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The Principle of Love

From left: Rev. William Bass; Rev. Eugene Rivers, founder and director of the Seymour Institute; Bishop Edwin Bass, president of the COGIC Urban Initiatives; Jesuit Bishop George Murry of Youngstown, Ohio, chair of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

K of C and religious leaders urge world to embrace principles of nonviolence

Just hours after the mass shooting in Las Vegas, a group of Christian leaders called on religious leaders from all denominations to sign a letter endorsing the nonviolent approach advocated by Martin Luther King Jr.

Leaders from the Knights of Columbus, the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced the initiative to promote the importance of Dr. King's nonviolent approach to difficult issues, famously outlined in his 1957 essay *Nonviolence and Racial Justice*.

During the event, COGIC Bishop Edwin Bass and Rev. Eugene Rivers III of the Seymour Institute called for 2018 — which marks the 50th anniversary of King's assassination — to be declared the year of Martin Luther King Jr.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke at the event, warning against discouragement or despair in the wake of the Las Vegas tragedy and other contemporary challenges, "including a renewed racism by groups like the Ku Klux Klan."

In the face of such things, we can look to Dr. King's example.

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Grand Knight's Checklist – November & December

- ✓ Participate in Persecuted Christians Awareness Week, beginning Nov. 26. For details, see christiansatrisk.org.
- ✓ Start planning Christmas activities, such as an Advent celebration for the community and ways to participate in the Orderwide Keep Christ in Christmas initiative.
- ✓ Confirm that your council and jurisdiction is compliant with the Office of Youth Protection's requirements for all activities.
- ✓ Host your Coats for Kids and Food for Families holiday events.
- ✓ Remember these upcoming dates:
 - Dec. 1 — Distribute the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Personal Survey* (#1728A) to members in order to help prepare the annual council survey, due on Jan. 31.
 - Jan. 1 — Council Per Capita Tax, Catholic Advertising Fund and Culture of Life Fund assessments levied by the Supreme Council.
 - Jan. 31 — *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728), *Partnership With Special Olympics Profile* (#4584), *Free Throw Championship Participation Form* (FT-1) and *Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation Form* (#4001) due.



A Gift of Charity

*Pope receives proceeds from
K of C's Vicarius Christi Fund*

Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a private audience at the Vatican Oct. 6. During the visit, Supreme Knight Anderson discussed the Knights' many initiatives and presented the \$1.6 million earnings of the Order's Vicarius Christi Fund. The proceeds are given annually to the pope for his personal charities, and since the fund's inception in 1981, more than \$59 million has been donated.

Black Friday Coats for Kids: Last-minute Planning

Need some final help with your council's Black Friday volunteer project? First, make sure you have reached out to pastors, schools and community organizations to determine the extent of the need in your area. Next, the council should determine how many coats it can afford and how and where it will distribute them. Finally, visit knightsgear.org to purchase high-quality, brand-new winter coats for boys and girls in a variety of colors, styles and sizes. For more information, please contact the Department of Fraternal Mission at 203-752-4270. Questions may be emailed to coatsforkids@kofc.org.



KOFC #GIVINGTUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a global day of charity recognized by over 40,000 organizations in some 70 countries. Encouraging donations of labor, time and goods to make a difference in the lives of others, this year's Giving Tuesday will be held Nov. 28.

Donations made to the K of C on Giving Tuesday will go toward two of the fraternal organization's signature campaigns: Coats for Kids and Food for Families. On Giving Tuesday, Knights hope to boost charitable donations for these programs. Donate by visiting <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/secure/charities/giving-tues.html>.



Will You Rally for the Defenseless?

Since 1973, nearly 60 million children in America have been denied their right to live. Some were killed because of their race, their mother's income or other reasons for which the child was not at fault. Others were killed for no other reason than convenience. Can we, as Knights, stand by and do nothing?

This year, take a stand. Every single Knight living in the United States should plan on going to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., which will be held on Jan. 19, 2018. Councils should have already begun helping parishioners and others that wish to march, by sponsoring buses or organizing fundraisers.

If you can't make it to D.C., we ask that you attend other pro-life demonstrations such as the OneLife LA event. Marchforlife.org will be updated with information on dozens of other regional, state and local marches being held throughout the country.

So that our pro-life message is visible to the whole world, be sure to order *Choose Life signs* (#9341, available in English, French or Spanish) to carry at the event. Place an order by sending an email to william.obrien@kofc.org with your name, address, council number, telephone number and the exact number of signs needed. When ordering, please specify the language preferred.

Did you know?

You can be notified when your Fourth Degree regalia size is available. Simply visit the uniform pages of knightsgear.com and select "Notify Me." More information on the new Fourth Degree regalia can be found in the October 2017 issue of *Columbia*.

Campaign to Save 1 Million Children

Help us reach our goal of 1,000 ultrasound machines by 2019 and save 1 million babies! For information on how your council can work toward this goal, visit kofc.org/ultrasound. Questions may be directed to 203-752-4403 or william.obrien@kofc.org.

Challenges and Contests

November marks the time when state councils should be organizing the regional and state competitions of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, in which the winners of the district-level games get to compete. It's also time to begin planning your Knights of Columbus Free Throw event. Order the *Free Throw Kit* (#FT-KIT), arrange for gym space, select Knights to serve as judges/scorekeepers and schedule your council's competition. To make this year's program memorable for all participants, consider involving local NBA, WNBA or college basketball teams in the higher-level events. The Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is also drawing to a close, so you should pick up any remaining entries and have your council judges grade them in the areas of content, grammar and style.

For further information on these youth programs, contact Ed Wezenski (203-752-4703 or edward.wezenski@kofc.org) or visit kofc.org. For details about the Soccer Challenge's state and regional competitions, contact your state program director.

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When things looked bleak in the early stages of the civil rights movement, Dr. King held fast to the American principle that all are created equal and the belief that there "can be no place for political violence," said Anderson.

COGIC Bishop Bass said the call to observe the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's death has been promoted by the Seymour Institute in Boston and will include a gathering sponsored by his church that will dialogue on a question posed by Dr. King: "Where do we go from here?"

Bishop George Murry of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, who serves as the chair of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, said such a dialogue can "open roads to justice and reconciliation that will lead to the true communion of civic friendship."

Grand Knights and other officers should contact their local bishop to share the details of the letter, found at kofc.org. They should also reach out to local congregations of other religious denominations, asking that they review the letter and pass it on to the leaders of their churches.

Important Circle Notice – Effective Immediately

Columbian Squires Circles with one or more counselors who have not complied with the Order's safe environment requirements (training and background check) within the mandated 45 day compliance period may be permanently dissolved upon 15 days notice. Grand knights should check their Praesidium administrator dashboard for details.

A Cross of Solidarity

We encourage all Knights to remember the refugees' plight by purchasing a 5-inch olive wood solidarity cross, crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The supply is limited, so order now. For details, contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or supply@kofc.org.

Report Your Story

Every day Knights impact their communities and parishes. Tell us how you and the members of your council make a difference by sharing the details with *Columbia*, the Knights of Columbus' monthly magazine. Learn more about submitting news on your council's charitable and fraternal activities by visiting kofc.org/knightsinaction.

The Knights Delivered

Gene Kranz, longtime NASA flight director and leader of the mission control team that saved the crew of Apollo 13, was one of the many people whose home was severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey. In a new video on the Supreme Council's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/knightsofcolumbus, Kranz describes how the Knights delivered aid and inspiration to the hurricane victims. Every Knight should watch this video and consider using it at his council's next recruitment event, as it speaks so accurately about what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.



On Columbus Day, Oct. 9, Fourth Degree Knights from Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and surrounding areas honored Christopher Columbus at a wreath-laying ceremony held in Washington, D.C. The event took place at the explorer's memorial fountain, which was dedicated in 1908 and established in great part through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

Thom Wolf

How To Organize an “In-House” Open House

An “in-house” open house provides a comfortable, casual atmosphere in which one or two host-recruiters and their wives introduce prospects and their wives to the local council and the Order.

First, find out which council members would be willing to host a casual event (barbecue, brunch, etc.) and determine which date(s) would work best. Once these details are settled, send an invitation to three to five prospects and their wives.

Next, order *Membership Documents* (#100), promotional/ membership flyers and additional copies of *Columbia* magazine to give to attending prospects.

During the evening, show the video and discuss council activities and benefits, including those that involve the entire family, and help interested prospects complete Membership Documents.

Finally, inform prospects of the dates of the next Admission Committee meeting and First Degree exemplification, and make arrangements to escort them to the degree.

Husband and Wife Teams Can Increase Your Council’s Efforts

Our guess is that your wife can probably describe how you and your entire family have benefited from your being a Knight better than you can.

So, ask your wife and the wives of your brother Knights if they would be interested in speaking to prospects and their wives about how membership in the Knights of Columbus can benefit the whole family. They can join in the recruitment process during open houses, “in-house” open houses, church drives and so much more.

They might talk about different council socials and service projects they’ve enjoyed being a part of, their membership in the council’s ladies’ auxiliary, personal experiences, and the friendships they’ve formed with other council families.

There’s no better way to tell the whole story of what membership in the K of C has to offer families.



The Many Benefits of Membership

Share this list when describing the many benefits that Knights of Columbus members and their families enjoy.

COLUMBIA MAGAZINE – Free subscription to the Order’s monthly magazine, which examines issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY – Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the First Degree exemplification to each new member.

DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – Mass for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary’s Parish, the birthplace of the Order.

INSURANCE – Portfolio of affordable life insurance, long-term care and annuity products available exclusively to members and their families. Our unique benefits include family fraternal benefits, member/spouse fraternal benefits and widow benefits. For the details of these benefits, reach out to your insurance agent.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children.

FAMILY, YOUTH AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES – Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by local councils.

Stop Hunger This Holiday Season

Even as our families and parishes begin to plan extravagant dinners for the upcoming holidays, countless people go hungry. Fortunately, through our Food for Families program, councils can easily help provide food for those in need and keep food pantries well-stocked for the holiday season. One simple way to collect food is through the set up of a donation bin at your parish, asking each parishioner to donate just one non-perishable food item. Once the bin is full, your council can simply drop off the items at a local food pantry or soup kitchen. Or, if your council has the funds, consider making a donation directly to the soup kitchen or food pantry of your choice. Even more meaningful would be if Knights volunteered, preparing and serving at least one meal together as a council. For details regarding Food for Families, please visit kofc.org/community.

Look to KnightsGear for Your Christmas Shopping

Knights of Columbus apparel, accessories, books, religious items and a variety of other products are available online at knightsgear.com. It also covers all Knights of Columbus-related gift, clothing and electronic needs, making it the perfect place to shop for Knights and their families. A perfect Christmas touch would be to have the items personalized with council or assembly names! Visit knightsgear.com to see the full selection of items.

Be the Example: No One Can Take Your Place

At the annual Awards Banquet held Sept. 29, the supreme knight challenged more than 200 college Knights

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson urged a gathering of nearly 220 college Knights to live the values set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney during the annual College Councils Conference in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

“The Knights of Columbus, and especially you as leaders of the Knights of Columbus, need to be an example to a country that is divided by hatred,” he declared. “We have a civil responsibility to demonstrate the strength of character and principles that bind us together and that can bring the country together.”



Coming from 87 campuses across North America, the attendees discussed membership and recruitment strategies, shared ideas for charitable activities, learned council management practices and explored what it means to be Catholic gentlemen. They were accompanied by 25 chaplains who serve the spiritual needs of their college councils.

In his remarks, the supreme knight encouraged the college Knights to continue in their roles as K of C leaders throughout their academic careers and beyond.

“There is no one to take our place — to take your place — in support of the Church, in support of our priests, in support of a culture of life, in support of our parishes and communities. ... The Church needs you. Your community needs you. Your fellow Catholics need you. And your country needs you.”

“There are many spiritual challenges in today’s society and on college campuses, and what will sustain you through these challenges is your Catholic character and determination,” he added.

For more details on the conference, visit kofc.org/college.

Leaders for Life

Deputy supreme knight talks to college Knights on the virtues of leadership and Catholic formation

Speaking to college Knights during the opening business session of the College Councils Conference, Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly acknowledged that these young men are on their way to becoming leaders for life.

“The decision you have made already to align yourself to the Knights of Columbus can set you on a trajectory of good choices,” he told them. “Our faith foundation and values are a recipe for a clear conscience and a good life.”

At the forefront of the “Leaders for Life” panel was advice on how the young Knights could grow as leaders on their campuses and in their councils:

- Think of yourself as a leader; lead yourself first and then you can lead others.
- Be the kind of man that other men want to be around.
- Remember that being a Catholic man and leader takes heroism.
- Read *Into the Breach* by Bishop Thomas Olmsted, and consider having a study group on it.
- Be authentic: Live charity, unity and fraternity every day.
- Look to the future in a humble way, and always leave things better than you found them.
- Do not let your failures define you; use them to do better.
- Don’t worry about failing; people who never fail also never take risks or accept responsibility for taking action.
- Read the book *Make Your Bed* by Admiral William McRaven to explore a good overview on winning leadership characteristics.

Along with addressing leadership, Deputy Supreme Knight Kelly emphasized the importance of developing friendships, noting, “Your Knights of Columbus friends are men who share your values, and you can appreciate the virtue in each other.”

He also affirmed the importance of Knights of Columbus programs such as Christian refugee relief, *Into the Breach* study groups and Coats for Kids, all of which benefit those in need and provide the council visibility.

Lastly, the deputy supreme knight insisted that all Knights commit to their chaplains, as they are “the best advisors” the college students have. He suggested they speak with their chaplains about setting up a men’s retreat or day of reflection for not only members but all Catholic men.

“Your choice to align yourself with the values of the Knights is a defining moment for you. And I, and the Knights of Columbus, thank you for making that choice,” he said.



BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



“The family as domestic church is central to the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes.” ~ Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Journey to the Inn

A simple way to keep Christ in Christmas

The Domestic Church initiative calls on all councils to build up the relationship between families and parishes and to strengthen parish youth ministry. This Advent, bring families closer to the Holy Family through *Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration* (#9898 — available free of charge in lots of 300, shipping costs apply). In the tradition of the Franciscan missionary celebrations that introduced the faith in America, this celebration shares the story of Jesus’ birth with your parish community and welcomes family participation. If your parish does not already have this Advent tradition, your council should talk to your pastor about making this a parish program. You can coordinate with parish youth ministry leaders, using the booklet as a guide for your celebration. If your parish already sponsors a similar event, consider sponsoring a meal or charitable event for the children of the parish. *Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration* provides all the information needed to conduct a Christmas celebration and can be ordered through the Supply Department. Additional resources and action steps are available at kofc.org/domesticchurch.

Monthly Planning Items

- ✓ Talk to your pastor about ways your parish can keep Christ in Christmas through the Journey to the Inn event, parish crèche blessings, Christmas tree lightings and other family activities.
- ✓ Plan an Advent evening of reflection, asking your chaplain to lead a Holy Hour and reflection. This could be followed by a simple meal served by your council members in the parish hall.
- ✓ Order *Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards* (#10371) and share them with your pastor, asking whether the entire parish could make the consecration during the Christmas season.

Your Council Action Plan

All councils are required to implement Domestic Church activities into their annual action plan. To do this, work with your pastor in organizing activities best suited to your parish families. There are four categories of Domestic Church activities for councils to choose from, including Member Activities, Family Activities, Parish Activities and Community Activities. For a checklist of Domestic Church activities and further details, see the July 2017 issue of *Knightline*, available at kofc.org/knightline.



Reclaim Christmas for Christ

Remind your community that Christmas is a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ by sponsoring a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster or essay contest or by publicly displaying Nativity scenes. Or, send Christmas cards with a religious theme. Greet people with “Merry Christmas!” To help you further share the “Keep Christ in Christmas” message, support materials are available from the Supreme Council Supply Department. Visit kofc.org/christmas for details.

Spread the Light of Christ

Knights and their families are invited to help spread the light of Christ by joining the Order’s annual tree-lighting celebration. Councils are asked to light a Nativity scene and/or Christmas tree on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. local time. This celebration is a wonderful way to celebrate with brother Knights, family and friends. A *Spread the Light of Christ poster* (#2757) is available from the Supreme Council Supply Department to help promote your council’s event. For details, visit kofc.org.

Persecuted Christians Awareness Week – How You Can Participate

On Nov. 26, the Knights will join the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in sponsoring a day of prayer for persecuted Christians. This day will kick off a week of awareness and education.

With Christians in the Middle East facing increased pressure and receiving very little governmental support, we need your help to raise awareness on their behalf. First, reach out to your councils. Second, raise awareness in your parish by organizing a prayer service specifically for the intentions of the Christians in the Middle East. Follow this service with a fundraising drive in support of the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Finally, spread word of the crisis among your communities by distributing materials from the USCCB, found at uscbb.org. For more information, visit christiansatrisk.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

What Happens if You Live?

The security of long-term care insurance

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what if something happens to us — but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at a national annual cost of \$86,700 for nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs usually don't provide much help. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services similar to that provided by Medicare.¹

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home. You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year. And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. Your dedicated Knights of Columbus agent can help explain your options.

Contact him today to help ensure that your family and assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don't want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

Long-Term Care insurance contracts contain certain exclusions, limitations and other terms. Your contract and licensed Knights of Columbus field agent can provide you with complete details. The Knights of Columbus reserves the right to ask questions about your health and review your medical records. Benefits are subject to underwriting. Premiums may increase.

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information.

Congratulations to the Star Assembly Award Winners of 2016-17!

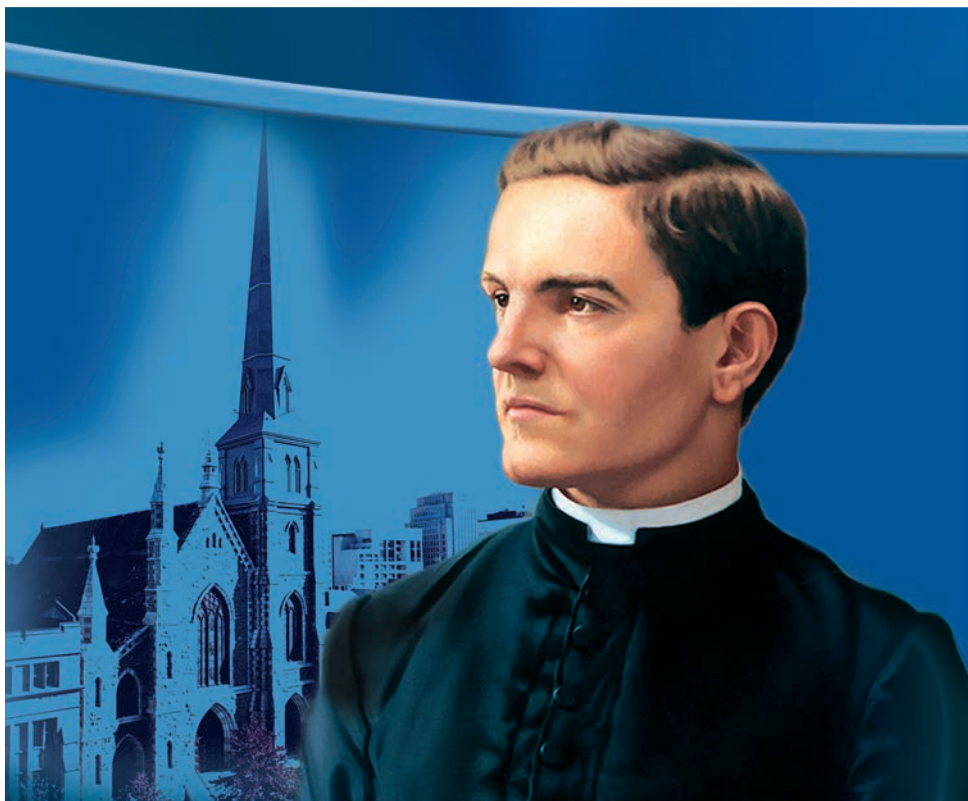
More than 100 assemblies were recognized as winners of the Star Assembly Award for the 2016-17 fraternal year. These assemblies excelled in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities and keeping their members and others informed of assembly activities.

Star Assembly Award plaques are being engraved for each winning assembly and will be forwarded to the vice supreme master for presentation at appropriate ceremonies. The winning assemblies are listed below.

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