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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

We are closing out our Fraternal year at the end of this month. I would like to say that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Grand Knight these past 3 years. I could not have done it without your help. I would like to thank the past years officers for their support. I would also like to congratulate our new officers for 2021-2022, especially our new Grand Knight Joe Scherb. I would encourage everyone to give their support to these men as we have a great year ahead of us. We had our Officers installation on Tuesday June 15th and it was very well attended. It was the first time that I can remember where we had "all" of the actual new officers in attendance. A special heartfelt thanks to Fr. Simon who came back from Rockford to participate as our chaplain for the installation.



It is our intention as a council to hit the ground running and to get back to what we do again. We are looking to start with the monthly breakfast in July. We have some work ahead of us like cleaning the kitchen and some cleaning in the cage. John Stefani has his kitchen crew lined up and on board. We are

just waiting on the approval from the parish. Please look for additional information in email or text via flocknote. I would also encourage you to reach out to your brother knights to get everyone re-engaged. It's been a long while since we have seen each other in person. We are meeting again in person for our business meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. If you haven't attended in a while, I hope to see you there. Now is also be a good time to start talking to your friends and neighbors to join us. We are always looking for a few good Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks. Membership growth is important to the health and future of our council. If you have any questions about membership please reach out to Bob Wyman.

I look forward to the future as we have a great group of officers that will take us far.

God bless.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for us."

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Kebr

Grand Knight #3880

Deputy Grand Knight

Take The Field

By SK, Robert Kosin

PGK Hicklin asked that the final article of my office as Deputy Grand Knight focus on the past experiences with the Council. Getting that assignment and looking over the prior articles he so kindly published in Knight Life reminded me of my Uncle Joe who was a dedicated baseball fan. He attended games at Wrigley Field whenever he could and meticulously keep the score card of every, hit, run, strike and player at bat. When the season was over, he would take one of the score cards and review the game not to himself but who ever was visiting with such enthusiasm and excitement that one could hardly wait for the season to begin

again.

The Grand Knight Joe Scherb was correct after the Installation Ceremony that there is a new team he will be working with for the Council. I have had the good fortune to work with some fifteen Grand Knights, some more inviting than others. But when each would begin his presentation with, "My Brothers" something special was happening. The past editions of Knight Life recorded many accomplishments and passing of >> 3



Council Officers Fraternal Year 2020-2021

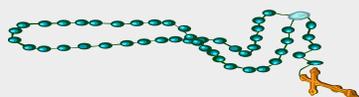
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Knights Monthly Breakfast

Greetings Brother Knights and other worthy readers!

Oh boy!!!

We are SOOOOO close!!

We are Tentatively set to have our first Monthly Breakfast in 17 months on Sunday, July 18th! Hopefully... there is still one more obstacle that has come up, but that is what we have been planning on for the past several weeks... the Kitchen Crew is ready and chomping at the bit... plans are being made for the total cleaning of the kitchen... every last dish, bowl, cup, spoon and fork and everything else... Be ready for when the **Grand Knight** puts out the call for help to clean the kitchen, the cage, the back room and the dining room. It may be on a Thursday or Friday... maybe Saturday... but we will be there and getting ready. The Grill Man, **Bob Newport**, had a family affair a few weeks ago and reported that he got a Blackstone grill and made over 2 dozen omelets! **Bob Kampman** has been contemplating all that toast, **Ken Artner** has been dreaming of being Santa Clause and coming through the ceiling with waffle after waffle! **PGK Scott Popp** has said as he drives that big **ABC** truck down the road he has been practicing calling orders... **Brothers Slowey, Jasinski** and **PGK Pat Maguire** have been sitting in the back yard pretending to open and close the doors of the Convection ovens while turning the sheet pans loaded with sausage, bacon, and hash browns! **Dan O'Connell** has recently retired so he can devote his spare time to

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

contemplating plating... orders, that is! Big **Jim McKinnon** has been laboring cutting meat all these months, so he is ready willing and able to prep the peppers, tomatoes, and onions, to say nothing of slicing the ham! Our usual back up's, **Bill Bransley** and **Dave Mazurk** are on call... expecting to step in at a moment's notice... **PGK Vinnie Esposito** is holding off moving to Florida so he can still wash dishes... And of course, **Bob Wyman**, he of the *Golden Apron Award*, is getting involved in anything and everything (like, what else is new!!) as things come up... making calls, talking to whoever is needed to be talked too, and working with **GK Joe Scherb**, to coordinate the loose ends... **DGK Matt Carzoli** is ready to handle the front table (with a surprise comping there!). And of course, **Kevin Scanlon** can not wait to set up the dining room in all its glory!

So, all of you set-up experts, servers, and bussers, GET READY, GET SET and LET'S GO!!! Keep your fingers crossed and say that extra Prayer that this takes place... it has been so long, for all of us AND the People of St. Thomas who have supported this Council over and over for all these years.



And let's provide a special Welcome Home to **Father Bob Jones**, returning to St. Thomas the Apostle, as our Pastor... and welcoming **Father Andrew Hernandez**.

We are Brothers... keep on being brotherly!!! **John**

Membership

By Bob Wyman

Membership Clarification:

I had some confusion with online sign up and the old way we had new members join the council. If I, did you may have also, I hope the chart on Page 6 helps.

Explanation:

Member Intake - Common terms and definitions

- **Join Online** - A member sign up through Kofc.org/Join. The member completes his information and pays online. After completing the sign up, he becomes an online member.
- **Online Member (or E-Member)** -
- **Online Degree** or virtual degree >> 6

A member who joined online but has not joined a council. This member receives a membership card from

Supreme, and is entitled to all of the benefits and privileges of The Knights of Columbus. He is allowed to attend local council business meetings; except he cannot vote on council business items and motions. A council would follow the practice of voting to add an online member as they do today for any other applicant. Online member dues are prorated from Supreme.

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

WE'RE BACK!!!!!!

With the State of Illinois moving to Phase 5, Blackhawk Area Council (BAC) has given the go ahead to resume some semblance of normal of Scouting. We are very excited about this since the Troop is just about to leave for Summer Camp at Canyon Camp in Stockton, IL in July.

But I am getting a little ahead of myself. I would first like to welcome back Philmont Crew 6077B who just returned from their high adventure trip in New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. Their trek took them to the top of the Tooth of Time at 9,003 feet above sea level. Eight scouts and three Leaders made the trek of over 80 miles over the 9-day trip. All returned safe and exhilarated but exhausted. Congrats.

Special thanks to Tom Hines who made this trip happen with forest fires cancelling it in 2019, COVID-19 in 2020 and finally the crew was able to participate in the trip of a lifetime in 2021 thanks to Tom.

virtual Pack meetings will go away. They will be able to have activities with all ranks able to participate at the same time. This will certainly foster the camaraderie that has been waning with ZOOM meetings and separate events this past 15 months, but we survived. We are able to have the Troop scouts tent together again as long as they set up head to foot, two to a tent. We can go back to patrol cooking on outings so the scouts can learn to plan, shop, prepare, cook, and serve meals to their fellow scouts and leaders. We can utilize mess kits again and dispose of our disposable dinnerware and flatware we have been using for the past several outings. Much better for the environment. This is great news that will allow us to continue our scouts on their Path to Eagle.



Now back to Scouting. We are now able to meet as we would normally but with facemasks for our youth since most are below the age to be vaccinated in Cub Scouts and in Scouts BSA, we are relying on the parent to decide whether to vaccinate their scout if eligible. We do have meeting/outing protocols we must maintain until further notice from the BAC. This will remain for a while for the safety of all.

I would like to acknowledge the great work all of the scout leaders and parents have done to keep all the scouts engaged during the pandemic. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for your continued support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127 in what was very uncertain times. We greatly appreciate it. God bless you and your families as we all emerge to enjoy better times ahead.

The Pack will be able to meet as a whole group in one place and

DGK Report

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deceased Brothers who contributed much to this Council, but like those completed baseball score cards, they foretell of a new season with new opportunities.

thought, well, there'll be other days. I didn't realize that, that was the only day." Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.

In that great baseball ball movie Field of Dreams, a character attempts to explain a perspective much like the motto of the Knights of Columbus, "You know we just don't recognize the most significant moments of our lives while they're happening. Back then I

The Grand Knight will call the Council to business for the new Fraternal Year, the principals of the Order are known, and all are welcomed. Will you join us?

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



The Knight's involvement with the food pantry is now on hiatus. If you still want to help, please contact the help out, call the number below.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961

www.clfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell

The Assembly has a new set of officers as of July 1st. Below you will find the information and home Council. They will lead the Assembly for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year.

Position	Sir Knight	Council
Faithful Friar	Unassigned	
Faithful Navigator	Andy Voloch	10678
Faithful Admiral	Bart Fiore	16446
Faithful Captain	Frank Cermak	8473
Faithful Pilot	Greg Schuring	8473
Faithful Comptroller	Dan O'Connell	3880
Faithful Scribe	Alan Brankline	16446
Faithful Purser	Joe Creasey	1288
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Gary Hansen	1288
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Frank Sweeney	16446
Faithful 3 Year Trustee	David Jones	8473
Faithful 2 Year Trustee	Stephan Zalas	8473
Faithful 1 Year Trustee	Mike Czyzewicz	12824
Faithful Commander	Greg Schuring	8473

The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is not until October of 2021 so if you are not currently a 3rd Degree Knight, consider taking the next step and register for an upcoming 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification with our Council or one of our neighboring Councils to do it in person. You can also take attend an Exemplification online as a webcast for the 2nd and/or 3rd Degree(s) at: [On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.](#)

The October 4th Degree Exemplification is being planned as an in-person event. More details to follow. If you are interested, please ask one of your fellow Knights who is a 4th Degree Sir Knight to be your proposer or please contact Dan O'Connell for more information.

Our next Assembly meeting is July 14th at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will also be available virtually. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify your email address.

Vivat Je-



Knights of Columbus sus!

**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.

Faith In Action

By SK, Greg Ives

Dear Brothers,

The past few months have given each of us at St. Thomas much change as we greet a new pastor and new parochial vicar to the parish. As COVID-19 restrictions also begin to lift we see the parish returning to a much more normal life. That includes That Man is You, which will begin its eighth year at St. Thomas on Saturday, Sept. 11.

What's best is that we are returning to our usual in-person sessions in the Community Center, with fellowship, video, small group discussions and coffee and donuts! The team cannot wait to get started. Here's a small preview of what our eighth year will look like:

TMiy for 2021-22 will be titled *Thy Kingdom Come* featuring 10 dynamic presenters, new personalities, and incredible new topics. In

this new year, we explore the reality that Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom but also that the Kingdom of God is among us.

In this new year we will learn to live with an eternal perspective and be able to boldly proclaim the Kingdom in both word and deed. We will become the authentic Catholic leaders our world, our church and our families so desperately need.

Please take a moment to watch this [powerful 2-minute trailer](#) that tries to capture some of the excitement of this new year.

Make TMiy part of your faith life – whether you will be new to it or have attended previously. It has made men stronger husbands, fathers and Catholic men. Do it for you, your family and your marriage. Look for more details on TMiy in August. Have a great and blessed Summer.

Pro-Life

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus\(kofc.org\)](#)

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE JUNE 2021

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” (Gospel for June 13, Mk 4:30-32)

Every gardener has witnessed how great things can come from small beginnings. Planted in its proper season and cared for over time, the tiniest seed can blossom into a glorious plant. Parents, teachers and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of “planting seeds.” Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children and others, knowing small actions can have great influence.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to share your faith and beliefs in at least one conversation with your children or friends. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in planning and participating in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night program or Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

What “seeds” of faith did your own parents or others plant in your life as a youth that blossomed later in life? What are some of the concrete ways (even small ways) you can share your faith with your family and friends? What role does your witness — attending Mass, going to confession, serving others and being willing to discuss your faith — play in helping to strengthen the faith of others?

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!

Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply

download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:

- [I1036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [I1036A - Card Version](#)
- [I1036B - Multiple Card Version](#)



Vivat Jesus

Right to Life Organizations



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McHenry County Right to Life PAC:
www.prolife-victory.com

DD Report

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 Knights of Columbus District Deputy, District 45. Learn more at Kofc.org/JoinUs

Wrapping Another Fraternal Year.

As we come to the end of another fraternal year, it's a good time for each of us to take stock in our activities and make plans for the next year. Is our prayer life where we want it? Are we putting forth acts of charity? Are we doing enough to support our brothers?

It's been a challenging year, and maybe we've settled with "the best we can do". That's fine, we all do what we can, but let's look forward. The Knight's provide MANY opportunities for you to grow.

We have faith activities to grow your faith and lead your family in faith. We have family activities to allow you to serve as an example of charity to your family, children, and grandchildren. We have programs to promote Life and Community activities. It's all in place.

All you have to do is say "yes" and show up. Not sure what activities are next? Read your council flock note, attend a business meeting, look over the website (kofc3880.org), or talk to your brothers. Last year was a rough one, but let's look forward, and take advantage of opportunities to grow and make a positive impact.

Membership

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An online version of the exemplification used to bring a man into the order. This may either be pre-recorded and presented on demand or be a live streamed program.

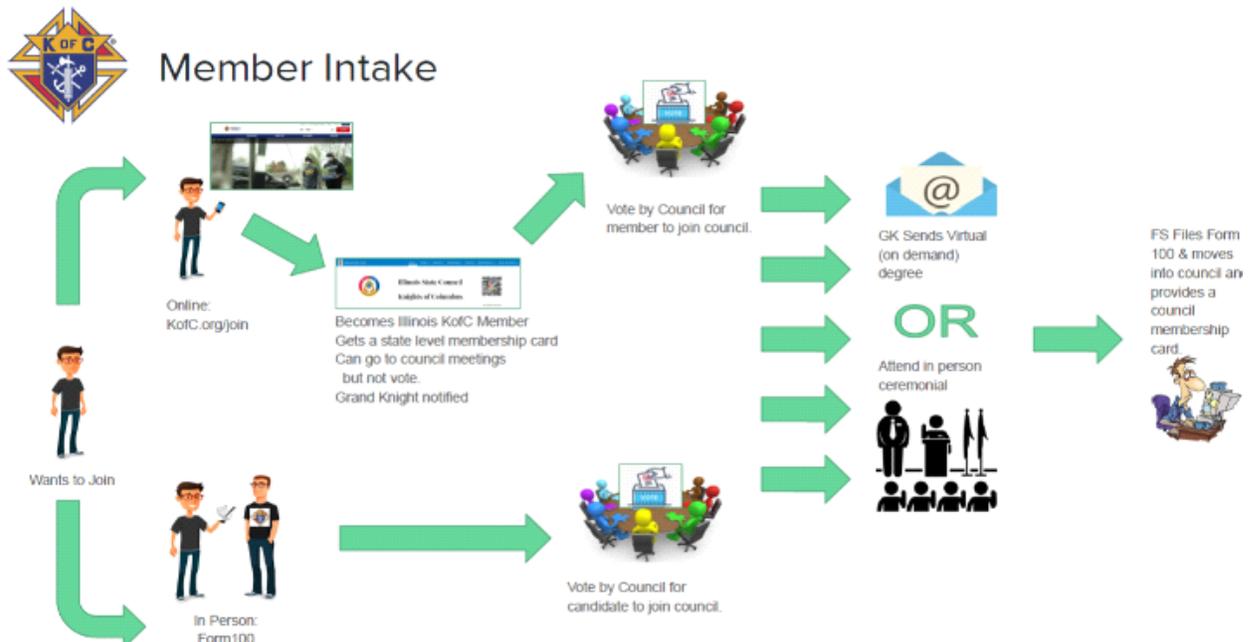
- **On Demand Degree** - A pre-recorded version of the exemplification available to immediate showing to a new member. Must register ahead of time and G.K. is notified when candidate attends.
- **In-Person Degree** - A degree put on by members of a council (local, state, or supreme) to bring new members into the order. If possible, this should be presented in a church with family and friends present.
- **First Degree** - This is a historic degree that is no longer conducted. This has been replaced by The Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
- **Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity** - The new exemplification that imparts the three lessons at once. It is used to convey the principals of the order and welcome new members into the order. (All three degrees at once!) On demand or in person take about 30-35 minutes.

Moving forward, we have The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity that replaced our historic degree. Our council team is practicing the new exemplification for new members that can join our ranks in person. Our team hopefully be ready by mid-late summer to do in person exemplifications.

We also have the availability of new members to join our ranks online. I think there is the confusion: with help from the past DD, now our Grand Knight we all can make sure we understand how to sign up new Knights online.

At the next July and August business meetings I will supply materials to help you sign up new Knights (Form 100's and other materials), offer help and answer questions. Those materials will be at the business meetings all the time for you to take and use to talk to new candidates.

I want the prospective new Knights to understand how great this organization is from growing your faith, which I did through the rosary. Working hard on our events so we can give money away to charities. And the brotherhood you find with you fellow Knights.



Good of the Order

Knights' July Birthdays:

- Kenneth F. Artner
- Charles J. Feck
- Michael Fisher
- Thomas Foster
- Ralph W. Gebert
- Thomas J. Goode
- Peter H. Harren
- Dennis Holm, Sr.
- Gregory J. Ives
- Cesar Jimenez
- Mike Kebr
- James J Kratochvil III
- John Ledermann
- Joseph C. Letizia
- John A. LoBosco
- James McManus
- Anthony Montanaro
- Thomas W. O'Brien
- Dennis T. O'Neill
- John G. Reckamp
- Kenneth M. Repholz
- Stephen J. Starr
- David Waggoner
- Gregory L. Waggoner
- Tad M. Walters
- Paul L. Weyna

Wives July Birthdays:

- Pat Artner
- Jean Marie Brickey
- Joan Clark
- Joni Jasinski
- Angela Krambeer
- Ana McCoy
- Jeanne Mulville
- Patricia Zokal

July Anniversaries:

- Kenneth F. and Pat Artner
- Mark and Diana Daniel
- Thomas J. and Cari Goode
- Michael L. and JoEllen Gregus
- Robert L. and Mary Kay Kampman
- Robert L. and Nancy J. Modrich
- John G. and Ria Reckamp
- Ed and Meghan Riley
- David and Lisa Tambellini
- Matthew J. and Sheri Turk
- David and Lisa Waggoner
- Mathew S. and Becky Walker

**Good of the Order—
Pray For List is included in your
June 2021 Minutes**

FVSM, PSD, PGK, Joe Kaltwasser

August 20, 1928 - June 20, 2021
(Age 92)

May he rest in peace. Amen.

*May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.*



**Read the Bible and
Pray the Rosary.**



**Remember and pray for our
troops in this hopeful new
year.**

**Update Your
Membership Info
[Click here](#) to update it.**

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—Aug 29, 2021 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday Aug 29th is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Father McCormick Council 3880. The health and safety standards during the Pandemic has changed to expand our attendance and participation at Mass. If your health condition provides, please consider attending in your Blue Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt is a worthy memento to wear of your past service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.



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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

July 2021	August 2021	September 2021
7/1 Fraternal Year Begins 7/4-5 Independence Day 7/6 Business Meeting 7/18 Breakfast 7/20 Social Meeting	8/3 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption of Mary Breakfast 8/17 Social Meeting 8/29 Fifth Sunday	9/6 Labor Day 9/7 Business Meeting 9/17-18 IDDF (Tootsie Roll) Drive 9/19 Breakfast 9/21 Social Meeting 9/25 Johnny Appleseed Festival

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

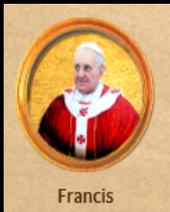
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspi-

ration 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, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.



KNIGHT LIFE

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Francis

APRIL 6th



Make the Right Choice!
Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.