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Knights Mourn Passing of Virgil C. Dechant



The Knights of Columbus mourns the loss of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, who passed away in his sleep at the age of 89 during the night of February 15, 2020. He was the Order's longest-serving supreme knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000.

"God has called home a good man and one of the Knights' great leaders," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Virgil Dechant used to say that his goal was to leave the Knights better than he found it, and in myriad ways, he accomplished that. He leaves a lasting legacy and an excellent example of what it means to be a Knight and a fraternalist. Nowhere is this more true than in his home state of Kansas, which remains in many ways a model jurisdiction."

Virgil Dechant joined the Knights in 1949 and was a member of LaCrosse (Kansas) Council 2970 and St. Augustine Council 2340 in Liebanthal, Kansas. A very successful businessman, in addition to operating a private farm in Kansas, Dechant owned and operated his own car dealership and farm equipment firm. Dechant came to New Haven in 1967 to serve as the supreme secretary. Ten years later, he was elected supreme knight.

As supreme knight, Virgil Dechant oversaw tremendous growth in the Order's membership as well as in its assets and insurance business, while also opening the Order to greater involvement by the wives and families of its members. In addition, Mr. Dechant forged a close relationship with the Vatican during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, leading the Order to sponsor numerous renovation projects – including of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica, and working with the pope to promote the faith in Eastern Europe, which was then behind the iron curtain.

Dechant is survived by his wife, Ann, their four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Knights of Columbus



Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish



Knight of the Month



Brother SK Clemente Garcia

CALENDAR

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1 7:00 PM Second Monday of the month www.kofcassembly3309.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS COTI PORTABLE 1 7:30 PM Second Thursday of the

month

www.kofc15199.com

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Tues., March 10, 2020

8:30 PM Eastern Time

REGISTER NOW

The New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was released on Jan. 16 in print format. Since that time, enthusiasm has grown at a rapid rate. Join us to learn more about running a successful



Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. This webcast will provide useful insight in performing the ceremony, and how it can be adapted it local needs.

Webcast content is geared toward Knights of Columbus leaders including grand knights, degree team members, council officers, district deputies, state council officers, directors and appointees. Please forward to your members as desired.

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Color Corp Commander – SK James Starr

Knights of Columbus

New Mexico State Council John R. Brault, State Deputy 110th State Convention



"In service to one. In service to all." May 14-17, 2020 Marriott Pyramid North Albuquerque NM

Registration Packet



Knights in Action

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Fund Meals For Homeless And Hungry Veterans for FREE

Burrito Sunday – February 23

Thanks to everyone that participated and Thank You to the VFW for letting us user their facilities!

THANKS ALL



















Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen

Second Annual Saint Joseph's Table March 21, 2020



The tradition of Saint Joseph's Table (Tavola di San Giuseppe) comes from Italy, where Saint Joseph is highly venerated. The Feast of Saint Joseph (La Festa di San Giuseppe) is celebrated annually in March. Sicilian-Italian American family tradition calls for a large feast to be served around an altar/shrine erected in the home to honor the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. In times of great need, hardship or struggle, Italian families turn to the loving compassion of Saint Joseph and pray for his intercession. Tradition also calls for asking Saint Joseph to intercede on behalf of the needs of a community.

On March 21, 2020 ALL PARISHONERS are invited to share FREE food and fellowship at the 2nd Annual Saint Joseph's Table. The event will be held at the Italian American Association, 1565 Stephanie Rd. SE, Rio Rancho following the 4:00 Saturday Mass.

Please come celebrate and enjoy FREE traditional Italian Saint Joseph's Table dishes and other Italian favorites.

There is no charge for the meal, instead, attendees are asked to make a free will charitable offering to support the Project Defending Life Ultra Sound Initiative.

Seating will be limited to the first 350 people so <u>please click on photo to register</u> for this special evening and reserve your seat(s) at the table.

We look forward to seeing you on March 21, 2020! Viva la Tavola di San Giuseppe! Viva Gesù!

A Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:00am - 3:00pm with Mass beginning at 8:30am

PRESENTING

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

a nationally known Catholic speaker and best selling author. and Fr. John Carney

THIS EVENT IS AT NO COST | LUNCH INCLUDED Sponsored by Church of the Incarnation and Knights of Columbus Council #15199

Knights of Columbus New Mexico

2nd Annual Gathering of Family



March 27 & 28, 2020 Marriott Pyramid Hotel 5151 San Francisco Rd NE Albuquerque, NM For more information contact John Rincon 505-269-5986



Registration Packet

Adobe Acrobat Document

New K of C Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification

FAQs about the New K of C Exemplification

Why have these changes been made?

The future of our Order depends upon growth, and to grow, we need a way to join that is inviting and accessible. The new combined ceremony removes the barriers of secrecy and commitment of time that inhibited many from joining our ranks. It also eliminates redundancies and presents the lessons of charity, unity and fraternity in a more clear and convincing way.

What is the difference between the new degree exemplification and the old ceremonies? Instead of having separate closed-door ceremonies, all three degrees can now be conferred in a single ceremony held in the parish, or in a council chamber.

For more on the reason behind the changes, watch the supreme knight's speech here.

Who can attend the new degree exemplification?

The new ceremony is open to guests, including the family and friends of current and new Knights. Can we conduct the old degree ceremonies?

State deputies will direct the implementation of the new ceremony and the phase out of the old ceremonies within their jurisdictions. The old ceremonies may still be conducted if your state deputy allows. A final date for complete termination of the old ceremonies will be determined by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors.

Should First and Second Degree members participate?

Encourage First and Second Degree members to participate in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. These members should also be invested with a rosary and lapel pin, even though they received them at their First Degree ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, they are Third Degree members.

Are online members allowed to participate?

Online members can participate and then transfer into your council. The transfer details can be handled afterwards. If an online member wishes to remain in the Online Division (Council), his wishes should be respected.

There is no pledge of secrecy in this ceremony. How do members handle the promises they made during the original ceremonials? Promises made in previous ceremonies should be honored.

Will knighting be conducted using a sword?

Knighting with a sword will be reserved for Exemplification of Patriotism, when the member becomes a "Sir Knight."

Do teams need to be certified?

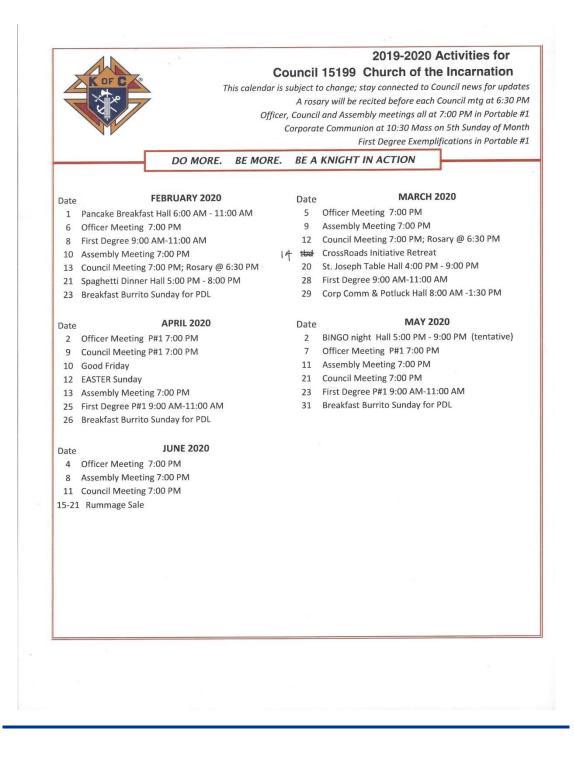
With the simplicity of this ceremony, the decision was made that no certification would be required. The grand knight and district deputy are charged with making sure the ceremonial script is being adhered to. However, this would not prevent existing conferring officers and ceremonials directors from assisting as mentors and guides for the implementation of the new ceremony.

Should councils continue to assess an Initiation Fee?

Since the Candidate Kit (#531) is now the only cost to councils, lowering or eliminating the initiation fee are both acceptable options. To do this, councils must vote to change their by-laws, afterwards updating them at "By Laws Online" accessed through

Have more questions? Other frequently asked questions can be found here. Article originally published in Knightline, a monthly resource for K of C leaders and members. To access Knightline archives, click here.

Calendar



Assembly 3309 2019-2020 Color Corp Schedule

| March 29, 2020 | Corporate Communion Process at Mass | | |
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| April 9, 2020 | Holy Thursday Guard for the Blessed Sacrament | | |
| April 12, 2020 | Easter Sunday Process at Mass | | |
| May 31, 2020 | Corporate Communion Process at Mass | | |
| June 14, 2020 | Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Process at Mass | | |
| August 30, 2020 | Corporate Communion Process at Mass | | |
| November 8, 2020 | Veterans Day Present the Colors | | |
| November 22, 2020 | The Feast of Christ the King Process at Mass | | |
| November 29, 2020 | Corporate Communion Process at Mass | | |
| December 12, 2020 | Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe | | |
| December 25, 2020 | Christmas Day Process at Mass | | |

Uniform Talk



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIFORM PROGRAM - MANAGED BY THE SUPPLY ROOM

The Supply Room is a small Veteran owned business located in Oxford Alabama. We have been in business for over 37 years serving all beaches of our armed forces. Most of the Government agencies who started with us 37 years ago are still our largest customers today. The owner of the Company is a Former Army Officer and I am a Retired Navy E9/CWO, both the owner and I understand specifications, quality control and paying attention to the details. These qualities are what has kept the Supply Room at the top of a highly competitive industry and it will also serve us well as we work toward building a first class Knights of Columbus program.

We took possession of the existing uniforms during the first two or three days of December. Our first step was to measure each and every garment to be sure the size label was accurate before we placed it into stock. By doing this timely and costly evaluation and by asking the right questions when the customers place their orders, we have pretty much eliminated the rejects or returns.

We are now in the process of dyeing fabric and sewing our products and will have most every product on our shelves in the April/May timeframe. Here are the actions we have taken to improve each item:

<u>Blazer</u>

We will have two models of the blazer, the traditional fit and what we are calling, our executive fit. Both models will be made from a tried and tested pattern which have been used to make hundreds of thousands of commercial blazers over the years. The fit and style has been battle tested.

The Traditional Cut is for those who still have a chest and waist in proportion. We will have sizes from 32 XX-Short to 72 X-Long, so we can fit most anyone.

The Executive Cut, (Portly) is for those who need a little more coat around the stomach so it can be buttoned. This will allow us to fit you properly over the back and shoulders and still take care of the buttoning issue.

Trousers

We found the trousers to be this biggest problem from the past and we have taken the necessary action to correct this problem. We have also used a tried and tested pattern for the trousers to provide plenty of room in the thigh, seat and leg. We also have added a concealed stretch waistband to provide 2 to 3 inches of ease above and beyond the waist size. If you wear a 34, these pants will fit you even if you are actually a 35 or even 36 inch waist.

Beret

We heard a lot of stories about the beret and how it fit, or didn't fit. Many said it looked like a "beanie" and just sat on the top of the head. Our military experience kicked in and we took the style we make for the Special Forces which would fit properly and allow the drape to extend over the right ear. We removed the lining, trimmed it in a top quality leather and used a fine Australian wool. From the feedback we have received, this has solved the problems. We supplied the Color Guard at the Kellenberg Assembly up in New York State who refused to wear the old style and according to Rob Timmerman, the Color Guard members now love it.

Tie

Not a lot of complaints about the tie other than the Long was not long enough, so we have added an extra long which is 64 inches and should fit the tallest member.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

We were asked if we could offer, as an option, a white shirt, a black oxford and an overcoat. We can, and we have provided prototypes of each for approval.

White Shirt

We will be offering a 100% cotton, no-iron white shirt with exact sleeve lengths. We will stock sizes from a 13" neck and 28" sleeves to a 23" neck and 37" sleeve. This should fit most every need. Shirts are like the blazer's, some need more room in the stomach area and we have addressed this. We will have an executive cut/style for those who need this extra room. We will have these available around April and they will be favorably priced for this quality and features. Once approved, they will be available on our our website, www.kofcuniform.com or toll free number 833-562-4327.

Black Oxford

We will have these shoes ready for sale in late March early April. We have used a top grain cowhide and the inside of the shoe is lined with a soft leather. From the feedback we have received from test wears is, this is one comfortable shoe.

Overcoat

There are some areas in America where an overcoat is needed in the winter time. We have developed a 19 oz., 100% wool, mid-calf coat with a heavy satin lining. The coat will be water resistant as well. The coat will have epaulets on the shoulders for the Baldric to go under and the gold KOC buttons. This coat is currently being test worn and if it is accepted as it, we will have these available before the winter ends, especially in the northern part of the country.

In summary, we at the Supply Room feel blessed to have been given the responsibility to provide the 4th Degree Knights with a complete uniform with the highest quality in materials and workmanship. We have accepted this challenge and we think we are well on our way to meet all of the objects set before us. Let me assure everyone, we take this seriously and we will work hard to earn the respect and trust of each and every member. You will receive professional and courteous service from the moment you call us. We have a team of skilled ladies accepting your calls and if they cannot answer your questions, they give the call to me. We are also receptive to your comments and/or suggestions as to how we can improve. We must always get any changes approved by the Supreme Headquarters, but trust me, Headquarters wants the best possible program and they are trusting us to get it right. I hope this answers most of your questions, if not, let me know and I will do my best to do so.

God Bless, Jim Craig The Supply Room 334-863-1674 cell 800-458-5180 Ext: 168



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Life

Through prayer

Through participation in vigils

Through evangelization

Through monetary support

Through daily sacrifices,

however

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The government's own definition attests to the fact that life begins at fertilization. According to the National Institutes of Health, "fertilization" is the process of union of two gametes (i.e., ovum and sperm) "whereby the somatic chromosome number is restored and the development of a new individual is initiated."

Steven Ertelt" Undisputed Scientific Fact: Human Life Begins at Conception, or Fertilization" LifeNews.com 11/18/13

Culture of Life



Wednesday, February 26th thru Sunday April 5th

Our pro-life community in Albuquerque will unite with cities across America and around the world for a massive, coordinated, pro-life mobilization. This is an effort to bring together people of all faiths to pray for an end to the loss of pre-born human life and for the healing of those affected by abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

- 40 days of prayer & fasting
- 40 days of peaceful vigil
- 40 days of public witness

Church of the Incarnation is scheduled on March 10 and March 31

Join us in peaceful prayer anytime between 7 am and 7 pm at this location: Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo NE in Albuquerque

For more information visit us at www.40daysforlife.com You can also send an email to Curt@defendinglife.org or call Project Defending Life at (505) 266-4100 Sponsored by Project Defending Life, 729 San Mateo Blvd, Alb. NM 87108 People of Life and For Life Volunteer Educate Advocate Donate Pray

A quote from St. Padre Pio "The day that people lose their horror for abortion will be the most terrible day for humanity. Abortion is not only a homicide but also a suicide. Shouldn't we have the courage to manifest our faith before those who commit two crimes within one act? The suicide of the human race will be understood by those who will see the earth populated by the elderly."

From Brother Curt Kuper



The Spring 40 Days for Life has begun

Hello Friends,

This message was posted earlier this week ...

A friend of a friend went with his girlfriend to Planned Parenthood for an abortion and on the way they saw someone holding the sign "**Choose Life**"... long story short they still went to the clinic but ended up walking out because they didn't really want to do it and that sign confirmed to not go through with the abortion - yay God and you awesome people who lay down your life for the babies!

Please join the person holding the "**Choose Life**" sign during this 40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood's abortion mill at 701 San Mateo Blvd. Being there in peaceful prayer (and holding a sign) can save a child's life. Pro-Life signs are available at Project Defending Life / Women's Pregnancy Options (pregnancy resource center) at 729 San Mateo (just north of Planned Parenthood and next door to State Farm).

Sidewalk Advocates for Life also greatly appreciate having prayer partners and invite you to join them at the following times and locations ... Tuesday -Thursday from 7-10 AM at Southwest Women's Options (the late term abortion mill) at 522 Lomas Blvd (west of I-25) ... and Tuesday and Friday from 8-11 AM at Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo Blvd.

Thank you for your prayers and support, Curt Kuper **Project Defending Life** <u>www.defendinglife.org</u> 505-266-4100

<u>My Letter to Mommy and</u> <u>Daddy after Abortion</u>

Mommy... why did you hurt me? Daddy did you know? Why didn't you fight for my life?

Jesus said I would have looked just like you Your hair, your eyes, and even your smile

I know you didn't mean it Mommy

Daddy I know you love me.

Daddy, you will never get to see me

You'll miss my first words, you'll miss me fall and get up.

Mommy, you'll never get to comb my hair or paint my nails, you'll miss me go to kindergarten

You guys will miss my whole life And I will to....

But don't worry, I am with Jesus now.... Next time think about what you are doing, and who you are hurting,

I AM A PERSON

Mommy, Daddy, I love you, wish you would have loved me too

By: Danielle Martinez

Albuquerque 40 Days for Life Spring schedule ...

Mon Mar 2: St Edwin, Calvary East, and Hope Evangelical Free Church Tues Mar 3: Holy Rosary, Alb. Catholic Moms, Annunciation, and San Felipe de Neri Wed Mar 4: Calvary Alb, Calvary Belen, Adat Yeshua, and Olive Tree Thurs Mar 5: Nativity, St. Jude Thaddeus, and Immaculate Conception Fri Mar 6: Knights of Columbus, St. Bernadette, San Clemente, and Risen Savior Sat Mar 7: Immaculate Heart of Mary in Los Alamos and OLO Belen Sunday Mar 8: Stop by to pray for an end to abortion Mon Mar 9: OLO Guadalupe in Peralta and Alb Tues Mar 10: Ascension, Incarnation, OLO Fatima, Sacred Heart, and Holy Family Wed Mar 11: St Therese, Sangre de Cristo, and San Ignacio Thurs Mar 12: San Ysidro and St Charles Borromeo Fri Mar 13: St Thomas Aquinas, Prince of Peace, and Queen of Heaven Sat Mar 14: Southern NM Communities Sunday Mar 15: Stop by to pray for an end to abortion Mon Mar 16: OLO La Vang and San Jose Tues Mar 17: John XXIII, St Bernadette, Newman Center UNM, and Students for Life Wed Mar 18: Eastern Hills Baptist and St Jude Thaddeus Thurs Mar 19: St Joseph on the RG and Grace Fellowship Fri Mar 20: Alb. Catholic Moms, Ascension, Holy Rosary, Christ the King, Cross Christian Fellowship Rt.66, New Beginnings, & Surrendered Hearts Sat Mar 21: San Clemente, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Nativity Sunday Mar 22: Stop by to pray for an end to abortion Mon Mar 23: Immaculate Conception and San Martin de Porres Tues Mar 24: Assumption, OLO Fatima, and St. John Vianney Wed Mar 25: OLO Sorrows Bernalillo, Holy Ghost, and St. Therese Thurs Mar 26: Queen of Heaven, Sangre de Cristo, and Heights Cumberland Fri Mar 27: Knights of Columbus, Risen Savior, San Felipe de Neri, and St Edwin Sat Mar 28: Estancia Valley Parish, OLO Mt Carmel, St Anne, St Alice, & Holy Child Sunday Mar 29: Stop by to pray for an end to abortion Mon Mar 30: OLO Guadalupe (in Peralta and Alb), and San Ignacio Tues Mar 31: Calvary RR, St Thomas Aquinas, Incarnation, and Sacred Heart Wed Apr 1: Holy Family, Calvary (Alb & East), Adat Yeshua, and Olive Tree Thurs Apr 2: St Joseph on Rio Grande, St Charles Borromeo, and St Francis Xavier Fri Apr 3: OLO Perpetual Help, Prince of Peace, Annunciation, and John XXIII Sat Apr 4: San Ysidro, Calvary Belen, and OLO Belen Good Friday, April 10, Jericho Walk for Life

Great Pro-Life news articles ...

- https://www.lifenews.com/2019/12/16/pro-life-group-lists-every-company-thatfunds-planned-parenthood/
- https://www.savethetinyhumans.com/2020/02/how-to-win-pro-life-debate.html
- <u>https://www.lifenews.com/2020/01/13/the-liberal-media-reported-a-study-showed-the-abortion-pill-is-safe-but-thats-fake-news/</u>
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRbXvh9uuGA</u> Trust and the Father's Mercy w/ Father Thaddaeus Lancton, MIC

Calling all Knights – Your Help is Needed



From Grand Knight SK Fritz Martin, St Anne, Council 14124 Albuquerque

Brother Knights,

I am exceedingly proud to be the new Grand Knight at St Anne Church in ABQ and I look forward to serving Christ with you.

I implore your help... Please help us support our sidewalk advocates on Fridays at Planned Parenthood (PP) on San Mateo Ave in ABQ. There are folks disrupting our peaceful prayer.

A consistent presence is needed at PP to support our sidewalk advocates and the staff at Project Defending Life (PDL), 4 Knights are needed each Friday from 8 am to 11 am.

My point of contact to schedule your time is Randy Wagner at 719-650-1289 or rjw.44@hotmail.com

Thank you in advance for your help and may God Bless you!

Viva Jesus! GK SK Fritz Martin Grand Knight, St. Anne, Council 14124

Did You Know?



Virgil C. Dechant, the longest-serving supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, holding the office from 1977 to 2000, died in his sleep at age 89 Feb. 15, 2020, in his hometown of Leawood, Kan. He is pictured in an undated photo. (CNS photo/Knights of Columbus)

Obituaries of Virgil C. Dechant, former supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus who died at age 89 on Feb. 16 at his home in Leawood, Kansas, were factually correct but superficial. Dechant was a much larger man, with far more influence on the Church than merely listing dates, offices held and honors bestowed can suggest.

Joining creativity to love of tradition and business acumen, he shaped a profoundly Catholic organization suited to changing times. The question for the Knights of Columbus now is whether it can rise to the contemporary challenge of relevance put to it by a secular culture radically opposed to what it stands for.

In a way, of course, the Knights have been here before.

At the urging of a young parish priest, Father Michael McGivney, whose cause for beatification and canonization is currently under consideration in Rome, a small group of Irish-American men met in February 1882 in the basement of a New Haven, Connecticut, church. Three years earlier, a newspaper had headlined a story about the same church: "How an Aristocratic Avenue Was Blemished by a Roman Catholic Edifice." The men had come together to launch a new organization as a bulwark against anti-Irish, anti-Catholic bigotry like that.

The name chosen for the new group was Knights of Columbus. Selecting Columbus as patron sent a message: "We [Catholics] got here [America] before you [Protestants] did."

Many fraternal organizations of those times have withered and died, but the Knights survived and flourished. Combining religion and patriotism was a brilliant move that made the group, in the words of a historian, "a classic instance of a minority's drive to assimilate."

Years later, out in Kansas, a young man named Virgil Dechant joined the group. Laid up after an accident, he noticed that, family aside, most of those who dropped by to cheer him up were his brother knights. Motivated now, he began his rise through the organization's ranks, eventually becoming the top knight in Kansas. In 1967, by now a successful businessman and wheat farmer, he went to New Haven as supreme secretary. Ten years later, the directors elected him supreme knight, the position he held until retiring in 2000.

Membership and insurance soared in those years, while business and investment success made the Knights an important source of financial support for popes, bishops and innumerable Catholic groups. Locally, many pastors became increasingly aware of the Knights as a can-do group whose members were always ready to lend a hand to parish projects.

Even more important, the Knights imparted much-needed stability to the Church during the troubled years after the Second Vatican Council. While others fretted about what it meant to be Catholic, these men knew the answer and, at their best, sought to exemplify it.

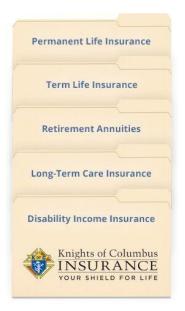
At the same time, the group showed it could move with the times. Hence its strong commitment to the pro-life movement and the defense of family life. That openness to adjustments has continued under Dechant's successor, Carl Anderson, as illustrated by recent changes in the Knights of Columbus' ceremonial garb and ritual, for many years considered virtually untouchable.

Today, challenges to things dear to the Knights of Columbus are on the rise again. Fidelity to Catholic values, the glue holding the group together from the start, has situated this historically assimilationist and American group in opposition to powerful secular forces on life issues, marriage and religious liberty. Columbus sometimes sailed on rough seas. As the secular environment becomes increasingly hostile, the Knights may be doing the same.

Russell Shaw February 24, 2020

https://www.osvnews.com/2020/02/24/knights-continue-to-help-the-church-navigate-rough-waters/

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February Birthdays

| RONALD | S | MEDLEY | 03-02 |
|------------|---|----------|-------|
| SK JAMES | R | STARR | 03-04 |
| SK ERNEST | J | MARQUEZ | 03-08 |
| MOURICE | R | GREEN | 03-11 |
| SK ANTHONY | Е | CHAVEZ | 03-17 |
| MARCOS | S | MARTINEZ | 03-17 |
| ARTHUR | J | PEREZ | 03-23 |
| SK LEROY | J | CDEBACA | 03-29 |

Happy Birthday! May God continue to bless you with peace, love, health and happiness!



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild One Columbus Plaza AF New Haven, CT 06510-3326 USA

Reminder

Please Submit Your Service Hours

Sir Knights please remember your Council and Assembly Dues







Knight's Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated.

Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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