

GRAND KNIGHT'S *Message*

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Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the month of October, I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the beginning of fall and the many activities that our Council, Columbiettes, and our parish communities have planned. October is always a busy month for us, but it is also a great reminder of what being a Knight is all about...coming together in faith, fellowship, and service to others.

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and on October 7th the Catholic Church celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to take a little extra time during this month to pray the Rosary, whether individually, with our families, or with our fellow Knights. In a world that often seems to move faster and become more complicated every day, taking a few quiet moments to pray can help us keep our faith and our priorities where they belong.

October also gives us another important opportunity to reflect on the life of a great leader of our Catholic faith. **On October 22nd, we celebrate the Feast of Saint John Paul II.** His life was an extraordinary example of faith, courage, service, and devotion to the Church. His love for the Rosary was particularly strong, and in 2002 he gave the Church the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in which he encouraged Catholics to rediscover the Rosary and its place in Christian prayer. As Knights of Columbus, we can take inspiration from his example...not simply by talking about our faith, but by putting that faith into action through charity, service to others, and the way we live our daily lives.

We also have a very active month ahead here at Council #3394.

On Saturday, October 3rd, we will be holding our **Chicken Parmesan Dinner from 4:00–7:00 PM**. These dinners take a great deal of work from many people behind the scenes, and I want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help make them successful. Please come out, enjoy a great meal, and bring your family and friends.

Our Columbiettes will meet on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 PM, and I encourage our Columbiettes to come out and be part of the discussion and planning for the year ahead. I will also be there to answer their questions and talk about how we can continue working together as one Council family.

On Friday, October 16th, we will have our Adult Halloween Party. This will be a fun evening with food, Halloween trivia, a costume contest, prizes, and some spooky drink specials. It should be a great opportunity to take a break, have some fun, and enjoy the fellowship that makes our Council such a special place.

Then, **on Saturday, October 17th, we will be hosting our Polish Dinner from 4:00–7:00 PM in honor of Jeannine LaRose.** Once again, I hope everyone will come out and support the Council and the many volunteers who work hard to put these events together.

These events are about more than simply raising money. They are opportunities to invite family, friends, neighbors, and prospective members into our hall and let them see who we are. Every person who walks through our doors is an opportunity to show what the Knights of Columbus and our Columbiettes are really about.

Our principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism** are not just words on our emblem. They are things we should strive to live out every day — whether that means helping someone in need, volunteering at an event, supporting one of our parishes, welcoming a new member, or simply being there for a brother Knight or Columbiette.

As Grand Knight, I am incredibly proud of what our members continue to accomplish. None of it happens because of one person. It happens because people step forward and say, “I can help.” Whether you have been a Knight for 50 years or are brand new to the Council, there is always a place for you to get involved.

As we enjoy the beautiful month of October, let us also remember to keep our faith at the center of everything we do. Take some time to pray the Rosary, reflect on the example of Saint John Paul II, spend time with your families, enjoy the fellowship of your brother Knights, and continue looking for opportunities to serve those around us.

Thank you to everyone who continues to give their time, talent, and energy to Council #3394. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the month.

May God bless you, your families, our Council, our parishes, and all those we are called to serve.

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