



Knights of Columbus

January 2025 Newsletter

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Grand Knight Comments: Joe Sales



Each month in the church is dedicated to a special mystery of the faith or a saint. **In the month of January, we remember the Holy Name of Jesus.**

It is very important that we take time to get to know the various devotions and Saints in our Catholic faith. As we begin this New Year, I'd like to encourage you to take that time.

The fraternal year is not done yet. As Knights, we still have more work to do in our parish and the community of London Ontario. Earlier in the fraternal year, I had asked you all to consider why you are a Knight.

Around this time of year, we hear about resolutions. As Catholic Men and as Knights, let us resolve to do better. With that being said, I'd like to end this month's message with some words of wisdom from **St Josemaria Escriva**: *"Make few resolutions. Make them definite. — And fulfill them with the help of God."*

Upcoming Events

January 9 – General Meeting

January 28 - Executive Meeting

Note:

Karaoke Night Cancelled

Winter Welcome ??



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Matt's Musings -The Holy Innocents

December 28th was the feast of The Holy Innocents.

It was a quiet morning in our house, so I did a bit of musing and reading on this feast day. The Holy Innocents are those baby boys under the age of 2 living in and around Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth whom Herod massacred in an attempt to kill Jesus.



The wise men were to report on Jesus' whereabouts so that Herod could just kill Jesus, but after being warned by an angel they did not do so. Not to be deterred, **Herod ordered the slaughter of all babies that could be Jesus.** Of course, an angel had warned Joseph so Jesus was in Egypt and wasn't killed.



The images of soldiers breaking down doors, dragging babies from their mother's arms and of babies being sliced open while they lay innocently and peacefully in their beds haunted me. What a tragedy! How could people Herod and the soldiers do this to these little babies as a grandfather of 10 with another on the way, this image was particularly painful).

Then, an article I read pointed out the even more painful reality-*we have the exact same slaughter happening every day right under our noses as our society aborts countless innocent children in their mothers' womb!!*

Like Herod and the soldiers - those who abort have their reasons but it doesn't change the fact that a slaughter of innocents is going on.



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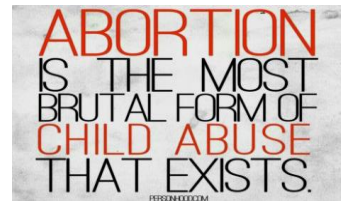
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My next musing was to wonder what I can do about it. If I had lived in Herod's time I would not have been able to physically prevent the soldiers from carrying out their actions. But the slaughter of The Holy Innocents was a one event.

Today's slaughter is ongoing. Herod was influenced by the daughter of Herod to kill John the Baptist. Today's Herod's can be influenced for good.

As Knights, we can and must take every opportunity to exercise this influence. Donate to Pro-Life causes, demonstrate in Life Chains and 40 Days for Life, speak to those around us.



As Canadians, we Knights have the extra burden of living in a country that not only aborts the innocent, but actively exports both the means to and the ideology of abortion. We must do what we can to stop that.

As a Knight it is not permissible to vote for a candidate/party that promotes the killing of innocents.

God Bless



*Remember in your prayers
those who are ill and pray
for the repose of the
deceased souls*



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Knights Insurance Agent – John Noonan

Brothers. Happy New Years! The knights of Columbus have exciting news to share as we jump into 2025.

Beginning January 1, 2025, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies.

This is in addition to the increased fraternal benefits announced last year. Inspired by our founder Blessed Michael McGivney, we continue to seek opportunities to help provide our members with financial security.



What does an increased dividend mean?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds from the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by a class as determined by the Board of Directors.

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium.
- Reduce an existing loan.

Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$22 billion in dividends with insurance benefits.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you to achieve your financial security goals. If



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you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you.

(Dividends are not guaranteed),

(This option is not available on all policies, and are not available if policy is paying premiums via monthly EFT).