find yourself distracted, unfocused or idle, *what can I do right now that will help me to become more perfectly myself?* Once you have determined what the next right thing is, do it without hesitation.

Consult with God in all decisions, pausing when necessary to reflect and ask Him; *what is the best course of action for the situation at hand.* Remind yourself that the best decisions we make, and the only ones we never regret, are made from a place deep within ourselves.

Participate more fully in each moment by practicing present-moment-awareness. Seek the lessons and opportunities that each moment wants to bestow on us. In each moment, make ourselves present and available to the people, places and activities at hand.

JAN 2023



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God! Happy New Year!! 01 No Bingo	02	7:p Rosary (CHEC) 7:30p 4th Deg Business Meeting 03	04	7pm Rosary (CHEC) / 7:30pm Meeting (CHEC) 05	06	07 Last Day of Christmas
8a/10am KofC Breakfast (PLC) 6pm KofC Bingo (Turn2Bingo) 08	7pm Columbian Home Meet(CHEC) 09	10	11	10:30am Prayer at PP (7155 E. 38th Ave) 12	13	14
The Epiphany of the Lord		The Baptism of Our Lord				
15	16	17	18	7pm Rosary (CHEC) / 7:30pm Meeting (CHEC) 19	20	21
The Baptism of Our Lord						
6pm KofC Bingo (Turn2Bingo) 22	Day of Prayer for legal protection of unborn children 23	6:30pm KofC Exemplification (CHEC) 24	25	26	27	28
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05 Week 10/Day 64	06 Day 65	NOTES				