



Knightline

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Weekly news for Knights around the world

Have you read the latest issue of Columbia yet? Below, we highlight some of this month's features that focus on the history of the Knights of Columbus and its namesake. Each article helps us better understand our history so that we might build a more just, hopeful future.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting As men of faith, we are committed to defending the dignity of every person — regardless of race, color, ethnicity or ability. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has urged Knights and their families to participate in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Day of Prayer and Fasting to End Racism on Wednesday, Sept. 9, "to draw upon our principles of unity and fraternity to help guide our nation through this time of racial unrest." [READ MORE](#)

Why the Knights of Columbus?

For much of U.S. history, Columbus has symbolized civic unity and the hope of building an inclusive society.

During 2020, when scores of statues of Christopher Columbus have been vandalized or removed around the United States, it is important to remember why those statues were erected. How did Columbus come to be such an important figure in the popular imagination during most of the nation's history? [READ MORE](#)

Five Myths About Columbus

Claims about Columbus need to be tempered by a sober look at the historical record.

At a moment when even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are under attack, it is inevitable that the current unrest would also engulf Christopher Columbus. His case is unique, though, because unlike the others, few people — least of all those who took turns stomping on his statues — know much about him. [READ MORE](#)

Columbus Rediscovered

Columbus' virtues — including dazzling bravery and ingenuous charm — balanced his vices. He was sympathetic toward cultures other than his own, including those of Native Americans: Detractors are unpardonably ignorant of that.

What he really accomplished matters more than the myths. His discovery, not of America but of a viable route there and back, put sundered cultures in touch and opened unimagined prospects for commercial and cultural exchange.

His legacy resembles his life: complex, morally equivocal and full of wonder. Few individuals are more worthy of commemoration.

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Fraternal Operations: First Quarter Check-In Where should your council be after the first quarter of the year? [Join us](#) for a quick council check-in, tips for the second quarter, and a review of the resources and tools available to you for success this fraternal year.

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Lessons of History

A member of the Osage Nation and past state deputy of New Mexico, Supreme Director Patrick T. Mason explains that righting wrongs against Native Americans must start with a just appraisal of the past.

Today's protestors — with great vigor but little historical sense — seem eager to look for scapegoats. They want to cast all blame for the atrocities committed against American Indians at the feet of Christopher Columbus. Such efforts only serve to whitewash and revise the true history of the Americas.

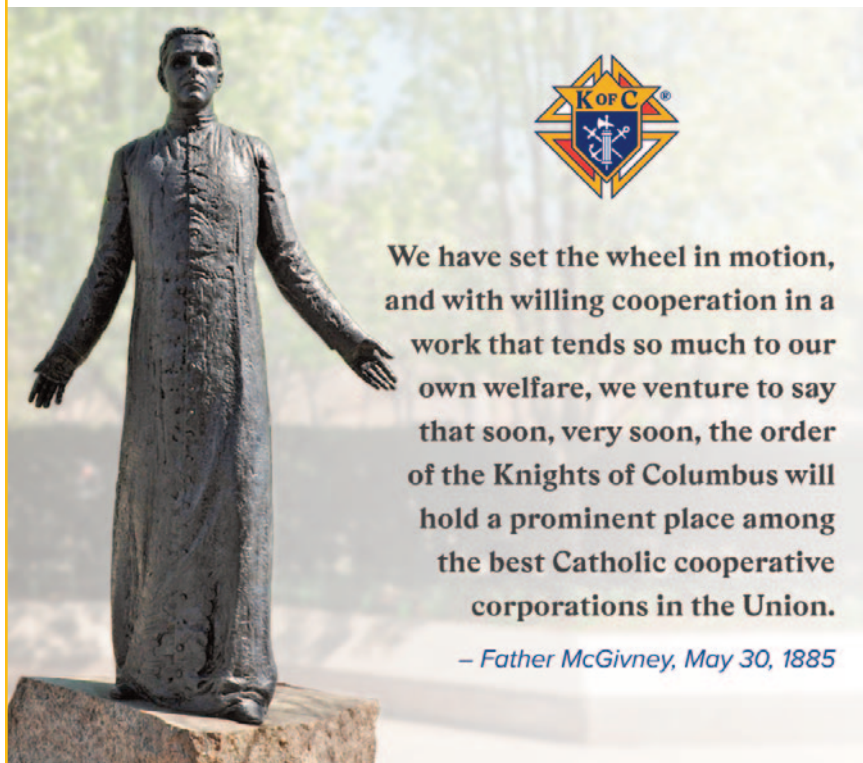
We need to remember our history, the good and the bad, so that we are not set up to repeat history's mistakes. We need to take an honest look at all our forefathers. We need to give them the credit they deserve for what they did well, while being mindful of the things that they should have done differently or better. [READ MORE](#)



Supreme Director Patrick Mason (in white shirt) joins Jeremy Boucher and Lance Tanner — members of Fray Marcos Council 1783 in Gallup — in unloading a trailer of supplies for the Acoma people in New Mexico. The Knights organized a COVID-19 Relief Canteen to bring supplies to Native American communities afflicted by the pandemic. (Photo by Johnny Jaffe)

10 facts you didn't know about Father McGivney

As we prepare for Father McGivney's beatification on Oct. 31, test your knowledge about the founder of the Knights of Columbus. You know that he envisioned an order that would help Catholic men to remain steadfast in faith while providing insurance for their families — but you might not know these facts. [READ MORE](#)



We have set the wheel in motion, and with willing cooperation in a work that tends so much to our own welfare, we venture to say that soon, very soon, the order of the Knights of Columbus will hold a prominent place among the best Catholic cooperative corporations in the Union.

— Father McGivney, May 30, 1885

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We remember 9/11

On Sept. 11, 2001, more than 40 members of the Knights of Columbus died as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the airplane crash in Pennsylvania. Altogether, that attack killed more than 3,000 innocent people. Nineteen years later, we continue to remember these brothers — by name. [READ MORE](#)

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council observes Sept. 11 as a World Day of Prayer for Peace each year. We ask our brother Knights to join us in the prayer offered by Pope Francis at Ground Zero.

Build a brotherhood

This month, Archbishop Lori calls on Knights to strengthen their fraternity through the *Into the Breach* video series and program. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Want to take up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge? Our new *Into the Breach Video Series Study Guide* includes everything you need to run the program. Find it [here](#).

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