Supreme Knight Speaks Out on Religious Liberty

Calls for civility in public discourse and support of U.S. Bishops’ ‘Fortnight for Freedom’ initiative

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has asked for Knights and all Catholics to support the efforts of the U.S. Bishops in their call for all concerned citizens to participate in the upcoming “Fortnight for Freedom” to be held June 21-July 4 to pray for and defend religious liberty. Specifically, he asked Knights in the United States to support the programs being organized by the bishops in each diocese.

I urge every brother Knight and every state and local council to participate in the upcoming “Fortnight for Freedom” June 21-July 4.

SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON

The Supreme Knight also called on those who value religious liberty to maintain the high ground in the debate. In a recent op-ed piece on religious liberty for National Review Online, Supreme Knight Anderson said, “When people of faith in the United States respond to government intrusion into our First Amendment right of the free exercise of religion, we do so with civility, and with the knowledge that courts and elections have power to effect change.”

Archbishop Lori Begins Leadership of America’s Premier See

Serving as main celebrant of a Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, and joined by papal nuncio Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò and a number of American prelates, Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, was installed May 16 as the 16th bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the nation’s premier see.

He is the first supreme chaplain to be raised to the rank of archbishop, and in his homily he offered special recognition and thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the Order’s “spirit of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, which is a source of immense strength for the Church locally and universally.” He also recalled that the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, was ordained in 1877 in Baltimore’s Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now a basilica), and he holds the title of Venerable as his Cause for Canonization proceeds at the Vatican.

A member of the Order for more than 25 years, Archbishop Lori belongs to Msgr. James F. Murphy Council 4716 and Assembly 140, also named for Msgr. Murphy, both in Bridgeport, Conn. He was elected Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in April 2005.

Addressing the standing-room-only crowd that filled the massive cathedral, Archbishop Lori alluded to the current challenges to religious freedom in the United States, stating, “Now we must be loyal Americans by being bold and courageous Catholic[s].”

He also asked all those throughout the archdiocese to pray “that in God’s grace, I will be a wise and holy bishop who seeks to model my life

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Tickets Are Now Available for the Guadalupe Celebration

You can now reserve your free tickets to the Guadalupe Celebration online at GuadalupeCelebration.com. The event, which is being held at the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012 is cosponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Featuring prayer, music, and speakers, the celebration will be a unifying moment for Catholics in Southern California, and will provide Knights and all Catholics with an opportunity to give public witness to their faith, and to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Speaking at the celebration are Archbishop Jose Gomez, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Monsignor Eduardo Chavez, postulator for the cause for canonization for St. Juan Diego. Performing are Mexican superstar Pedro Fernandez, international singing sensation Filippa Giordano, and Eurovision winner Dana Scallon.

June 29 is the Date

For all Knights of Columbus initiatives and awards (“Be Not Afraid Blessed John Paul II Membership Campaign,” “VIP” Club, Circle of Honor, Star Council Award, etc.) that are recorded by filing a Membership Document (#100) at the Supreme Office must be received in the Supreme Office, by Noon on Friday, June 29, 2012. This is due to June 30 falling on Saturday this year. Please be aware that fax copies of Membership Documents (#100) CANNOT be accepted. Form 100’s should be sent in ample time to arrive in the Supreme Office by the cut-off time. A Form 100 may be scanned and turned into a PDF, may be sent via email to membership@kofc.org. Any scanned form must be legible, readable and received in a timely fashion - 12:00 Noon - Eastern Time; 11:00 AM - Central Time; 10:00 AM - Mountain Time; 9:00 AM - Pacific Time, etc.

Conventional Registration Now Online

The Supreme Council is providing a new web feature dedicated to hotel room and States Dinner reservations, allowing convention attendees to book their 2012 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention requests online. Located at kofc.org/reservations, the process is quick, easy and secure.

Extra ‘VIP’ Bonus Points for June

The proposer of each new member recruited in June receives a 1,000 “VIP” point bonus! Also, as always, each new member recruited with proposer information and member number (recorded on the Form #100) automatically enrolls a proposer into the “VIP” Club. The “VIP” Club awards 500 points for every new member recruited. When a proposer recruits two new members he is automatically awarded a “VIP” Club lapel pin. As more members are recruited at 5, 10, 15, 25, etc. level a new lapel pin is awarded along with the “VIP” points that can be redeemed for Knights of Columbus merchandise. So during June receive a 1,000 point bonus for a total of 1,500 points per candidate. Don’t wait, recruit your new member now. Also, every council officer needs to lead the way by being an active recruiter every year.

Council Audit

The Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295) for the period ending June 30 is due at the Supreme Council by Aug. 15. Make sure the trustees complete the audit immediately at the conclusion of the fraternal year and send it to: Knights of Columbus, Council Accounts, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven CT 06510-3326. The report can be found at kofc.org/forms and in the Council Report Forms Booklet.

John Paul II Institute 2012 Graduates

“And so as you prepare to begin a new stage in your work remember that what is most important about you is not the skills or accomplishments you have achieved in the classroom. What is most important about you is you — your witness, your character, your determination to carry on the work that is entrusted to every believer and which it is our privilege as a member of this intellectual community of the John Paul II Institute to carry on in a special way,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “The promise of the new evangelization can be realized when the ‘splendor of Christ’ truly radiates from millions of Christian families. Each Christian family that opens wide its doors to Christ will be a place where his splendor is witnessed. And through these millions of little family cultures of faith we can mend the fabric of society and renew our Church.”

The Knights of Columbus has sponsored the Washington campus of the Institute since its establishment in 1988. The Institute is based in McGivney Hall on The Catholic University of America campus.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.
Relics of K of C Mexican Martyrs begin U.S. tour

The relics of six Knights of Columbus priests, martyred during the Mexican government’s persecution of the Church in the 1920s and 1930s, began a tour of the United States in Houston on April 27.

Surrounded by an honor guard composed of scores of Fourth Degree Knights, as well as bishops and priests from throughout Texas, the relics were present at the co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston for the opening Mass of the Texas State Convention. Bishop Kevin Farrell of Dallas, the main celebrant and homilist for the Mass said the martyrs’ example illustrated the need for Knights today to stand up for religious liberty.

The six martyred priests — Fathers Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero, Miguel de la Mora de la Mora, José María Robles Hurtado, Luis Batiz Sainz, Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán, and Mateo Correa Magallanes — were all killed for their faith by the Mexican government during the Cristero War in the early 20th century.

“For many years, this period of history has been all but forgotten on both sides of the border,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “This year, with the release of both a major motion picture and a book on this subject, the story of the struggle for religious freedom in Mexico will begin to be told. It is our hope that the pilgrimage of these relics will remind us all of the sacrifices made on behalf of religious liberty on this continent less than 100 years ago. It is a timely reminder that — from Ancient Rome to 1920s Mexico to today — persecution does not stifle the faith, but emboldens it.”

During the persecution of Catholics by Mexican President Plutarco Elías Calles, the Knights of Columbus stood in solidarity with the Church in Mexico, raising funds for those displaced by the war and for the education of the American public regarding the persecution. In 1926, a delegation of the Knights of Columbus met with President Calvin Coolidge to discuss ways the United States could influence Mexico’s government to end the persecution. Despite the support of the Calles regime and its anti-Catholic policies by a number of American groups — including the Ku Klux Klan — the influence of the Knights of Columbus and others had an effect and, in 1929, the U.S. government helped broker an agreement between the Mexican government and the Catholic Church, ending the worst of the persecution.

_For Greater Glory_ — a recently released film — takes the history of this period to the big screen with an all-star cast including Andy Garcia, Peter O’Toole and Eva Longoria.
year in legislative sessions. With its mandate for grade-school sex education and license for contraception, sterilization and abortifacients, the bill runs counter to the life-affirming, family-based culture of the Philippines, he noted.

“The defeat of the RH Bill must be the number one issue for the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines,” the Supreme Knight said, drawing loud applause from the delegates. “We do this not just with political strategy but with spiritual weapons, because this issue is not just political but spiritual. We need to form our men for Catholic families so they will be the good husbands, good fathers and good citizens that this country needs.”

He added, “The Philippines has a bright future. The Philippines has a great people; they don’t deserve the RH Bill. They deserve a culture of life where everyone is welcome into life, where everyone is respected, where everyone is given an opportunity. The people of the Philippines deserve a great culture.”

Speaking about Father Michael McGivney, he recalled the pilgrim statue program that was inaugurated at the convention’s Opening Mass, and the many other initiatives Philippine Knights have launched to promote the cause for canonization of the Order’s founder. Anderson encouraged bishops, priests and Knights to spread devotion and prayer to Venerable Michael McGivney, who needs a miracle attributed to his intercession for beatification, and sparked applause from the crowd with his suggestion that the needed miracle could even come from the Philippines.

The Supreme Knight explained that promoting devotion to Father McGivney was also showing respect for every parish priest, since Father McGivney’s heroic virtue was lived out daily as a humble priest in his own community, not as a missionary or a martyr. “If we look to Father McGivney, we show that we understand the work and life of the parish priest,” he said. “Just like Father McGivney did, our parish priests pour themselves out for the people of God. So devotion to Father McGivney brings with it devotion to our parish priests.”

The program on April 28, began with Mass in the main ballroom, with Archbishop Angel N. Lagdameo of Jaro, the Visayas State Chaplain, as the main celebrant and homilist. A Guadalupan prayer service was also conducted by Msgr. Pedro Quictorio, Assistant Luzon Chaplain and news director for the Philippine Bishops’ Conference.

The convention concluded on April 29 with a Memorial Mass for all deceased Knights of Columbus of the Philippines, offered by Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco of Cubao, Luzon State Chaplain.

In his closing address, Anderson praised Philippine Knights for their enthusiasm and commitment to the faith and remarked that such zeal can bring about unprecedented growth of the Church in Asia – and serve as an indispensable Catholic witness to the rest of the world as the Asian continent gains increasing prominence in the 21st century.

Because of the Order’s strong presence in the Philippines, “the Knights of Columbus can be in the front row of that world-changing witness and evangelization,” Anderson said.

“I go back to America energized because of the inspiring example of the Knights in the Philippines.”

Along with this call for elevating the national debate on religious liberty, the supreme knight has also asked all Knights and their families to stand in solidarity with their bishops on this issue. In his column for the July issue of Columbia, Supreme Knight Anderson cited a recent statement from the U.S. bishops: “Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans.”

He continued that the U.S. bishops have sounded a warning of emerging threats to religious liberty, threats to the integrity and continued existence of many Catholic institutions. Supreme Knight Anderson went on to say that the bishops ask, “Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do without having to compromise that very same faith?” This question must be of utmost concern to every Catholic and especially to the Knights of Columbus, he added.

“As Knights of Columbus, we are proud of our reputation as ‘the strong right arm of the Church,’” the supreme knight said. “In 130 years, that arm has never tired, nor has it wavered. I am confident that in the days ahead we will increase our efforts to shield the Church and her institutions from the heavy hand of those who now seek to restrict what Pope Benedict XVI has called ‘that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion.’”

Supreme Knight Anderson urged every Knight and every state and local council to participate in the bishop’s upcoming “Fortnight for Freedom” (June 21 to July 4) by contacting their local parish and diocese in support of this program. He went on to ask every K of C family to take part in a novena for religious liberty beginning June 21, using the prayer that the bishops have asked Catholics to pray:

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Supreme Knight Visits Korea

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Bishop F. Richard Spencer, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, visited South Korea April 23-25 to meet with fellow Knights there and assess the outreach to Catholic members of the armed forces.

The trip included meetings with Archbishop Osvaldo Padilla, apostolic nuncio to Korea; Cardinal Nicholas Cheong Jin-Suk, archbishop of Seoul; Bishop Francis Xavier Yu Soo-il of the Military Ordinariate of Korea; and Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to Korea. The supreme knight’s delegation, which included the Order’s assistant for military affairs, Charles H. Gallina, also visited area historical and religious sites.

Arriving April 23, the supreme knight met with Ambassador Kim and military Knights who serve at the United Nations Command headquarters before touring the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea with Bishop Spencer. The zone has divided the two countries for nearly 60 years.

“Since 1977, I have personally visited and walked inside the DMZ more than 11 times, and each time I walk away with prayers of hope on behalf of the people who live in this desperate country,” said Bishop Spencer, who is a member of Bishop John J. Kaising Council 14223 at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea.

The following day, Anderson and Bishop Spencer led a delegation of military chaplains and Knights on a pilgrimage to the Jeoldusan Martyrs Shrine, atop a small cliff on the bank of the Han River. The shrine is named for a dark period in Korean history: During the Pyong-in Persecution of 1866, a great number of Catholic priests and lay people were martyred in revenge for the invasion of the French. Jeoldusan literally means “mountain where heads were chopped” in Korean, and the site is one of the most sacred places in the country.

Later, the supreme knight and Bishop Spencer met with Cardinal Cheong Jin-Suk, who related how he worked with and assisted the U.S. military during the Korean War. The archbishop said that he remains grateful for the contributions that the United States continues to make on behalf of his people.

Following meetings with other members of the Korean Catholic hierarchy, the supreme knight and his delegation embarked on the highlight of their trip. On April 25, Anderson traveled to Yongsan to take part in a historic Fourth Degree exemplification in which nearly 40 members of Council 14223 (see photo below) were initiated as charter members of Bishop Joseph W. Estabrook Assembly, which is named for an auxiliary bishop of the U.S. military archdiocese who passed away Feb. 4 after battling pancreatic cancer. The exemplification was followed by a Mass during which Roy L. Mellon Jr. and Joseph Y. Pak were installed into the office of acolyte, a step in their formation toward becoming deacons. Both men are past grand knights of Council 14223 and, when ordained, will be the first-ever permanent deacons in service to the U.S. military archdiocese.
Knights of Columbus Family Week is Aug. 12-19

In celebrating families, the Knights of Columbus honors its long history of putting the welfare and importance of the family first and foremost. Knights of Columbus Family Week is an opportunity to invite the rest of your community to celebrate the importance of families. Some ways councils can mark this week include:

- Sponsoring a weekend family retreat
- Planning an outdoor rosary or Mass before a family picnic
- Holding a renewal of marriage vows ceremony and giving participating couples the “A Covenant Renewed” certificate (#2745 – available in English, French and Spanish for 25 cents each).
- Holding a memorial Mass for deceased members of the council family. This would be an especially fitting memorial since Aug. 14 is the anniversary of Father McGivney’s death.
- Encouraging entire families in the community to volunteer at a council community service event.
- Sponsoring a family picnic featuring a cookout, sack race, egg toss, water-balloon toss, three-legged race, obstacle course, face-painting and similar activities.
- Holding a banquet to honor “Family of the Month and/or Year” recipients and present the recipients with Family of the Month certificates (#1843) or Family of the Year certificates (#1843A), both available in English, French and Spanish at a cost of 25 cents each.
- For more ideas, visit kofc.org/familyweek

First Degree Ceremonial Requirement for Star Council Award

To qualify for the Star Council Award each council will have to “host” or “participate in” four First Degree Ceremonials during the 2011-2012 fraternal year.

To “host” a First Degree ceremonial means to be the sponsor of the exemplification. Regardless of where the First Degree team or the candidate is from, and as long as at least one candidate is welcomed into membership in the Knights of Columbus, that council shall be given credit as the “host” of the First Degree ceremonial. Each hosting council should invite all neighboring councils to participate in their First Degree Ceremonial.

A council that provides at least one candidate that advances to membership in the Knights of Columbus shall have “participated in” a First Degree Ceremonial.

The exemplification of the First Degree Ceremonial must be reported on form #450 by the District Deputy, which includes his comments; or the new form #450C by the grand knight or financial secretary. The host council should submit the form #450C after each exemplification of the First Degree, even if as the host council, they do not have a candidate. The forms #450 and #450C are available to be submitted electronically from kofc.org/forms.

All councils are reminded that they have the ability to conduct their own First Degree at their own council, and may read the parts (if necessary) or use the “Narration CD” in case they become short-handed. The Official Suppliers have available higher quality and lower cost First Degree paraphernalia items and should be contacted directly for those items, along with Ceremonial Baldrics.

Other requirements along with the hosting or participating in four First Degree ceremonials for the Star Council Award include 7 percent membership growth; 2.5 percent insurance growth; and four programs, activities or events in each of the six programming areas.

Review, Plan, Succeed

Council officers and program directors should meet at the end of the fraternal year to take stock of last year’s endeavors as a way to help the incoming officers and chairmen with the new fraternal year’s efforts. This meeting should be a time to reflect on the council’s membership recruitment and retention efforts and program activities to size up their strengths and weaknesses.

This review is a time for honest assessment, not finger pointing over projects that may not have worked out. When reviewing programs, ask these questions:

- How well executed were the membership recruitment and service programming plans designed at the start of the year?
- Were these plans realistic? Were they overly ambitious, or, conversely, did they fail to tap into the council’s full potential?
- Were goals achieved?
- Were families involved to a sufficient degree? If not, how can family involvement be expanded?
- Were the entire parish and community involved in these efforts?
- Were materials available from the Supreme Council office fully utilized?
- How can the lessons of this year be used to develop better plans for the upcoming fraternal year?

The program and membership directors should share their evaluations with their grand knight and incoming directors to ensure the lessons they learned through experience are passed along.

The council’s slate is clean on July 1, the start of the new fraternal year. Prior to that, officers and key personnel should begin planning recruitment, retention and service programming efforts using this year-end review as a starting point. This will lead to more opportunities for success during the coming fraternal year.
Membership 365 Keeps Your Council Engaged

Membership 365 focuses on the need of a council to remain engaged in parish activity and community action 12 months per year. June, July, August and September are very important months in the life of a Knights of Columbus council. This is the time for a review of the current fraternal year, planning for the coming fraternal year, good weather for positive charitable activity, and one of the best times for council social activity.

Following the election of officers is the ideal time for the council officers and members to come together for a review of the programs, activities and events in which the council participated. Once the objective review is completed then the council can make plans and appoint directors and chairmen that will implement the council’s plans and goals. New officers should meet as early as possible to plan the council’s calendar, and then make certain that the necessary dates are available and secured, the first step to event success is having an available facility. Next, solidify the major director and chairmen that will implement the council’s plans and goals. New activities that aid others. These events help teach children and grandchildren the virtue of charity – the first principle of our Order. It is charitable events as possible that involve a high percentage of members, Charity that evangelizes and helps every participant to share in the good feelings that come from helping others.

Installation of council officers is one of the most important July functions for every council in the Order. The Board of Directors in February approved a revised Installation of Council Officers Ceremonial. The new Installation is much easier to conduct and is designed to help every council officer fully understand his role and responsibilities. Newly installed officers and members to come together for a review of the program, activities and events in which the council participated. Once the objective review is completed then the council can make plans and appoint directors and chairmen that will implement the council’s plans and goals. New officers should meet as early as possible to plan the council’s calendar, and then make certain that the necessary dates are available and secured, the first step to event success is having an available facility. Next, solidify the major director and chairman positions.

Council summer activities need to be planned to include as many charitable events as possible that involve a high percentage of members, families, parishioners, community members and neighbors in charitable activities that aid others. These events help teach children and grandchildren the virtue of charity – the first principle of our Order. It is Charity that evangelizes and helps every participant to share in the good feelings that come from helping others.

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Majority of Americans Support First Amendment Conscience Rights in Health Care

As America’s bishops and Catholic organizations around the country file lawsuits to protect their First Amendment rights from the government’s health care mandate, a new survey finds that a significant majority of Americans support the right to opt out of providing drugs, services and procedures for religious reasons.

According to the Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll, the survey found that nearly three in four Americans (74 to 26 percent) say that freedom of religion should be protected, even if it conflicts with other laws. Majorities would also protect the First Amendment conscience rights of hospitals, health care workers and insurers.

Strong majorities would let individual health care providers and organizations opt out of providing: abortion (58 to 38 percent), abortion-inducing drugs (51 to 44 percent), in vitro fertilization treatments that could result in the death of an embryo (52 to 41 percent), medication to speed the death of a terminally ill patient (55 to 41 percent) and birth control pills (51 to 46 percent). The number supporting the right to opt out of providing birth control is particularly interesting given the fact that more than 8 in 10 Americans (88 percent) believe contraception is morally acceptable.

“This survey reveals that the American people are fundamentally dedicated to protecting the First Amendment conscience rights of everyone,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “Allowing people to opt out of these procedures or services — which violate their faith — is the right thing to do. It is also key to protecting the First Amendment rights of all Americans and enjoys strong public support as well.”

Overall, the survey found that half (50 percent) of Americans have heard of the debate over the government’s health care mandate. The mandate, promulgated by the Obama administration and the Department of Health and Human Services, requires employers — including organizations that are religiously affiliated — to provide free insurance coverage to women for services including sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and birth control. In addition, a strong majority of Americans (52 to 31 percent) also indicated that laws in the United States have made it more difficult to follow one’s religious beliefs in recent years. Nearly 9 in 10 Americans (88 percent) also agree that religious leaders should speak out on issues of religious freedom.

The survey found that an overwhelming majority of Americans said that forcing health care workers and doctors to provide abortion - when they object for religious reasons - is morally wrong (72 to 27 percent). Majorities also said that abortion (58 to 40 percent) and same-sex marriage (52 to 45 percent) were morally wrong.

The Knights of Columbus-Marist poll surveyed 1,606 adults from May 10 through May 14, 2012. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone with live interviewers. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ±2.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.
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Star Council time approaches!

If you are like most Knights of Columbus leaders, you know that June 30 brings the deadline for qualifying for the Star Council award. Every year, there is a rush, right around this time, to get new members through the degree and on the roster, forms filed, and, yes, insurance quotas met.

Many of you are well ahead of the game. As I scan the reports, I see hundreds of councils that have their quotas met, and are simply awaiting the finish. Others, though, are still chasing an elusive member or two, or insured member or two.

Don’t wait any longer to call your agent or general agent! Because of the nature of our product, some time is required to set an appointment, establish a need, complete the paperwork and get the application through the system. Annuity applications (new members can get one for $100 off the back of the Form 100) process quicker than life applications, disability income or long term care applications, but time is an element on all four. With enough lead time, and your support of course, our field representatives can help you meet those quotas. A message left on June 24 requesting two insurance members in the next six days though could be trouble.

We want to help you win your awards. We get no pleasure – none at all – if you miss your quota. Your agent is ready to help and would appreciate the opportunity. If you are one of those councils who do not yet have an assigned agent, you should contact the general agent. My instructions to him, repeated here for all to read, are to get up there (down there?) himself and do what needs to be done to help you out. But the more time we give him, the better off we are.

Insurance quotas are an important part of a council’s growth. The need to pay attention to insurance membership helps the organization, helps the agent, and most importantly, fulfills the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney. And it ultimately helps the member. Our mission has and always will be to provide assistance to the member’s widow and orphan. If this little quota helps even one member of your council avail himself of the Order’s insurance program, it will be worth it.

Changing lives, for good. One member at a time.

Line up your agent or general agent’s help today. If you don’t know his number, simply go to “find an agent” on kofc.org and plug in the council number. His contact information will come right up.