



My Brothers,

As all of us have seen in the last couple of days with all the precautions that our White House has made for our own president and his family, our president and his wife have Covid. That is just a reminder for us that we have to stay safe and make precaution. We have to follow the rules but we do not have to go home. We need to be **bold** and we need to get out there to proclaim who we are and what we are, because it is important not for us but for our church and for our Order. They are counting on us more now than they ever have in the past.

We have to never forget to tell the Knights of Columbus story everywhere. There is so much crazy going on out there, they want to destroy our church, they want to destroy us, and we cannot let that happen.

Everyone out there is looking for the adult in the room; I have no better example for them of the adult in the room than a member of the Knights of Columbus in California. I ask all of you to look at this email below about our programs in the state, they define us, they make us who we are and what we are. I ask you to look at all of them, pray about them. Find a way to bring them to your council, find a way to do them either in person or online but I ask you to keep engaging. Engaging with your councils, engaging with your brother knights, and engaging with your parish and your community because it is important, very important.

Brothers never forget, never forget, to be proud of who you are and what you are, it defines you. God bless you all and I pray for you every day.

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Worthy Brother Knights,

The program of the month for October is **Family Rosary**. We can build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. The Knights of Columbus Family Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. The state chairman for this program is John Giltner, Chairman, (858) 673-7397, john11632@yahoo.com

The Family Rosary Action Steps are:

1. Get permission from your pastor.
2. Order the Rosary Program Kit (#SR-Kit)

3. Modify sample press releases and submit to local media
4. Promote the Rosary Program in your parish.
5. Wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel
6. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph each service.



The program of the month for November is Helping Hands. Put your faith into action and help those less fortunate in your community! Perfect for the Thanksgiving holiday season. Start planning for that now. The state chairman is Zaki Mustafa, Chairman, (909) 234-5148, wnahike@yahoo.com



Father McGivney will be raised to the honors of the altar during a Mass of Beatification on October 31, 2020, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, after which the founder of the Knights of Columbus will be known as Blessed Michael McGivney. This will be streamed live.



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The Supreme Council has called on all chapters and local councils to plan Masses of Thanksgiving and other suitable celebrations to celebrate the beatification of Father McGivney and to promote devotion to our Founder by all members and their families, as well as by all Catholics everywhere. All Chapters are encouraged to do so on Oct. 30th and incorporate a Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity along with it.

NOVENA FOR THE CAUSE OF LIFE - OCTOBER 4-12.

The defense of life and the promotion of human dignity in every stage and condition are preeminent concerns of the Knights of Columbus and the entire Church.

From October 4-12, during Respect Life Month, Knights are called to join all Catholics in prayer with Pope Francis for an end to abortion, euthanasia and the many social ills that bring illness, broken families, unhappiness and premature death, especially for the most vulnerable.

During each unique day of the novena, you can reflect on a quote selected from the teaching of Pope Francis on the sanctity of life, pray a decade of the rosary, and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer from *Evangelium Vitae*. By reflecting on the teachings of Pope Francis and calling upon the help of Our Lady for 9 days, we can deepen our commitment to the Gospel of Life and support the most vulnerable through prayer. The prayers and reflection for the novena can be found [here](#).

Michael the Archangel Icon

Last month at the Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that the next Order wide Pilgrim Icon Program will honor St. Michael the Archangel. Supreme expects to have icons and program materials shipped by the end of this calendar year, with an official launch date of the program of January 1, 2021. Look forward to this!



Make sure you report your program activity using both the STSP-CA report form and Supremes' online program activity report form, #10784 at [Form Invitation](#)

God bless and be safe!

Fraternally,

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