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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

Thursday - April 3 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm



Friday - April 4 - 3rd Fish Fry - 5 pm in St. Joseph Room



Monday - April 7 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm



Wednesday - April 9 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass



Sunday - April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY



Sunday - April 20 - Coffee & Donuts Breakfast after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph Room



Sunday - April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt after 11 am Mass



Wednesday - April 23 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Mass



Saturday - April 26 - Tootsie Roll Drive 10 am to 4 pm @ Publix Ridge & Little



Sunday - April 27 - Tootsie Roll Drive 10 am to 4 pm @ Publix Ridge & Little

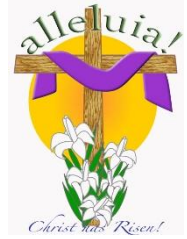
Monday - April 28 - Officers' Meeting @ 7 pm in the William Room



Council 8155 meets the second Monday of the month in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm
Officers' Meeting the 4th Monday in the William Room at 7 pm

From the Desk of the

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



My Brothers:

We will have our third and final of our famous Lenten Fish Frys April 4. Our first Fish Fry March 7 saw about 70 people enjoying our meal. Our Chaplain, Fr. Dominic, got the evening started with the blessing at 5:00 pm.

Our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is slated to get started April 25 and 26 at the Publix on the corner of Ridge and DeCubellis. Chairman Tony Bernardo is leading the way again. The following weekend we will be at the Publix on Ridge Road and Regency Boulevard.

Sunday, April 20, is Easter Sunday. We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the grass area between the St. Joseph and William Rooms following the 11 am mass.

Also on Easter Sunday, after the 9 am Mass, we will serve **Coffee & Donuts**. Help is needed at each event, setting up and cleaning up. If you can do either, please let me know. It will only take a few minutes.

We will again be taking the summer months of June, July and August off so everyone can enjoy their summer. We will return with our Hot Breakfast on September 21.

Election of Officers for the 2025 – 2026 fraternal year is fast approaching. We will be taking nominations at our Business Meetings on April 7, May 12, with the election at the June 9 meeting. If interested in holding an office, please let us know by calling either our Grand Knight Ben Rivera at 727-992-1984 or myself at 727-967-1301. If no answer, please leave a message.

God Bless,

John Devaux,

Financial Secretary

St. James Council #8155

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April Events

April 3rd: Assembly 3686 Business Meeting @ 7 pm in William Room

April 4th: Third & Final Fish Fry

April 7th: Council Business meeting @ 7 pm in the St. Joseph Room

April 9th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

April 20th: EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th: Coffee & Donuts Breakfast after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph Room

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April 23th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

April 26th & 27th: Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix @ Ridge & DeCubellis 10 to 4

April 28th: Officers' Meeting at 7 pm in the William Room

Council Business Meeting changed to April 7 due to Holy Week April 14

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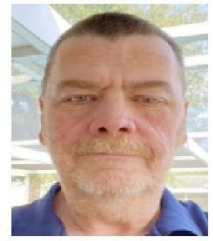
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Please Note: Donations are due for the Booster List for 2025. If you wish for you and your family to be listed here, please speak to John Devaux or Michael Bobowski to submit your donation. Thank you!

Thank You for your financial support!

Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

Witness

Throughout history, God has chosen women to do great things in His name. Esther's courage saved the Chosen people from slaughter. In her humility, the Blessed Virgin received the grace of the Incarnation. He chose another woman, Mary Magdalene, to be the first to know of the Resurrection—to see the empty tomb with her own eyes and hear the message of the angel, "He is not here, he has been raised." Devotion to Jesus, even when all seemed lost, brought Mary Magdalene with Joanna and Mary, the mother of James, to the tomb at daybreak. God chooses women to be witnesses of His truth in a unique and intimate way. The women were carrying out the normal duty of bringing spices to anoint the dead. In being faithful to their womanly task, God found them worthy to first witness and proclaim the Good News.

But sometimes our faith wavers and we feel too weak or lack confidence to share the hope of the Resurrection, especially in a world that resists this hope. Yes, we are weak. But in God we are courageous, humble, and faithful. He strengthens us, like the women at the tomb, to do great things in His name by simply carrying out our normal duties. We, too, are sinners like the Magdalene, whom God chose as "the apostle to the Apostles." And we, too, are called to proclaim Christ Resurrected by living out the supernatural hope of Easter morning in our day-to-day lives.

Ponder:

How has God chosen me to be a witness of hope today?

Pray:

Thank you, Lord, for the prophetic gift that is the feminine genius. Let me bring the hope and glory of Your Resurrection to all I meet today.

District Deputy's Message



DAVID CREAMER



Brother Knights,

As is the annual reminder, we must concentrate on "Prayers, Fasting, and Giving ". Prayers is merely a reminder that we should communicate more with God as much as possible to put us in the right frame of mind. Fasting does not necessarily deal only with food. We can avoid harmful words, avoid anger, do not be pessimistic, avoid worrying and trust in God. Avoid complaining, fast from bitterness and selfishness, avoid harsh words. The trick is to avoid all that is negative and to dwell on positive actions and ideas. Being charitable is always a good way to be, but we should give of ourselves through our time and talents along with monetary gifts. Lent is a magical season where we can feel closer to God and should to show that we are doing the right things. Please participate in your councils activities to bring out the best results and the best of us all so that we can receive the ultimate gift that God offers if we deserve it.

May God bless us for all that we do and I hope that you all have a Happy and Joyous Easter.

Vivat Jesus!
David Creamer
District Deputy 37



Did You Know?

LOU ANZIANO

Field Agent

Brothers,

Are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals?

As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life. Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities.

The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to pay off other debts?

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Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed.

Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you.

I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve.

If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!



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Russell Giresi – 12th
Kevin DeDea – 16th
Irwin Johnson – 17th
David Ries – 18th
Jamie Zucco – 26th
Ricky Schryer – 27th

Wife

Mary Schommer – 8th
Katherine Luzader – 13th
Georgia Gola – 18th
Darene Ennest – 25th



April Anniversaries

NONE

Sick and Distressed



Phil Aleci
Rose Bliss
John Devaux
Joanne DeSilva
Lorraine Gransden
Marie Kennell
Louis Leonard
Dottie Maslowski
Richard Overbeck
Dave Ries
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Tony Luzader
Gail Oliver
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Dave Wolverton

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

Join Us For

Coffee and Donuts



Sunday, April 20

Following 9 am Mass

St. Joseph Room



Knights of Columbus Council 8155

St. James Council #8155



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#3

Fish Fry

#3

In The St. Joseph Room

Friday April 4 5:00 pm

Fish Fry with
fries, home-
made coleslaw,
hush puppies
dessert

\$ 14



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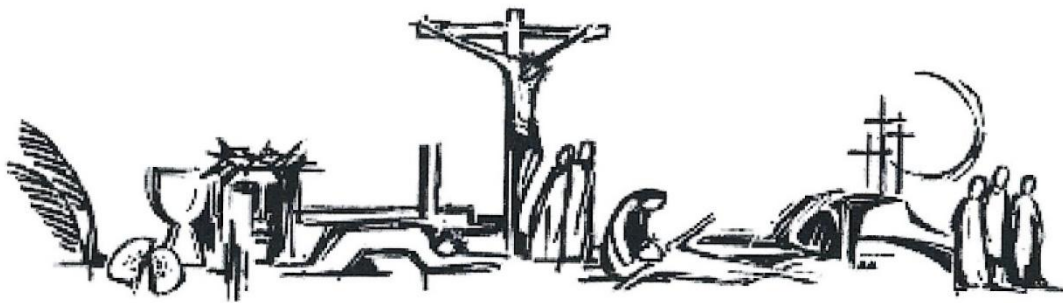
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Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- ◆ Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.
 - ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.
 - ◆ Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.
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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



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Ben Rivera, Jr.



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1 Year TRUSTEE
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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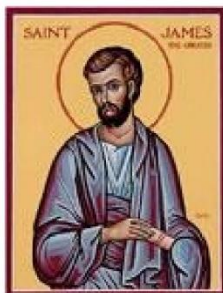
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Mission Statement

St. James the Apostle Parish
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to be a Christ centered,
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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

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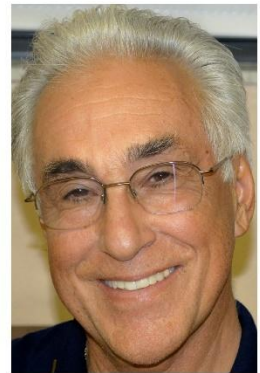


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4th Degree News

St. James the Apostle

Assembly #3686



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday - April 9 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Monday - Friday - April 14 - 19 - Holy Week

Sunday - April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

Wednesday - April 23 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Thursday - May 8 Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm

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



St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686

Why do Catholics and Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on different days?

***You can thank Gregory XIII for the extra helping
of Easter eggs.***

Kathleen Manning of U.S. Catholic

Since the early Middle Ages, all Christians have used the same method for determining the date of Easter, though they arrive at a different result. Described authoritatively in *The Reckoning of Time* by eighth-century English scholar Bede, "The Sunday following the full moon which falls on or after the equinox will give the lawful Easter." The equinox is observed on March 21. This straightforward method based upon an easily observable natural phenomenon survived the Schism of 1054, when the Catholic and Orthodox Churches split from each other. Still, if you have Orthodox Christian friends or visit a predominantly Orthodox country, such as Russia or Greece, in the late spring you may find yourself celebrating a second Easter.

You can thank Gregory XIII for the extra helping of Easter eggs. In 1582, the pope instituted a new calendar for all Catholic countries, and it would eventually be adopted as the civil calendar by countries throughout the world. The old Julian calendar year, created during the reign of Julius Caesar, was 11 minutes too long. That may not seem like much, but compounded over centuries, it was causing calendar days to shift in relation to natural phenomena like the change in seasons. Consequently, by the time of Gregory's papacy, the spring equinox could no longer be observed on March 21. The new Gregorian calendar brought March 21 back into alignment with the equinox by axing 13 days from the calendar for one year. To keep things in alignment going forward, the Gregorian calendar allows a centurial year, like 1900 or 2000, to be a leap year only if it is divisible by 400. The Orthodox churches continued to use the Julian calendar. Thanks to the 13-day difference between the two, the all-important date of March 21 on the Julian calendar corresponds to April 3 on the Gregorian calendar.

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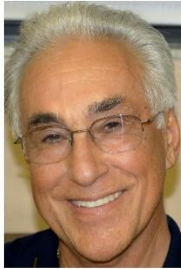
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For the remainder of the 21st century, Easter will fall between April 4 and May 8 for Orthodox Christians, and March 22 and April 25 for Catholics. Still, Jesus only died and rose from the dead once, not twice within two separate five-week windows. In the interest of Christian unity, some religious reformers have pushed for creating a single Easter that all churches can observe. In 1997, the World Council of Churches proposed that Easter Sunday should be determined by when the astronomical equinox is observed in Jerusalem. This solution would sidestep the issue of any church having to abandon their calendar. However, Orthodox Christians would be more dramatically affected by this change than Catholics, since the astronomical equinox is much closer to March 21 on the Gregorian calendar than it is to March 21 on the Julian calendar.

Since the last call for reform at a 2009 meeting in Ukraine, attempts to standardize the date of Easter have stalled. In the meantime, Catholics and Orthodox Christians can look back to April 16, 2017, when their divergent calendars and calculations lead them to celebrate Easter on the same Sunday.

St. James Assembly #3686

Officers for 2024 - 2025



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NAVIGATOR**
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**FAITHFUL
CAPTAIN**
Michael Barrett



**FAITHFUL
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John Devaux



**INNER
SENTINEL**
Joe James



**OUTER
SENTINEL**
Tony Bernardo



**3 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Rich Cunningham



**2 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Jeremy Bobowski



**1 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Anthony Fonte



April 2025

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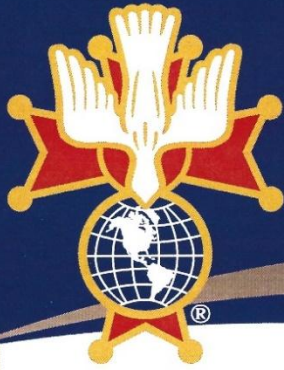


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Star Assembly



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

[Signature]

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

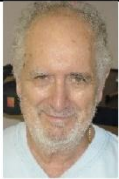
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR – Michael Amarando
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER – John Devaux
FAITHFUL CAPTAIN – John Gudavich
FAITHFUL ADMIRAL – Edwin Pflieger
FAITHFUL PURSER – Anthony Bernardo
FAITHFUL PILOT – Richard Lamparski
FAITHFUL SCRIBE – Keith Gosnell
INNER SENTINEL- Timothy Girvin
OUTER SENTINEL – Frank Mancuso
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

Term	Name	
2016 - 17	Michael Amarando	
2017 - 18	Michael Amarando	
2018 - 19	Edwin Pflieger	
2019 - 20	Edwin Pflieger	
2020 - 21	Edwin Pflieger	
2021 - 22	Edwin Pflieger	
2022 - 23	Joseph Panetta	
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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

Years of Continuous Membership	Member Benefit	Spouse Benefit
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.