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# The Knight's News

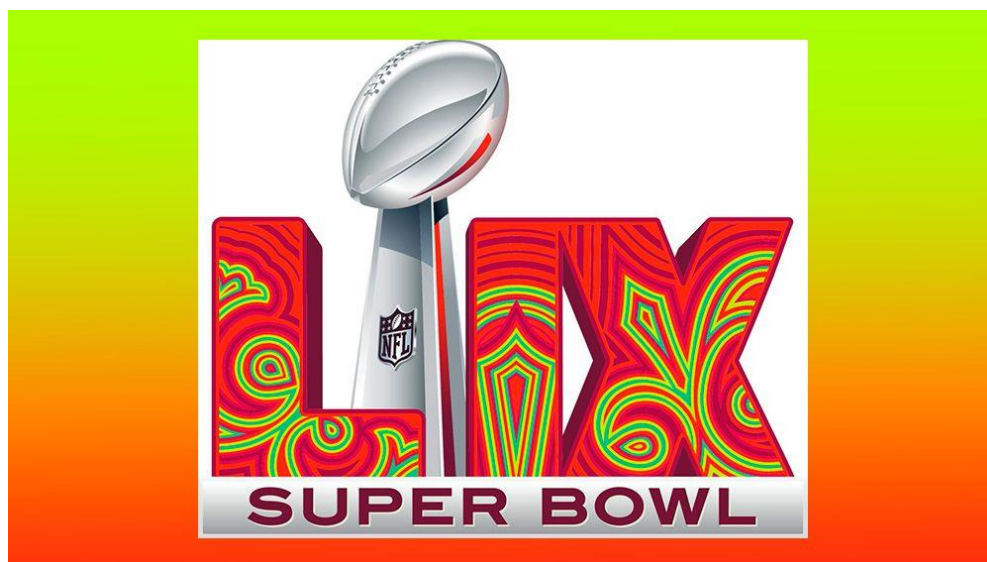
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St. James the Apostle Catholic Church



# Grand Knight's Report



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## Upcoming Activities

**Sunday - February 2 - Groundhog Day**



**Thursday - February 6 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm**



**Sunday February 9 - Super Bowl LIX**



**Monday - February 10 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm**



**Wednesday - February 12 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass**



**Friday - February 14 - Valentine's Day**



**Sunday - February 16 - Coffee & Donuts Breakfast after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph Room**



**Monday - February 17 Presidents' Day**



**Monday - February 24 - Officers' Meeting @ 7 pm in the William Room**



**Wednesday - February 26 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Mass**



**Monday - March 10 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm**



*Council 8155 meets the second Monday of the month in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm*

*Officers' Meeting the 4th Monday n the William Room at 7 pm*



**JOHN DEVAUX**

## *From the desk of . . .* **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**



Brothers,

It's that time of the year again to send me your **\$5 BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP**. Names will be listed in our Newsletter each month. So, send me your \$5 ASAP (\$10 to list both you and your wife).

We will have our regular **Coffee and Donuts** on February 16. Next month, we will return to **"Hot Breakfast"** on Sunday, March 16, following the 9 am Mass only. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. We serve scrambled eggs and sausage links, pancakes, hashbrowns, yogurt, juice and coffee.

Our first of three planned **"Fish Frys"** will be Friday, March 7, the first Friday of Lent. It will be held in the St. Joseph Room. We will begin serving at 5 pm. The next two "Fish Frys" will be March 21 and April 4. We will serve fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, homemade coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies for dessert along with coffee, ice tea and water to drink. If you get your ticket for the second **Fish Fry** at the first one, we will discount your ticket by \$2. NO sales at the door.

Don't forget **Valentine's Day** is on Friday, February 14.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5, this year. Masses will be held at 8:30 am and again at 7 pm.

Hope to see you at our **Business Meeting** on Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:00 pm. In the St. Joseph Room. Our **OFFICERS' MEETING** in the William room at 7 pm on Monday, February 24.

God Bless,

John Devaux,

*Financial Secretary*

St. James Council #8155

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# February Events

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Groundhog Day**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>: Assembly 3686 Business Meeting @ 7 pm in William Room**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>: Super Bowl LIX**

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**February 12<sup>th</sup>: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass**

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## CURRENT BOOSTERS

**Our Newsletter THANKS the following for their support...**

Phil & Louise Aleci <> Michael & Stephane Barrett <> Tony & Anne  
Bernardo <> David & Diane Coughlin <> Leroy & Joyce Cram Jr. <>  
Rich Cunningham & Carole Mallory <> Marilyn DeDea <> Alex DeDea <>  
John & Georgiana Devaux <> Anthony Fonte <> Keith Gosnell <>  
Mark & Lorraine Gransden <> Eric & Michelle Harvey <> Alan & Sandra  
Herd <> David & Dianne James <> Joe & Julie James <> Frederick & Claire  
King <> Gregory & Flora Lydting <> James & Mary Majorana <> Michael  
Marchesano <> Bill & Patricia Meagher <> Deacon Jim & Linda Minary <>  
Joseph & Kristine Panetta <> Ben Perkins <> Ed & Nora Pflieger <>  
Larry Richardson <> David & Joan Ries <> Dominic & Stacie Siani <>  
Bill & Sue Toler <> Norman & Betsy Triznadel <> Ernest & Edna Veneziano

**Please Note: Donations are due for the Booster List for 2025. If you wish for you and your family to be listed here, please speak to John Devaux or Michael Bobowski to submit your donation. Thank you!**

*Thank You for your financial support!*



# Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

## "How To Serve God"

When presented with an opportunity to serve God, how do you respond? Do you say yes, even if you're unsure? Or do you put it off because your schedule is too busy or you don't feel qualified? You've probably never thought of a refusal to serve God as a type of idolatry, but oftentimes that's what it is—choosing your own wishes instead of submitting to Him.

The Lord desires that His children be willing to seek His specific plan for their life and take on anything He calls them to do. He uniquely gifts us to serve according to His will. But if we've already decided that we can't or won't, whatever the reason, then we're acting by our own will instead of the Lord's.

You may serve God as a loving parent, a loyal Knight who shares the gospel with others, or as a friend who listens to the hurting. No restriction exists on what God can do through your life. The strength of His Spirit overcomes human limitations. Don't have enough courage? Don't have the right skills? God can fix that.

Lay down what's holding you back. Trust that the Lord will empower you to do whatever He calls you to do (Philippians 4:13). We can be certain He will properly equip and train His children for the work.

# District Deputy's Message



**DAVID CREAMER**



Brother Knights,

We are now into the third quarter of our fraternal year, and we must get even busier than we have been to accomplish as many good things as we can. Lent will soon be upon us to give us a mightier cause to work for, meanwhile we must focus on the events and tasks which we can pull off presently. With each event, we have the opportunity to do good for others and to attract more candidates to become Brother Knights. Continuing with our charitable work is most important, but we can use those times to shine forth in our parishes so that others will want to join us in our work for the Lord. Keeping our eyes open to see chances to help others out is an easy thing to do, but to try to bring others into our organization is extremely vital to keep us growing in the ability to help others. Charity is our first precept and that which we should be proud and honored to be able to perform for others. Let us keep spreading God's message around and be active, Christian men who are great examples of what a Catholic should be.

May God bless us all for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



**LOU ANZIANO**

***Field Agent***

# Did You Know?

Brothers,

It feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in February!

Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list?

Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance.

If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make adjustments? Now is the time to check.

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. Our Agency can connect you with one of our team members that is registered to offer you investment options through KoCAA.

It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances! I'd love to sit down with you, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!



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If you fail to see your Birthday or Anniversary here, or in subsequent issues, please submit the information to [JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com](mailto:JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com) . Thank you.

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## February Birthdays:

### **Member**

John Devaux – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tony Luzader – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Gregory Lydting – 11<sup>th</sup>  
William Tagert, Jr. – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Dominic Siani – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Ben Rivera, Jr. – 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Wife**

Connie Damato – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anne Bernardo – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Flora Lydting – 24<sup>th</sup>



## February Anniversaries

**NONE**



## Sick and Distressed

Phil Aleci  
Rose Bliss  
John Devaux  
Joanne DeSilva  
Lorraine Gransden  
Donna Gudavich  
Louis Leonard  
Dottie Maslowski  
Richard Overbeck  
Nora Pflieger  
Bob Roth  
Dave Wolverton

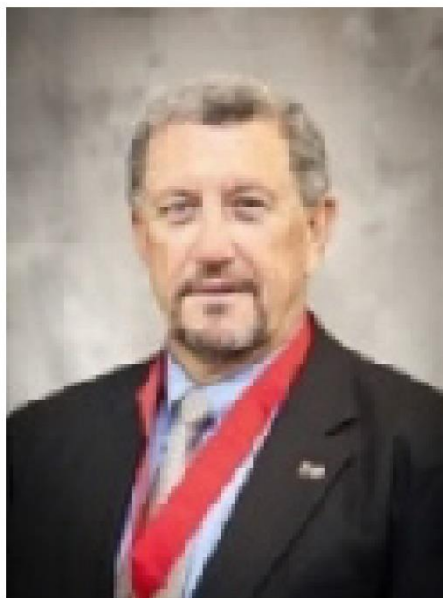
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Diane Coughlin  
Georgiana Devaux  
Marie Duffy  
Mark Gransden  
Randy Koenigsfeld  
Gale Leonard  
Patricia Meagher  
Mark Pflieger  
Dave Ries  
John Sammel

Tony Bernardo  
Rich Cunningham  
Matt Devaux  
Jim Duffy  
John Gudavich  
Vickie Lamparski  
Tony Luzader  
Gail Oliver  
Ed Pflieger  
Wayne Ries  
Dominic Siani

**Please let us know** if you know someone who needs to be added or if you no longer need to be on this list. Please E-mail John Devaux at [JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com](mailto:JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com)



# In Memory Of



## **JOHN LEWIS GUDAVICH**

**Born: September 29, 1947**

**Died: January 20, 2025**

**Married to Donna for 56 years**

**Member of St. James' Council 8155**

**4th Degree Knight for 15 years**

**Charter Member of St. James Assembly 3686**

**Past Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy**

**Knight of the Month several times**

**U.S. Army Veteran of 20 years**

**Past District VP for Order of Elks**

**Retired Special Agent with U.S. Treasury Dept.**

**Join Us For**

# **Coffee and Donuts**



**Sunday, February 16  
Following 9 am Mass  
St. Joseph Room**



**Knights of Columbus Council 8155**

# St. James Council #8155



## Knights of Columbus



# Fish Fry

**Fridays  
at  
5 pm**

**March 7  
March 21  
April 4**

**\$ 14 each**



**Fish Fry with fries,  
homemade coleslaw,  
hush puppies  
dessert**

**Advance Sales  
ONLY**

**NO Tickets  
at the door**



**TAKE-OUTS  
AVAILABLE**

**ONE SERVING PER TICKET**

**Meal includes: coffee, ice tea or water**

**Purchase your ticket from a Knight or Church Office**







# February 2025

*St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council #8155*



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# STAR COUNCIL AWARD



**Grand Knight Joe James shows the Star Council Award the council received for the 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. It says the council achieved 166% of Supreme's Goal for recruiting. The last time the council received the award was 2019-2020 as Double Star and the Grand Knight was Phil Aleci with 225%.**

# ***St. James Council #8155***

## ***Officers for 2024 - 2025***



**GRAND KNIGHT**  
Ben Rivera, Jr.



**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**  
Jeremy Bobowski



**CHANCELLOR**  
Dave Ries



**WARDEN**  
Don Cross



**RECORDER**  
Greg Reissland



**TREASURER**  
Michael Bobowski



**ADVOCATE**  
Mark Gransden



**INSIDE GUARD**  
Dominic Siani



**OUTSIDE GUARD**  
Michael Barrett



**3-Year TRUSTEE**  
Tony Bernardo



**2 Year TRUSTEE**  
Ed Pflieger



**1 Year TRUSTEE**  
Rich Cunningham



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
John Devaux



**LECTURER**  
DAVID COUGHLIN



**CHAPLAIN**  
Fr. Dominic Corona



# St. James the Apostle Catholic Church



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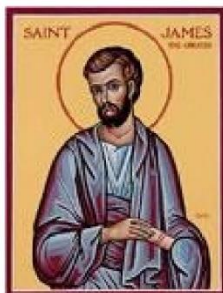
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Bishop Larkin Catholic School

727-862-6981

Bishop McLaughlin High School

727-857-2600



## *Mission Statement*

St. James the Apostle Parish  
is called by God  
to be a Christ centered,  
Loving family,  
under the guidance  
of the Holy Spirit,  
dedicated to proclaiming  
the Gospel and serving Christ  
in our  
Catholic Church  
and in our community.

*Pastor:* Reverend Dominic Corona

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

## St. James the Apostle Charter Members

### Fr. Michael Devine

Leroy P. Alas  
Louis J. Ammiano  
Anthony Barry  
John Bellani  
William B. Braswell  
Edward F. Carroll  
Flor Figueroa  
Douglas A. Gallo

Edward G. Rossi  
Joseph R. Schoener  
Achille Scognamiglio  
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Theodore H. Smith  
Paul J. Sobek  
James V. Spadola  
Anthony Trapasso  
Jeffrey G. Turino

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Domenic S. Loiero

Peter A. Unnone  
Augusta C. Vasquez  
Donald J. Waugh  
Robert J. Williams  
Tom A. Wilson  
**James J. Yeo – 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Knight**  
Thomas J. Zajewski

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John J. Lynch  
Kenneth F. MacAlpin  
Joseph F. Mastrocolo  
Hugh McCluskey  
Deacon Paul G. Metilly  
Vincent M. Panaro  
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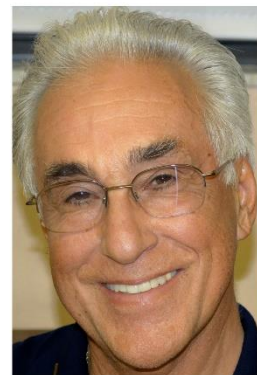
***4th Degree Section***



# 4th Degree News

## St. James the Apostle

### Assembly #3686



**PHIL ALECI**

*Faithful Navigator*

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#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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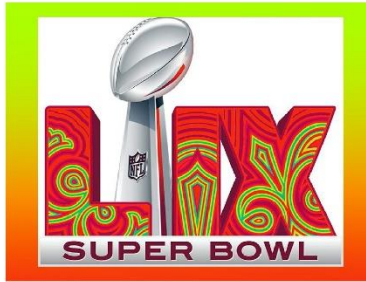
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*Assembly 3686 meets the first Thursday following the first  
Wednesday of the month in the William Room at 7 pm*



# Super Bowl LIX Squares



*A fundraiser for  
St. James 4th Degree  
Knights of Columbus  
Assembly 3686*

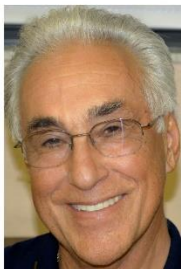


**Purchase a SQUARE for \$10.  
You will have a chance of winning up  
to four times during the Super Bowl  
game, once at the end of quarter 1,  
half-time, quarter 3 and final score.**

**Payout of \$125 each quarter.  
There will be only 100 squares  
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Contact John Devaux if interested.  
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# ***St. James Assembly #3686***

## ***Officers for 2024 - 2025***



**FAITHFUL  
NAVIGATOR**  
Phil Aleci



**FAITHFUL  
CAPTAIN**  
Michael Barrett



**FAITHFUL  
PILOT**  
David Ries



**FAITHFUL  
ADMIRAL**  
Ed Pflieger



**FAITHFUL  
SCRIBE**  
Michael Bobowski



**FAITHFUL  
PURSER**  
Mark Gransden



**FAITHFUL  
COMPTROLLER**  
John Devaux



**INNER  
SENTINEL**  
Joe James



**OUTER  
SENTINEL**  
Tony Bernardo



**3 YEAR  
TRUSTEE**  
Rich Cunningham



**2 YEAR  
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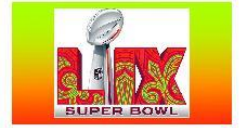


**1 YEAR  
TRUSTEE**  
Anthony Fonte



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## St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686



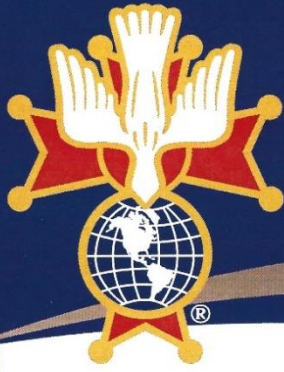
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# Star Assembly



Past Faithful Navigator ED PFLIEGER shows the plaque that our Assembly 3686 was presented at our April meeting by Deputy State Master Ken Jeffres. The award is for the fraternal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Only 14 Assemblies out of 175 in Florida received the award. Our Assembly has 45 members.



# Civic Award

Recognizing  
St James The Apostle  
Assembly 3686  
Port Richey, Florida  
For outstanding implementation  
of patriotic programming  
faithful to the principles of the  
Fourth Degree of  
the Knights of Columbus

October 1, 2022

Date

*Patrick E. Kelly*  
Supreme Knight

*Anthony M. Kelly*  
Supreme Master





**Charter Members of**  
***St. James the Apostle Assembly 3686***  
**November 9, 2016**



**Michael Amarando**  
**James Bernacki**  
**Louis Coppola**  
**Alexander DeDea**  
**Raymond DeDea**  
**John Devaux**  
**Clifford Gill**  
**Keith Gosnell**  
**Eric Harvey**  
**Frank Mancuso**  
**Edwin Pflieger**  
**John Sammel**

**William Baker**  
**Anthony Bernardo**  
**James Crowley**  
**Kevin DeDea**  
**Vincent DeHart**  
**Thomas Doran**  
**Timothy Girvin**  
**John Gudavich**  
**Alan Herd**  
**Thomas Mullen**  
**Benjamin Rivera Jr.**  
**Ernest Veneziano**

**Charles Wills**

***First Set of Officers***

**FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR – Michael Amarando**  
**FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER – John Devaux**  
**FAITHFUL CAPTAIN – John Gudavich**  
**FAITHFUL ADMIRAL – Edwin Pflieger**  
**FAITHFUL PURSER – Anthony Bernardo**  
**FAITHFUL PILOT – Richard Lamparski**  
**FAITHFUL SCRIBE – Keith Gosnell**  
**INNER SENTINEL- Timothy Girvin**  
**OUTER SENTINEL – Frank Mancuso**  
**3-YEAR TRUSTEE – William Baker**  
**2-YEAR TRUSTEE – James Bernacki**  
**1-YEAR TRUSTEE – Charles Wills**







# *Faithful Navigators*

## **Assembly 3686**

*Instituted November 8, 2016*

*St. James the Apostle*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name</b>	
<b>2016 - 17</b>	<b>Michael Amarando</b>	
<b>2017 - 18</b>	<b>Michael Amarando</b>	
<b>2018 - 19</b>	<b>Edwin Pflieger</b>	
<b>2019 - 20</b>	<b>Edwin Pflieger</b>	
<b>2020 - 21</b>	<b>Edwin Pflieger</b>	
<b>2021 - 22</b>	<b>Edwin Pflieger</b>	
<b>2022 - 23</b>	<b>Joseph Panetta</b>	
<b>2023 - 24</b>	<b>Phil Aleci</b>	
<b>2024 - 25</b>	<b>Phil Aleci</b>	
<b>2025 - 26</b>		
<b>2026 - 27</b>		



# *Knights of Columbus Member Benefits*

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

***Columbia Magazine*** — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

***Knights of Columbus rosary*** — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Admission Degree to each new member

***Daily Mass of Remembrance*** at St. Mary's Church — Mass for deceased members and their wives at the birthplace of the Order

***Insurance*** — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

***Family Fraternal Benefit*** — For eligible families: a) pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) offers guaranteed-issue insurance — up to \$5,000 — to any child under age 18

***Orphan Benefit*** — \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available

***Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit*** — Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost

***Widow Benefits*** — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities up to one year after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.

***Scholarships*** — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

***Leadership Development*** — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

***Fourth Degree*** — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

***Honorary Life Membership*** — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

***Membership Card*** — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

***Activities*** — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council



# *Knights of Columbus*

*Member/Spouse*

## **FRATERNAL BENEFIT**

*Whereas*, the primary purpose of our Order as set forth in the Charter, Section 2 (a) is “rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families,” and (b) “rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy families;” and

*Whereas*, the Board of Directors, at the request of the Supreme Council in this International Year of the Family, 1994, desires to recognize the numerous contributions made by members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and families, to the welfare, growth, and financial stability of the Order through their varied activities and charitable works for the benefit of mankind; and in appreciation for their efforts expended in membership recruitment and council development; it was

*Voted*, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on October 20–23, 1994, that a Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit be given at no cost to all members (and their wives) in good standing, belonging to councils of and residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council, provided that the member’s council is in good standing.

### *Accidental Death Benefit*

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions listed.

### *Benefits*

<b>Years of Continuous Membership</b>	<b>Member Benefit</b>	<b>Spouse Benefit</b>
Less than two years	\$1,000	\$1,000
Two years, but less than three	1,500	1,500
Three years, but less than four	2,000	2,000
Four years or more	2,500	2,500

The benefit amount will be reduced by \$500 on the member’s 65th birthday and each subsequent birthday, until the benefit amount is stabilized at \$1,000. The \$1,000 coverage will continue thereafter, provided the member and the member’s council are in good standing and both so reflected on the records of the Supreme Council.

The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member’s benefit. At no time will the spouse benefit exceed the member’s benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,000. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

### *Beneficiaries*

The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order’s laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death.

### *Exclusions*

This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest.

### *Amendment or Discontinuation*

The Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit shall be effective September 1, 1994, and may be amended or discontinued at any time by action of the Order’s Board of Directors.