



# The Knightly News

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**Father Gzregorz Golyzniak**

Dear brother Knights,

We live in a very interesting and difficult times. This is not only post covid time but it is the time when strange ideologies and other challenging circumstances entered our daily lives. It seems to me that our free country is experiencing crisis in every level of its freedom. I take the liberty to write few words about catholicism and patriotism. As catholics we always need to be aware of our privileges and obligations toward God and our country. On Independence Day, Americans commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence that signals the birth of our country. Parades, firework displays, barbecues, and other Fourth of July celebrations span the United States as extravagant signs of our patriotism. Patriotism in its most true and noble form goes much deeper than outward displays

of pride. In fact, Patriotism, when correctly understood and practiced, can be considered a virtue. The word Patriotism comes from the Latin word “patria,” which means father. Patriotism is a love for one’s Fatherland as well as love for your fellow children of that land. This love of country occurs naturally in humans. As a virtue, Patriotism acts as a particular expression of the Cardinal Virtue of Justice. Justice, of course, as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1807, emphasis added) “...consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor.” The virtue of Justice spurs people of good will to seek the common good of every person. As Catholics, we know that the common good should always point to God Himself in whose image we were made. Piety is one of the sub-virtues of Justice. Piety recognizes God as the giver of life and authority, and that those with rightful authority require our honor and obedience (namely, our parents and our country). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “Those subject to authority should regard those in authority as representatives of God, who has made them stewards of his gifts” (2238). However, the Catechism also states: “No one can command or establish what is contrary to the dignity of persons and the natural law... Political authorities are obliged to respect the fundamental rights of the human person” (2235, 2237). If the authority of the state infringes upon the natural freedoms and rights of its citizens, we do not need to obey in the name of piety. However, if the state upholds our fundamental, God-given rights, we should give our respect and obedience. Unfortunately, many people misunderstand the idea of Patriotism, confusing it

with the unvirtuous ideology of Nationalism. While often conflated and used interchangeably, the words “Patriotism” and “Nationalism” have distinct meanings. Nationalism is an ideology that considers a person’s nation as superior to all others and supports its own interests even at the exclusion and detriment of other nations and peoples. The virtue of Patriotism, on the other hand, does not require blindly following and unconditionally praising the State. Rather, it calls us to reasonable love for one’s country and respect for its leaders while also working toward the changes needed to ensure a truly Just society for all who live there. The duty of citizens “...includes the right, and at times the duty, to voice their just criticisms of that which seems harmful to the dignity of persons and to the good of the community” (CCC 2238). Our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, not in any country on earth. We cannot look at America like a god, deserving our unceasing worship and praise. But rather as a gift from God that helps and allows us to pursue our ultimate end: Worship of God. What are the ways to grow in the virtue of patriotism. Go to Mass. As citizens of a free country, we have the ability to worship freely, which as Catholics means we can offer ourselves to God at Mass. We should not take this ability for granted, as many people around the world living in true oppression cannot safely and publicly worship. So before you indulge in your Independence Day celebrations, take advantage of this gift by attending Mass and thanking God for His generosity. Speaking of mass, while you’re there, pray sincerely for our country and its leaders. Learn about Catholic Social Teaching. The Church’s doctrine of Catholic Social Teaching focuses on matters of human dignity and the common good. It features seven major themes: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Human Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity, and Care of God’s Creation. This doctrine offers Catholics “wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.” Take time to learn about these important topics and to read the documents that outline them will help you know how, as an American, you can love others and work to ensure the Common good in this country. Practice the Works of Mercy. Put Catholic Social Teaching into action by working in the service of your fellow countrymen through Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Participate in the political life of your

country. The Catechism states: “It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom...Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community” (2239). Start by voting in local and national elections, using Catholic Social Teaching. Volunteer in events that benefit those in your community.

May God Bless you and may God Bless America our home sweet home.

Fr. Gregory

## Saint of the Month



St. Jeanne-Marie Kerguin

Jeanne-Marie was born on May 5, 1864, at Belle-Isle en Terre, France. She was born to a poor peasant family. Her mother died when she was quite young, and she was forced to take over the household chores for the family. She joined the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in 1887, with the name Marie Santa Natalia. There she happily threw herself into a life of devotion. She was assigned first to Paris, then to Carthage in Northern Africa. She encountered health problems and was sent to Rome to recover. There she answered the call of her Order to work as a missionary. She arrived in China in March 1899, and was almost immediately hospitalized for several months with typhus. Her short-lived career ended during a crackdown on foreign missionaries during the Boxer Rebellion. St. Jeanne - Marie Kerguin was beheaded on July 9, 1900, at at Taiyuanfu, China.

St. Jeanne-Marie was beatified on 24 November 1946 by Pope Pius XII

She was canonized on 01 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II

Her feast day is 08 July.



Council members continue to transport parishioners from assisted living facilities to and from St. Peter's every weekend. Now that grass is growing, these Knights are mowing and trimming shut-in's properties. Transportation is also provided for medical appointments for the elderly and/or disabled.

Council Knights came to the aid of long-time parishioner Mary Beth Steele whose husband Steve passed away in a care facility. She needed assistance moving a queen size bed, two chairs, two hospital tables a television and stand from the care facility to her residence.



L to R — Bob Knapp, Alan Feldkamp, Mary Beth Steele, Don Caughlin, Dave Nelson. Also helping, but not pictured, Gregg Fournier.



Grand Knight Alan Feldkamp presents the Knight of the Month Award to SK Guy German.



SK Dick Peters accepts the Family of the Month Award from Grand Knight Alan Feldkamp. Susanna Peters was unable to attend the presentation.



Members of St. Peter's Assembly 2594, led by District Master Bob Knapp formed an honor guard on Memorial Day, 29 May 2023 at the Monument cemetery and raised the American flag to half-staff.

**4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights in regalia:**

- Chuck Hardy
- John Russ
- Alan Feldkamp
- Ed Paulovich
- Bob Knapp
- Bob Leise
- Darryl Barker
- Michael Pietsch
- Ray Meadows (St. Patrick's Assembly)

**Members in military uniform:**

- Randy Fritz
- John Hartling
- Jim Bergeron



**Left: Boy Scouts from St. Peter's, led by Scoutmaster Frank DeLalla march in during the Memorial Day ceremony.**



**SK Bob Knapp and Rob Hoette at the end of the moving day for Gregg Fournier. Gregg is not a parishioner, or a Catholic, but the Council Samaritans moved 15,000 pounds of household goods for him as he awaits surgery. A group photo is not available at this printing, but will be included, with all the helper's names in the next edition of *The Knightly News*.**

**Right:**  
Boy Scout Colin Saber is presented a check in the amount of \$300 from FN Michael Pietsch and GK Alan Feldkamp as a donation from St. Peter's Council 11514 and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2594. Colin is working on an Eagle Scout project that will honor Council and Assembly member Col. Earl Depner with a statue placed next to the Monument Town Hall. Col. Depner was a World War II fighter pilot flying the P-51 and then the Air Force's first jets during the Korean War.





**Sir Knights Ed Paulovich, Dick Peters, John Russ and Robert Knapp carry the canopy covering Father Golyzniak holding the Blessed Sacrament in a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Monument on Sunday, 11 June 2023. Also helping to alternately carry the canopy were Sir Knights Guy German, Bernie Kuta, Michael Pietsch, Darryl Barker and Bob Knapp.**

**Sir Knights Alan Feldkamp, Fred Seiter, Patrick Finnegan and Jeff Sposoto directed traffic throughout the city route and helped with the assembly and care of the canopy that was funded by the Assembly.**

**Right: The first altar, set up by Brother Knight Ken and Mrs. Kay Stone where the procession stopped.**





**Deacon Scotty Bowen, Father Mark Zacker, Bob Knapp, Guy German, Chuck Hardy, John Russ, Bob Leise, Mike Pietsch, Alan Feldkamp, Robert Knapp, Ed Paulovich, Dick Peters.**

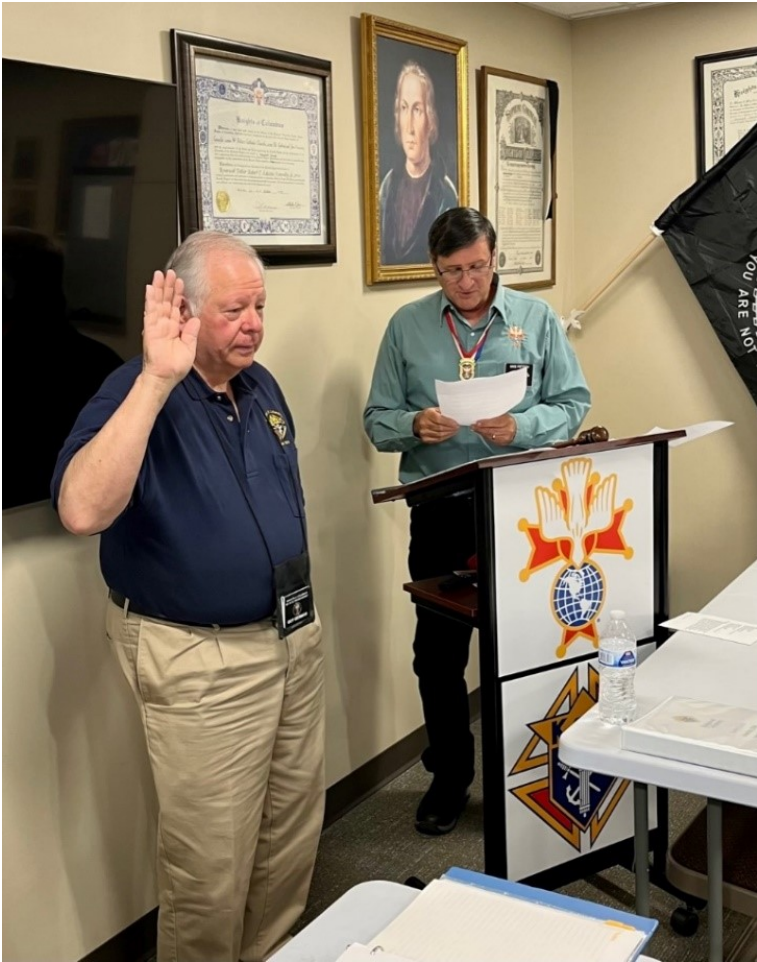
**A Memorial Mass for long-time Knight Paul Durbin was celebrated on Monday, 12 June 2023 at St. Peter's Church with celebrant Father Mark Zacker assisted by Deacon Scotty Bowen and acolyte Jim Bergeron.**

**Paul was a Past Grand Knight of St. Peter's Council 11514 and Past Faithful Navigator of Father Kekeisen Assembly 2594.**

**Paul was also a veteran of the United States Army and an avid like-long Boston Red Sox fan.**







**Left:** SK Guy German is sworn in by Faithful Navigator Michael Pietsch as the new Assembly 2594 Faithful Captain at the regular meeting on Thursday, 15 June 2023.



**Left:** Three Brother Knights are all smiles after assembling new grills purchased by St. Peter's Council 11514 that will be fired up for the first time at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. L to R: Dick Peters, Jeff Sposoto, Jim Mack



Students from the Vacation Bible School enjoying a taco lunch sponsored by St. Peter's Council 11514 on 24 June 2023.



**Chef Jim Rech, his daughter Shannon and Father Rajeev prepare tacos for the hungry students. Also assisting, but not pictured, were Brian Haines, Mark Yoder and Alan Feldkamp.**



**It was a dark, windy, cold, rainy day on Saturday, 03 June 2023 when approximately 50 people from St. Peter's, including several Knights, joined Father Golyzniak for the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Life on the Santa Fe Trail. Over \$15,000 was raised for LifeNetwork, thanks to the generosity of our parish family and friends.**

**Photo Courtesy of Jerry Klazura**



**The canopy with support poles used in the Eucharistic Procession on 11 June 2023.**



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## **Patriotism is one nation under God**

*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. ~Leviticus 25:10 – inscribed on the Liberty Bell*

Take this day to reflect on our nation's roots- The Declaration of Independence is the official and unequivocal affirmation by the American people of their belief and faith in God. It affirms God's existence as a "self-evident" truth that requires no further discussion or debate. The nation created by the great Declaration is God's country. The rights it defines are God given. The actions of its signers are God-inspired. The Declaration makes five references to God – God as supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the source of all rights, God as the world's supreme judge, and God as our Protector on whom we can rely. It declares that each of us is created equal. This means equally endowed with unalienable rights. It does not mean that all are born with equal capabilities. Nor does it mean that all of us can be made equal, as Communist dogma alleges. As the modern discovery of DNA now confirms, each of God's creatures is unequal and different in every other way from every other person. The Declaration of Independence proclaims that life and liberty are the unalienable gifts of God – natural rights- which no person or government can rightfully take away. It affirms that the purpose of government is to secure our God-given unalienable individual rights, and that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed. Our Declaration reduced government from master to servant, for the first time in history.

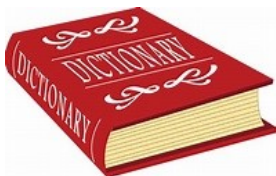
*If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.  
~ President Ronald Reagan*



## July Birthdays

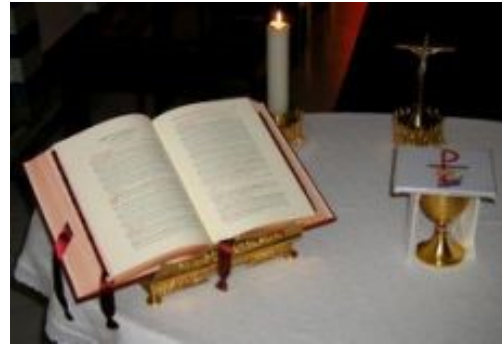
03 Jul - Jim Desautel  
04 Jul – Deacon Scotty Bowen  
04 Jul – Uncle Sam  
11 Jul – Carl Anderson III  
11 Jul – Matthew Connellan  
11 Jul – Martin Redeker  
12 Jul – Robert Knapp  
13 Jul – Art Bell  
14 Jul – John V. Bode II  
19 Jul – Dr. Bradley Burtwistle  
19 Jul – Gary Piper  
20 Jul – John O’Hanlon  
22 Jul – Dennis Balitski  
22 Jul – Robert Burns  
22 Jul – Glenn Priddy  
24 Jul – Phillip Beaudoin  
27 Jul – Phillip Sexton  
27 Jul – Tim Walter  
31 Jul – Hector Chavez

## Word of the Month



**Prudence:** Practical wisdom and judgment regarding the choice and use of the best ways and means of doing good; one of the four cardinal virtues. (Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance)

From the Catholic Word Book



## Sermonette

*Being chosen by God gives us the strength to carry out the mission of the Kingdom.*

One of the Gospel’s messages is a sobering reminder that if we are following Christ in an authentic way that truly exemplifies his teachings, we will meet opposition. Yet the hope that sustains us – which comes with being chosen by Christ – gives us the strength to carry out the mission of the Kingdom.



03 Jul – Council Corporate Mass at 0800  
04 Jul – Independence Day and annual K of C pancake breakfast from 0700-1000  
30 Jul – Fifth Sunday Rosary after 0800 Mass  
**NOTE: No Council Business or Assembly meeting in July.**

## Brother Knights

July 2 is our next Corporate Communion Mass at 8 am. We have one virtually every month. With a roster of 200 Knights, we should be having great turnouts, but we usually only get the same dozen or so. We have great turnouts for events like fish fries, pancake breakfast, and meetings. Why not Corporate Masses. Isn't Mass more important than anything else?

We know that many of you go to other Masses, but please consider joining us at these monthly Masses with your families and your brother knights. We want to make ourselves known to parishioners and be proud of who we are and what we do. We Fourth Degree Knights are proud to wear our regalia and lead the processions.

Remember Unity and Fraternity? This holds true for Corporate Masses also.

We see Knights who attend 8 am Mass but choose not to process in or sit with their brothers. As long as you're there, join us in Brotherhood. The Knights of Columbus Order is one of the few remaining true brotherhoods today. And wear your name tag, not just at Corporate Mass but at all Masses. Be proud to do so. Someone might ask you how he can join. Presence at Mass is a great recruitment tool.

So consider joining us this Sunday and show the parish who we are. Thank you. V/J

**SK Alan Feldkamp**

Grand Knight

**SK Michael Pietsch**

Faithful Navigator



***Keep in our Prayers:*** Jim Desautel, Jack Benoczi, Father Golyzniak, Chris Otto, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christiansen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Laura Gomez and Charlie Bergeron.

Pray for our priests, deacons, nuns and for vocations to the religious life.

Remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, especially those in combat roles.

Pray for our departed Knights and their families.

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**Brother Knights,**

While not yet on our St Peter K of C web page, I wanted to provide you a place to start signing up to help at the world-famous Council 11514 July 4th pancake breakfast. The site to do this is [signupgenius.com/go/30...](http://signupgenius.com/go/30...)

I realize that signup genius can be "clunky" for many of you to use, so if you do not want to go through that, send me an email or text, and I'll do the sign-up for you.

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We expect to serve over 1,500 breakfasts this year from 7 to 10 AM. Clearly, this is an all-out effort requiring maximum Knights participation. As I have said before, if there is just one Knights event you are able to support in a calendar year, please consider working at this breakfast. You may even make some new friends!

If you have any questions, drop me a note or call at any time. Thank you!

**Alan Feldkamp  
Grand Knight**

