

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

*"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"*  
March 2021

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### Knights of Columbus Elects Next Supreme Knight

***PATRICK KELLY'S TENURE AS THE ORDER'S 14<sup>TH</sup> SUPREME KNIGHT WILL COMMENCE MARCH 1***

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight on Feb. 5, to continue the mission of charity, unity, and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.



Carl A. Anderson will retire February 28, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

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 student at Marquette University in 1983 and later served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia from 2012-2013. He was elected Deputy Supreme Knight in January 2017.

The newly elected Supreme Knight is a retired Navy Captain with 24 years of military service. In 2016, he retired from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer

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BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Patrick Monahan
- 12 – Mario Soto
- 20 – Walter Hubrig
- 22 – Gerald Waters

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 16 – Christine Wood (David)
- 16 – Rosemary Wright (John)
- 22 – Allison McGuirk (Ed)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2020-2021

Grand Knight .....	SK David Wood PGK .....	925-458-0888
Chaplain .....	Fr. Johnson Abraham .....	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight .....	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
Chancellor .....	<i>Open</i>	
Warden .....	Cheng-Feng Tsai .....	925-890-0353
Recorder.....	SK Mike McDermott.....	925-676-2384
Financial Secretary .....	Gary Downs.....	925-825-4409
Treasurer.....	SK Richard Milward PGK .....	925-699-5852
Lecturer.....	Deacon Tony Reyes.....	925-671-0134
Advocate .....	<i>Open</i>	
Inside Guard.....	Patrick Monahan.....	925-864-9867
Outside Guard.....	Wayne Schafer .....	925-323-6518
One-Year Trustee .....	<i>Open</i>	
Two-Year Trustee.....	<i>Open</i>	
Three-Year Trustee .....	John Wright.....	925-798-5962
Supreme Field Agent.....	SK Howard Tank PGK.....	925-315-8732
District Deputy .....	SK David Schwartz PGK .....	510-325-7810

The positions of **Chancellor, Advocate, and Trustee** remain open.  
 The only qualification for these positions is that you must be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK David Wood.



## SAINT OF THE DAY

- 3 – St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- 4 – St. Casimir
- 7 – Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- 8 – St. John of God, Religious
- 9 – St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- 17 – Ash Wednesday
- 17 – St. Patrick, Bishop
- 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor
- 19 – St. Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- 25 – Annunciation of the Lord
- 28 – Palm Sunday

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of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College. Previously, Mr. Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice. Mr. Kelly 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.

### **Statement by retiring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:**

"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."

### **Statement by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

"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,

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## UPCOMING DEGREES

### New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. This means that you can advance to the Third Degree any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience.

To participate in the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, you will need an invitation. To receive an invitation, contact Brother Richard Milward at 925-699-5852 or [richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com](mailto:richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com).

**Forward** this newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that through June 30 they can **become a member for free** online using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join).

### Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- To be announced.

## Council Calendar of Events

- March 1 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom.
- March 10 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, online.
- March 15 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.
- March 17 Ash Wednesday Services, 7 AM, 9 AM, and 6 PM.

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their families, our parishes, and our communities.”

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.”



## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Duckart  
– March 14, 1963 (58 yrs)

John Ouimet  
– March 5, 1968 (53 yrs)

Michael Marshall  
– March 16, 1980 (41 yrs)

John Neudecker  
– March 3, 1981 (40 yrs)

Gerald Waters  
– March 1, 1982 (39 yrs)

Peter De Paschalis  
– March 1, 1989 (32 yrs)

Richard Peters  
– March 16, 1993 (28 yrs)

Patrick Monahan  
– March 9, 2006 (15 yrs)

Carlos Garcia  
– March 5, 2008 (13 yrs)

Arthur O'Keefe  
– March 17, 2014 (7 yrs)

John Wachira  
– March 6, 2016 (5 yrs)

Jorge Garcia  
– March 23, 2016 (5 yrs)

## Prayer Intentions

### Physical Healing

- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother David's father Stan, his daughter Sarah, his brother Hal
- Brother Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Brother John Wright's brother Larry
- Brother Ed Burgess (St. Bonaventure)
- Brother Gary's sister in-law Julie
- Brother Neil Cuffy
- Deacon Jim Pearce
- Brother Tex asking for prayers for his sister in law Alicia E. Banzos
- Brother Jorge Garcia
- Brother Norm Andrews and his wife Dianne
- Brother Tom McEachran (recovering from a stroke)
- Brother Richard's mother-in-law Anita Wilbur (St. Francis of Assisi)
- Brother Howard Tank's sister Heidi Drugas, a nurse in Fresno.

### Knights Special Intentions

- Special intention for Brother King and for his father's conversion
- Special intention for Brother Walt Hubrig
- Inmates at the Martinez Detention Facility

### Other Special Intentions

- For peace in war torn regions of the world
- For Christians and others suffering persecution
- For victims of all-natural disasters and terrorist acts
- For the safety of all those enslaved and all refugees
- For an end to Covid-19
- For all protests to be peaceful
- Safety in military service and for first responders: All men and women in uniform serving our country, local and state first responders, including brother Bob's son Andrew serving in the Army.

### Special Life Events and Thanksgiving

- For all deceased Brother Knights: Brothers SK Dick Wilbur, father-in-law of Brother Richard Milward; Ed Chatterton; Ed Lexon; Tom Kisak; Dick Spahl; and Owen Murray (QAS). For Jean Vetro, widow of Brother Bob Vetro and Brother Ed Lee's sister Marian.
- Our Parish, Diocese and Universal Church: Prayers for Pope Francis, our Bishop Michael Barber, our Priests, Religious, our Pastor Father Johnson, and for all Seminarians, For Deacons Tony and Sumner.

# LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY...St. Agnes Paris Memorial Brick Order Form



Dear Parishioners,

St. Agnes Parish Catholic Community and St. Agnes Council 15344 of the Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer you and your family the opportunity to purchase engraved memorial bricks to be placed in front of the Parish's new **Memorial for the Unborn**, which is located next to the statue of Mary.

The **Memorial for the Unborn** has already become an important part of our Parish's history and a lasting tribute for loved ones and the engraved memorial bricks are a special way to honor your children, grandchildren, parents, special friends, as well as memorialize your loved ones.

The cost of each 4"x 8" brick is just **\$50** and includes your personalized message of up to three lines engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology, ensuring long-lasting strength and durability in the engraving. Ordering is three easy steps...

## ➤ STEP 1: Create the message for your brick:

- ◆ You may use any combination of lower and UPPER case letters.
- ◆ Bricks may include up to three lines of 20 characters per line.
- ◆ Character count includes all letters, numbers, punctuation, and spaces.
- ◆ The example below has a total of 19 characters (15 letters, 1 punctuation mark, and 3 spaces.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Example –	T	h	e		R	.		S	m	i	t	h		F	a	m	i	l	y	
Please print clearly	Line 1 –																			
	Line 2 –																			
	Line 3 –																			

## ➤ STEP 2: Fill-in your information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## ➤ STEP 3: Mail this form and your check:

Please make your check (**\$50 per brick\***) payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 15344** and mail with this order form to: Gary Downs, 1756 Bishop Dr., Concord, CA 94521-2022. (\*Each brick requires a separate order form.)

- ◆ We may wait to obtain a sufficiently large number of brick orders before submitting the orders to the manufacturer.
- ◆ We will use your phone/email only for keeping you informed of progress or if we have questions.

For more information contact Carlos Garcia at 925-250-8969 or cmgarcia@astound.net