



# The Knightly News

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Father Gzregorz Golyzniak

Dear Brother Knights

Madelene L'Engle's children's book *The Summer of the Great Grandmother* tells of being with her grandchildren at bedtime for reading and song.

Her grandchild Lena turned to her and asked, "Is everything all right?" She said, "Yes, of course, everything is all right."

Lena asked again: Gram, is everything really all right? I mean really? L'Engle says she looked at that little child in her white nightgown and realized that she was asking the cosmic question—the question that is out beyond the safety of this home full of light and love and warmth.

Every Christmas we approach the manger and ask the same question: Is everything really all right? Is everything all right? It's a challenging question because we know that on the surface everything is not all right as we gather together this Christmas of 2020 with family members staying at home because of the pandemic. There

is violence, greed, racism, sickness and hatred all around us, shootings in high schools and malls. It's a messy world.

But we are called to remember this Advent and Christmas that into this messy world a Savior has been born. God has shown himself and though we may not be all right there is HOPE and as Josh Grobin sings on his Christmas album And on this day we hope for what we still can't see.

In our day not everyone has this hope.

And again Josh Grobin in his wonderful new Christmas album sings "*Each of us must find our own truth.*"

These are difficult days in our search for truth. There are many confusing voices out there. And truth is so difficult to discover but we have come to believe that once there was a man who so personified God that we have come to believe that he was God's son. This man who

we have discovered is the Christ gives us a glimpse of what God is like this man proclaimed that there is a design to the world there is purpose. But this Christ is also realistic, he is honest with us stating that there is evil and good and we must not be blind or indifferent. This man answered the question IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT? by telling us no everything is not all right now but there is more than what meets the eye this man showed us how to live in this messy world and find HOPE.

Christmas happens in the midst of all our mistakes and imperfections. Christmas once again breaks into our lives to tell us with a promise of hope and as Josh Grobin sings *“sometimes we fail to look around us – we do have so much to be thankful for.”*

A light has come into the world and the darkness will not overwhelm it. Everything is not all right, but there is a light shining and no forces will ever put this light out. And so we approach the stable once again we ask the question “Is everything all right?” and to search for that answer we tell our stories, we sing our hymns. Stories and hymns about a star, and a manger, wise men and angels, a census to be taken, Mary and Joseph with no place to spend the night, gold, frankincense and myrrh. These stories and hymns are a container for meaning in our search for truth they remind us that God broke into our world to give us hope and in the midst of this messy world everything will be all right and this Christmas promise leaves us as Josh Grobin sings with *“much to be thankful for – so let’s not forget to look around us and see the joy that surrounds us”*

And on in this Advent and Christmas season pray for what we know can be hope for what we still can’t see in our search for truth.

With prayer

Father G



## Saint of the Month

*Month of The Immaculate Conception*



*Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

Francesca Saverio Cabrini was born in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano on 15 July 1850. Even from her early years she adopted a way of life that centered on God. At the age of thirteen she vowed her virginity to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. She twice attempted to enter the religious life, but because of her delicate health her petitions were not accepted. In 1868 she taught school at Lodi and 9 years later she became a nun. The bishop of Lodi, Msgr. Dominic Gelmini, put her in charge of an orphanage. He also urged her to found a new religious missionary congregation. Accordingly, when she was thirty years old she instituted the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart at the chapel

of our Lady of Grace in Codogno. In doubt as to which direction to go, she accepted as God's will the directions of Pope Leo XIII to sail westward to the Americas, and have since opened convents in the Dioceses of Brooklyn, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Newark, Scranton, and Seattle.

In 1909 she was given American citizenship. At the beginning of 1911 the institute had in the United States: 253 sisters; 11 schools with 4850 pupils; 6 orphanages with 713 orphans; 2 hospitals with about 3520 patients annually; and 1 dispensary where 21,630 persons were treated during the preceding years.

She died in Chicago on 22 December 1917 at the same Columbus Hospital she had founded. On 13 November 1938 she was declared blessed by Pope Pio XI; she was made Saint on 7 July 1946 by Pope Pio XII. In 1950 this same Pope declared her Patron of the Emigrants. She is the first Saint of the USA and her feast day is celebrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

In Colorado, Cabrini Day has replaced Columbus Day and it is the first paid state holiday recognizing a woman in the United States.

## Beatification



*Father Michael J. McGivney*

*Our Order's founder was officially declared "blessed" at a Mass celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut on 31 October 2020. Concelebrating the Mass was K of C Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori. The beatification is one step from Blessed McGivney being declared a saint.*

## Knights in Action



### *Could You Use a Helping Hand?*



The Knights of Columbus introduced a program called “**No Neighbor Left Behind**” and it has proven to be a success. Social distancing does not mean that we cannot have interaction with fellow Knights and parishioners. By the end of November, Council 11514 members had assisted approximately 25 individual families needing help with various tasks. The number is no doubt higher, but some Knights are probably not reporting all that they do.



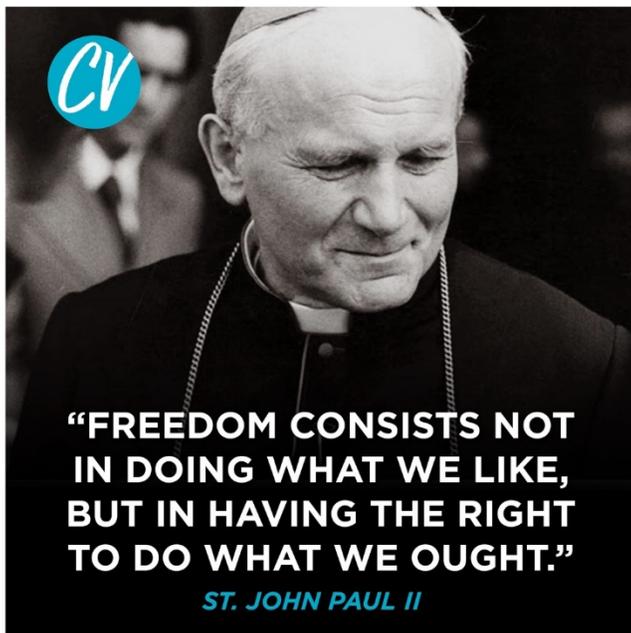


**Captain Earl Depner** is awarded a medal during World War II.



Earl and his brother Art met up in Italy during the war, and here Earl showed Art the finer points of his P-51 Mustang named the Billings Belle in honor of his Montana home town.

**Retired Air Force Colonel Earl Depner** celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 12 November 2020. He is a member of St. Peter's Council 11514 and has been a Knight of Columbus for 85 years. His sons **George and Martin** are also members of the Knights of Columbus at a council in Colorado Springs.



**"FREEDOM CONSISTS NOT  
IN DOING WHAT WE LIKE,  
BUT IN HAVING THE RIGHT  
TO DO WHAT WE OUGHT."**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**



American Red Cross  
Colorado & Wyoming Region

Thanks to Red Cross, my wife and I were fortunate to stay at the Wingate by Wyndham as Cameron Peak Wildfire evacuees from 10/14 – 11/1/2020. Our room was very comfortable, always clean and well located for close shopping, dining, laundry services, and easy access to I-25. Three times a day, Red Cross volunteers provided bagged/packaged meals, coffee and tea, and bottled water. The Red Cross efficiently managed evacuee care in the hotel's generous common area. **John Hartling** and Kathy Petry worked so smoothly throughout the rapid influx of evacuees. Please accept our heartfelt THANKS for the great support!

J

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The following is a note from SK John Hartling who served as a shelter supervisor and his experience in that capacity.*

Red Cross Trip Report – Cameron Mountain Fire

After turning down several requests to deploy this year because of COVID and the need to fly, I finally accepted an assignment as Shelter Manager at the Wingate Motel in Longmont. This was one of 36 hotels in the area housing 2,300 evacuees in addition to numerous cats and dogs. I had 80 rooms and up to 150 clients that I had to keep track of and feed twice a day in accordance with COVID guidelines.

Upon arrival I had to learn a new Client Tracking system and all the new reporting requirements, and answering reports for HQ like "HOW MANY SNACKS DID YOU HAND OUT?" and "WHAT ARE CLIENTS DOING WITH THE WATER YOU

GIVE THEM?" "DUH- DRINKING IT!"

Attended two useless Staff meeting a day because I had nothing better to do – REALLY?

Just to keep my interest level up I had a problem with a 93 year old woman and her 55 year old daughter who was reported by another client yelling and screaming that she was going to kill herself. Called the police who came and talked to her but could not do anything because nobody saw her say it directly. Tried to get help from Red Cross Mental Health team to no avail but called me twice a day to see how I was doing. She repeated the suicidal ideations the next day and I had to call the police again. I did as much counseling as I could but it was emotionally draining and scary. Finally got an outside agency to come and help get her taken care of. The next day I gave her \$40 to leave but she came back 3 hours later and the dummy motel manager let her back in much to my consternation. The next morning before she left, she came down the hallway, gave me a BIG Bear Hug and a SLOPPY kiss on my neck – ALL THIS WITH NO MASK ON! I quickly ran and got some alcohol swabs to clean up.

Only other issues were several dog fights where people got injured trying to break them up. Some people had 4 large dogs in their hotel room and left them there all day to go to work. Got a thrill out of cleaning up Dog Poop (didn't know that was part of the job).

As usual I came back totally exhausted after twelve 14-hour days and lack of sleep due to the emotional roller coaster all day. People are telling me their stories about what they lost and I'm crying while they are patting me on the back saying "It's OK John, God will take care of us!"

All that being said I can't wait for the next call out (as long as I don't have to fly!)



GK Randy Fritz presents the Family of the Month Award to **Rob Hoette** who accepts on behalf of his wife **Kay**.

Again, this year members of Council 11514 will be selling the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets after Mass on Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December in the narthex (SK Bob Knapp's word of the month) for a contribution of \$5.00. They are also available in the Parish office during the week. Proceeds from sales are used for Knights of Columbus charitable causes which are needed during this pandemic when usual fund-raisers are non-existent.



A virtual Council meeting on 04 November, thanks to the efforts of **Bob Knapp** (seated) and **GK Randy Fritz**. There were actually ten members in the background properly masked and socially distanced from each other.



*Dick Peters accepts the Knight of the Month Award via the magic of virtual meeting capability*



## Monthly Council Mass

The Knights normally celebrate Mass as a group on the first Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The Council also has these Masses said for members or family members who are ill or deceased. Unfortunately, Mass for parishioners has been limited throughout the State of Colorado due to the spread of the Corona virus, but as of this writing, the number of parishioners allowed in the church is dependent upon local Health Authorities recommendations and our priests continue to celebrate Mass daily in addition to Sunday Masses. If you know of any Knights, or family members, who should have a Mass intention, please contact **Bob Leise at 302-681-2182.**



## Word of the Month

**CRIB:** *Also Creche, a devotional representation of the birth of Jesus. The custom of erecting cribs is generally attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who in 1223 obtained from Pope Honorius III permission to use a crib and figures of the Christ child, Mary, St. Joseph and others to represent the mystery of the Nativity.*

~ from the *Catholic Word Book*

## Christmas Trivia



1. The movie, "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" is based on a real-life department store. Name the store.
2. What are the other most popular names for Santa Claus?
3. In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born?
4. Which country did eggnog come from?
5. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
6. What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?
7. What is the first company to use Santa Claus in its advertising?
8. What movie premiered the song "White Christmas"?
9. What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
10. Where is Christmas Island?

*Answers on page 10*



## Sermonette

*Acknowledging our own faults helps us accept and love others.*

Jesus often called people out for being hypocrites. He taught that love of God and love of neighbor could not be separated, and when we refuse to acknowledge our own shortcomings we are doing neither adequately. As we look to love and help others, let us also ask God to show us our own faults and help us overcome them.



## Christmas

*But the angel said to them: Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the LORD.*

~ Luke 2:10-11

Strange is our situation here on earth, each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we know:

That Man is here for the sake of other Men.

Above all for those upon whose smile and well-being our own happiness depends, and also for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy.

Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received. ~ Albert Einstein

Brother to Brother, family to family, we celebrate as Knights the birth of our Savior, the Son of God, and that in our faith we may have life in His name.

How can we make the spirit of Christmas last for more than just one day?

*Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given to us for the well-being of all.*

From **The Knights to Christ** booklet

**Remember in our prayers:** Jack Banoczi, Father Golyzniak, Jimmy Carter, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Laura Gomez, and Joan Durbin.

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

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Stanley Golyzniak**.



02 Dec - Council Meeting – at Parish Center and also on Zoom replacement – 1900

07 Dec – Pearl Harbor Day (1941)

08 Dec – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

17 Dec - Council Officer Meeting at 1800 – Parish Center or Zoom replacement

17 Dec – Father Kekeisen Assembly meeting at 1900- Parish Center or on Zoom replacement

21 Dec – Winter Begins

25 Dec – Christmas Day

31 Dec – New Year’s Eve

**NOTES:**

The Grand Knight has temporarily suspended the monthly social meeting due to social distancing caused by the China virus.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

The annual Council Christmas Party has been cancelled this year because of the widespread China virus.



## Your Insurance Corner

*We stand strong on ethical grounds*

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 of capitalism.

As Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of 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 and moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who purchase our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very highly. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to ensure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them feel uncomfortable, they don’t make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved with abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit that health care that pays for any

of these, or pornography”, said the Supreme Knight. There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but that 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 and not money making. 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.

Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

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## December Birthdays

- ❖ 05 Dec – Richard Heebner
- ❖ 07 Dec – L Villar Uhl
- ❖ 07 Dec – Father Michael Holmquist
- ❖ 13 Dec – Father Tomasz Jamka
- ❖ 17 Dec – Don Caughlin
- ❖ 18 Dec - Gerard Eppig
- ❖ 18 Dec – Colin Cassidy
- ❖ 18 Dec – Derek Hemmer
- ❖ 20 Dec – Ricardo Gomez
- ❖ 20 Dec – Richard Walker
- ❖ 22 Dec – Anthony Trifiletti
- ❖ 22 Dec – Alfonso Bince
- ❖ 25 Dec – Baby Jesus
- ❖ 27 Dec – Gary Spoto
- ❖ 28 Dec – Michael Casarez
- ❖ 29 Dec – Howard Feller
- ❖ 31 Dec – Robert Gibbons

Trivia Answers:

1. Macy's
2. Kris Kringle and Saint Nicholas
3. Turkey
4. England
5. Germany
6. "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby
7. Coca-Cola
8. "Holiday Inn" in 1942
9. "Jingle Bells"
10. The Indian Ocean (an Australian territory)

*You are the books you read, the movies you watch, the music you listen to, the people you spend time with, the conversations you engage in. Choose wisely what you feed your mind.*

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**A homeowner with a sense of humor**

**Dear Lord,  
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts  
be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.**



***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR  
BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES FROM THE EDITOR AND  
STAFF OF THE KNIGHTLY NEWS.***

