



# First Lady's Message



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I offer my warmest greetings and welcome to the Ladies of our Knights as we begin the new fraternal year with our Knights of Columbus! You may be a longtime member, brand new to the Knights, or somewhere in between. I assure you that you are welcomed, needed and appreciated – and have lots of ladies anxious to help you when you want it! This month, we start our Journey into the Enchanted Forest! As we venture deeper throughout the next couple of years, we'll encounter interesting, inspirational, and/or whimsical creatures. Our first encounter, of course, is the lion laying down with the Lamb!



At the Installation Mass this month, Chris & I presented the Holy Family statue that will be used at all of our State Council Masses. The Year of St. Joseph drew recent attention to this heroic role model. Over recent decades, the focus on St. Joseph had diminished.. A simple illustration is the decrease in parents naming their son Joseph. At the same time, Mary remains a very popular name for daughters. I have always felt that St. Joseph's trust in God when

he was called to care for St. Mary and Jesus is underappreciated. He was a hero, and remains a role model for all today. Here's the website's background on this beautiful image, inspired by Pope Francis: In 2019, Pope Francis shared a viral Nativity image called "Let Mum Rest". Pope Francis said that for his birthday on December 17, he was shown a unique Nativity scene, dubbed "Let Mum Rest." In the depiction, Mary is sleeping and Joseph is holding a tired Baby with his arms outstretched in a typical newborn pose. The Pope said the image shows "the tenderness of a family, of a marriage." This is the message of the nativity scene, the Pope explained, "And we can also invite the Holy Family to our home, where there are joys and concerns, where every day we wake up, eat, and sleep close to our loved ones. The manger is a domestic Gospel."



Enjoy the upcoming year and get involved! You will cherish the memories and friendships you are about to make.

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