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One of the most important expressions of patriotic virtue is service to one's local community. In his latest Columbia column, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Order's contributions to American civic life and the common good over the past 144 years. "Perhaps our most important contributions are those that often go unheralded," he writes. "I am speaking of the daily work of our local councils and assemblies — bringing men and families together in service to their parishes and communities." This witness is evident in jurisdictions around the world, from Louisiana, where Knights build caskets for families who have lost infants and young children, to Poland and Ukraine, where councils offer solace and respite to widows and orphans of war.



American flags fly in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. (OSV News photo/Nathan Howard, Reuters)

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For the Knights of Columbus, “patriotism is more than a sentiment,” writes Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in his latest column for *Columbia*. “It means helping to build a just and flourishing society. By strengthening families and serving our communities, we help shape the culture of our nation.”

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Les Madere (right), immediate past grand knight of Msgr. Charles Duke Council 3465 in Metairie, La., and fellow council member John Dominick inspect caskets during a work day with All God's Babies at the organization's workshop in Metairie. (Photo by Matthew Seymour)

Every Child Has a Name

Knights across Louisiana are contributing to a ministry called All God's Babies that builds caskets, free of charge, for preborn children and children up to 2 years of age. Since 2015, the organization has assembled and delivered more than 600 caskets throughout Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama, demonstrating compassion for families who have experienced this devastating loss.

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Ukrainian widows and orphans of fallen soldiers stand outside the Presidential Palace in Warsaw during a visit to the Polish capital as part of the Pilgrimage of Hope, March 21-27. (Photo by Jan Walczewski)

‘I Am the Wife of a Hero’

Knights of Columbus from Poland and Ukraine hosted a weeklong pilgrimage for 45 widows and orphans of fallen Ukrainian soldiers in March, offering them respite and hope as they visited holy sites across Poland. “We realize that these [families] are suffering very much,” said Supreme Warden Andrzej Anasiak, “and we wanted to give them a safe place to rest.”

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A girl smiles after receiving a new wheelchair during a distribution in Mexico sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and American Wheelchair Mission.

Wheelchairs Around the World

Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation to provide mobility, dignity and hope to people in need worldwide. Through the generosity of Knights and their communities, this life-changing initiative has reached a remarkable milestone: 150,000 wheelchairs delivered — transforming the lives of individuals and families across the globe.

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