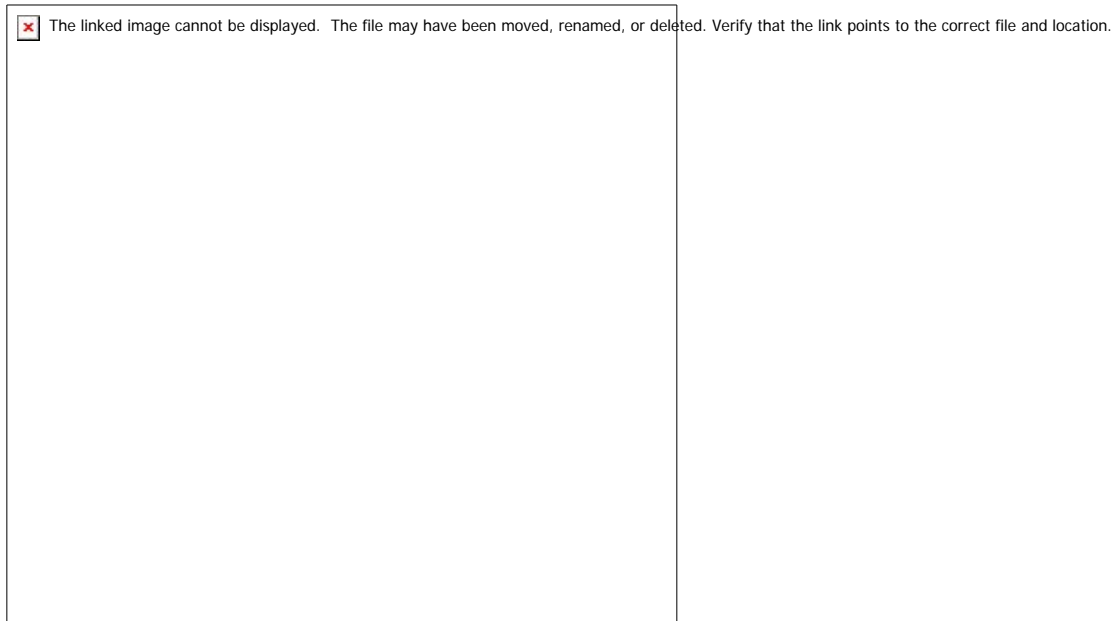




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**NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LOUIS COUNCIL 3335**



*St. Joseph, Model and Intercessor For Fathers, pray for us and our council.*

Finally, after 15 months of suspended animation with no meetings and little activity because of Covid-19, we finally met on June 28. However, we're still in that lethargic Covid-19 rut and only a few men showed up. Let's take this 15 month hiatus as an opportunity to renew our council with new youthful energy and make it one of the best councils in the state of Ohio as it once was with great fellowship and great service to our parish and the surrounding community. We can do it, but that depends upon us making every meeting and stepping up. So much depends upon YOU, brother knight.

**Our next meeting will be on Monday July 26 at 6:30 pm with supper and fellowship.** We have a lot of work to do to make up for lost time. The first and most important step is to choose a slate of dedicated officers. To bring us together and give our council a burst of energy, we are thinking of having a dinner with all the trimmings.

Let's pray to St. Joseph for his intercession and help to renew our council. We are devoting this issue to St. Joseph....the thoughts of our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly on him and the following prayers that are favorites of Pope Francis. He included them in his apostolic letter, *“Patris Corde”* (Heart of a Father) on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and also to mark the beginning of the Year of St. Joseph on December 8, 2020, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (google *“Patris Corde”* for the complete text).

**Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,  
whose power makes the impossible possible,  
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.  
Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations  
that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.  
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.  
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,  
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,  
show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

## **Thoughts of the New Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly on St. Joseph**

**As Interviewed By Jonathan Reyes** (Go to <https://kofc.org/en//index.html> for a short video of his installation.)

See also a great one minute video at <https://kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-story/index.html>

**Why is St. Joseph so important for the Knights and so important for you?** St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, but he's also the patron saint of the universal Church and is extremely important in our cultural journey today.

Pope Francis talks about the creative courage of St. Joseph. As men and fathers and Knights, we need that kind of creativity in our lives. St. Joseph was a man of obedience, which led him to be a man of action. If you think about it, he didn't have the Gospels in written form, but you could say he lived with the Gospel by living with Jesus. The Lord spoke to St. Joseph through dreams, too. But he didn't have the full picture. Still, he obeyed, and it was that obedience which we can emulate.....an obedience that always leads us to action. That's a key point for us as men, fathers and husbands. When we're obedient to the Lord, he always sends us on mission. He never wastes that obedience; the Lord is always moving forward, and wants us to be his instruments.

**I've often heard it said that Christianity is not boring; it's an adventure. When we say "yes" as Knights, husbands and fathers, the Lord is going to take us**

**places we probably didn't imagine.** Yes, the French author Charles Péguy said that in the modern world the father of a family is the great adventurer. And I think that's really true. It is a challenging situation that we face in our culture today, and a father needs to protect his family. It used to be that you protected your family by locking the doors and making sure everything's secure at night. Well, now the intruder comes through the internet. I hope I'm not speaking too dramatically here, but that intruder comes with an agenda, and it is packaged for children. We have to be really vigilant about this with our children, because there are forces that want to have a greater influence on your children than you.

**St. Joseph is called the Terror of Demons. Some people might think that title is simply medieval, but isn't it actually very concrete and apt in this day and age, when so many don't believe in spiritual warfare?** I think that's right, because spiritual warfare is very real. If you don't think it's real, you may be in the midst of it. Whenever we're cooperating with the Lord, there will be resistance from the evil one. St. Joseph can really help us with this, for he was the closest to Jesus and to Mary and was their protector. Today, fatherhood is under a systematic attack. The evil one wants to take out the family, because when you destroy the family, you hurt future generations. As fathers, we need to pray to St.

Joseph, the Terror of Demons, to strengthen us against these attacks.

**What are some of the things you do to honor St. Joseph or to make St. Joseph a part of your family life?** My devotion to St. Joseph has grown over the years, particularly as a husband and father. Before I came to work for the Supreme Council, I did a 30-day novena to St. Joseph to help me discern my decision. I really credit St. Joseph with my working for the Knights. Now, every morning I pray the prayer that Pope Francis says to St. Joseph. It was on a prayer card in the March issue of Columbia. It asks for St. Joseph's help with the serious and troubling situations that we commend to him. I have it on my desk in the office, and I sometimes pray it throughout the day because I find it to be such a powerful prayer. **Editor's Note:** the prayers are above; pray them often for your family and our council.

*Four pillars of the Knights of Columbus: CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM.....love our Country or leave it.*