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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LOUIS COUNCIL 3335



PATRICK E. KELLY ELECTED AS THE 14th SUPREME KNIGHT by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors on February 5 to succeed Carl A. Anderson. After 20 years as Supreme Knight, Anderson retired on February 28 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world. His successor took office the next day to continue the mission of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney (1852-1890), who founded the order in 1882 while a young assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT. Our local council leaders have the

same mission. In the above photo Carl Anderson is shown on the left with his successor, Patrick Kelly.

“The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new supreme knight in Patrick Kelly,” affirmed then Supreme Knight Anderson in a Feb. 5 statement. “He has served as deputy supreme knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world.”



In the photo above, the new Supreme Knight is shown with Pope Francis following an audience with the pontiff.

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore likewise acclaimed the new supreme knight. “Patrick Kelly is a devoted husband, father of three young daughters, and a man of deep faith with many years of experience as a public servant. He possesses the knowledge, experience

and commitment necessary to carry the Order forward in service to our brother Knights, their families, our parishes and our communities.” We (our council) in turn serve our own families, St. Louis Church, and Gallia County.

Patrick Kelly is a U.S. Navy veteran, having served 24 years on active-duty and the JAG Corps reserves from which he retired with the rank of Captain in 2016. As a judge advocate general, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the commanding officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. That included advisory roles on the House Intelligence Committee and at the Justice Department, where he specialized in counterterrorism and national security. As senior advisor to the U.S. ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom from 2005 to 2006, he served as the State Department’s principal liaison with the Holy See and helped to form U.S. foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide in the Bush Administration. Kelly also worked as Legislative Counsel to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Department of Justice.

Before being named Deputy Supreme Knight in 2017, Kelly served as the order’s vice president for public policy for 11 years. He is also a past state deputy of the District of Columbia. After the Knights purchased the former Pope John Paul II Cultural Center (since renamed the St. John Paul II National Shrine) in Washington, D.C., in 2011, Kelly oversaw the renewal as its first executive director.

During his tenure, the shrine became a premier pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for pilgrims from all over the world. (Go there sometime. It’s near the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The website is www.jp2shrine.org). The Kelly has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the March for Life since 2012; as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center since 2013; and as a consultant to several committees of

the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for more than a decade.

Supreme Knight Kelly holds a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C.; a law degree from Marquette University Law School; and an undergraduate degree in economics from Marquette University, where he joined the student chapter of the Knights of Columbus in 1983.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?

Recently, I looked up at the wall in our bedroom and re-discovered a picture that I haven't looked at for years: "TEN RULES FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE".....so concise and full of wisdom. Here they are. May all the married people use this day to renew their marriages and make them better than ever and be witnesses for what a Christian marriage should be with complete mutual self giving as two hearts remain one as promulgated in the Theology of the Body that St. John Paul II refined and developed.

Rules For a Happy Marriage

1. Never both be angry at the same time.
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.
3. If one of you has to win an argument, let it be your mate.
4. If you have to criticize, do it lovingly.
5. Never bring up mistakes of the past.
6. Neglect the whole world rather than each other.
7. Never go to sleep with an argument unsettled.
8. At least once every day try to say one kind or complimentary thing to your life's partner.
9. When you have done something wrong, be ready to admit it and ask for forgiveness.
10. It takes two to make a quarrel, and the one in the wrong is the one who does the most talking.

Brother Knights in Distress. Everett King is out of the hospital and continues to be bedridden with a heart condition. Larry Haas has been fighting cancer. He is very weak from his treatment at the Cleveland Clinic. Although not a knight, he very much would like to be one. Please pray for their recovery. Both are heroically confronting their illnesses with a tremendous faith, courage, and trust in God as they offer their crosses to the Lord.

Urgently Needed: New Members for the Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal Steering Committee to help organize and promote the annual Men's Conference. If willing and able contact paulrsebastian@yahoo.com or call him at 740-245-9404. We also need parish representatives to promote the Conference at the parish level.

The Knights of Columbus Life Insurance, top rated for financial security among all insurance companies, is your best buy to protect your family against the unforeseen and save for the future. Call Michael Williams, your local field agent, at 614-452-0492 or send him an e-mail at michael.williams@kofc.org. He would be happy to assist you regarding your insurance needs. He loves his job and is anxious to serve his fellow knights and their families.

Video of 2020 Knights of Columbus Accomplishments. Supreme put out a great video reviewing what the Knights of Columbus did over a tough year, 2020. Watch it at <http://kofc.org/en//index.html>.