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# A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

#### Worthy Brothers:

As we limp out of the pandemic and into the second half of our twenty-fourth fraternal year, I invite you to reflect on the state of our council and to pray. First, let us pray that we can collaborate on recruiting members who are capable, in due time, of carrying on the traditions that our mentors have passed down to us. This, of course, entails recruiting men from a younger demographic. If we do not, then every tick of the clock will sound an omen for all that we might have accomplished. Second, let us pray for our department heads, that they can reach down into the roster and involve those members who would, perhaps, like to get involved, but have not been specifically invited. The one-man committee is a lonely empire and not in keeping with Father McGivney's vision. Finally, let us pray for discernment as we consider the slate of officers for the upcoming fraternal year. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit moves us and motivates us.

As Catholics, we believe in the power of prayer. We also understand that each prayer is, in part, a promise — a promise that we will accept the graces that flow in the exchange. A promise that we will uphold our part of the exchange. That we will step up our resolve to justify these prayers.

Gentlemen, we enjoy deep friendships that we've garnered through this organization. We have experienced the power of camaraderie. We know how gratifying it is to turn out the lights after a hard-won accomplishment. Let us please offer these opportunities to those who come behind us.

Vivat Jesus,

– Bill Eldridge

# FAMILY OF THE MONTH

## **Bill and Chrissie Keffler**

The name Keffler echoes through the annals of St. Paul Parish, the City of Richardson, and the Diocese of Dallas. In their drive and intelligence, Bill and Chrissie Keffler have shaken the communities we dwell in. They and their five children, Joey, Abbie, Sam, Effie, and Will, project an ideal of the Catholic family. When we watch Bill and his granddaughters take the collection on the left aisle of the Church, we have to smile at the ease in which this family worships. When they return to their pew, their hugs and smiles become contagious.

Our council celebrates the intelligence and drive of this family. It's nice to have Bill and Sam on our roster. We appreciate sharing the Keffler brand with the emblem of our Order.

For the lifelong commitment to service and family, we congratulate Bill and Chrissie for all that they've done for the Kingdom. And we award them Family of the Month for January, 2022.

## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

## Jesse Alewine

This month we recognize the efforts of our Recording Secretary Jesse Alewine. This young man brings something into the council that few others do. He's said "yes" to a number of things that set him apart. First, he said "yes" to the faith of his parents. He worships sincerely alongside of them. A couple of years ago, he said "yes" to attending an ACTS Retreat. He also said "yes" to an invitation to join the Knights. As we know, not many young men are willing to do that. Finally, Jesse said "yes" to serving on a slate of officers in the demanding position of Recorder. While his job conflicts at times with our meetings, when he can make the meetings, he works hard and produces a quality set of records for the council.

So, Jesse, we thank you for all of the times you've said "yes." We thank you for your sincerity. For the respect you show in service to the Order. We sincerely hope that you have a long relationship with Columbianism. And we hope that occurs at St. Paul the Apostle Parish

### FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Weather permitting, we will meet live in the East Room of the Parish Center with a Zoom component for those who choose to attend virtually. We will have light snacks and drinks. Our Worthy Lecturer has a short presentation on Papal elections. We also have Andres Rodriguez, a scout from Troop 728, who will approach the council for help with resources for his Eagle Scout project of upgrading the entrance ramps at the Richardson YMCA. If the weather proves inclement, we will press on with a Zoom meeting for all:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89670295698?pwd=OG5 nZjI0YVVqek84MkU5UzFyd3dNZz09

Meeting ID: 896 7029 5698

Passcode: 811234

### COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE GOING STRONG

In an effort to build fellowship, our Communications Committee will continue making its way through the calling tree that Brother Joe Prampin has so diligently put together for us. I urge everyone to respond to these calls which are a sincere effort to bond our council through regular phone contacts. We want you to know that we're thinking of you; if we can help in any way, please let us know.

#### **NORTH TEXAS MARCH FOR LIFE**

Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, was a cold, windy morning. Our Pro-Life Director Mark Goedecke and Grand Knight Bill Eldridge were honored to attend the Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of Guadalupe and bear United States Flags for the march to and from the courthouse. The flag bearers marched in front of a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and behind a group leading the recitation of the Holy Rosary. It was a powerful juxtaposition of state and faith, one that the Knights celebrate in the Fourth Degree of the Order.

#### **SECOND DUES NOTICES**

Our Financial Secretary is bound to a date-driven protocol of communications concerning the collection of dues. Of course, any date-driven protocol tends to get away from us because we are not walking calendars. Indeed, the second notice is a communication the FS dreads because beyond that lies the nether world of doubting questions such as: does this guy want to be a member? It becomes awkward. Other people get involved...

Please make every effort to pay your dues, or feel free to approach Chris if, for any reason, you require special consideration.

#### **PHOTO GALLERY**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Thursday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Membership meeting at the Parish Center, Room 3 Rosary, 7:30 Meeting - Door Code 18820#)			
Sunday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Fair after each of the Sunday Masses in the School Gym		
Tuesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo at Cottonwood Creek Health Community (2:15 p.m.)		
Thursday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Officer/Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Parish Center, Room 3, Door Code 18820#		
Thursday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Membership meeting at the Parish Center, Room 3 (7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 Meeting - Door Code 18820#)		
Thursday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> Officer/Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Parish Cente Door Code 18820#			



February 3	Oscar Valdez
February 4	Dennis Epping
February 4	Dave Kosanda
February 7	Juan Vasquez Estrada
February 7	Mike Pinto
February 12	Ron Kormos
February 15	Jesus Olivarez
February 16	Michael Crowley
February 18	Dan Schmoll
February 19	Jerry Coen
February 20	Michael Darling
February 27	David Schirm

### **REGULAR FUNDRAISING**

Our regular fundraising endeavors:

Donating Blood:	We are number 22058 with Carter Blood Care
Tom Thumb:	Good Neighbor Program No. 54476
Albertsons:	Community Partner No. 49000119848
Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Progra	<i>am:</i> Bar Code No. 10000081304
Compass Bank:	When opening an account refer to our Affinity code 87719

Forms for all of the above are available at each meeting from our Financial Secretary.

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