

Stepping Up for Special Athletes

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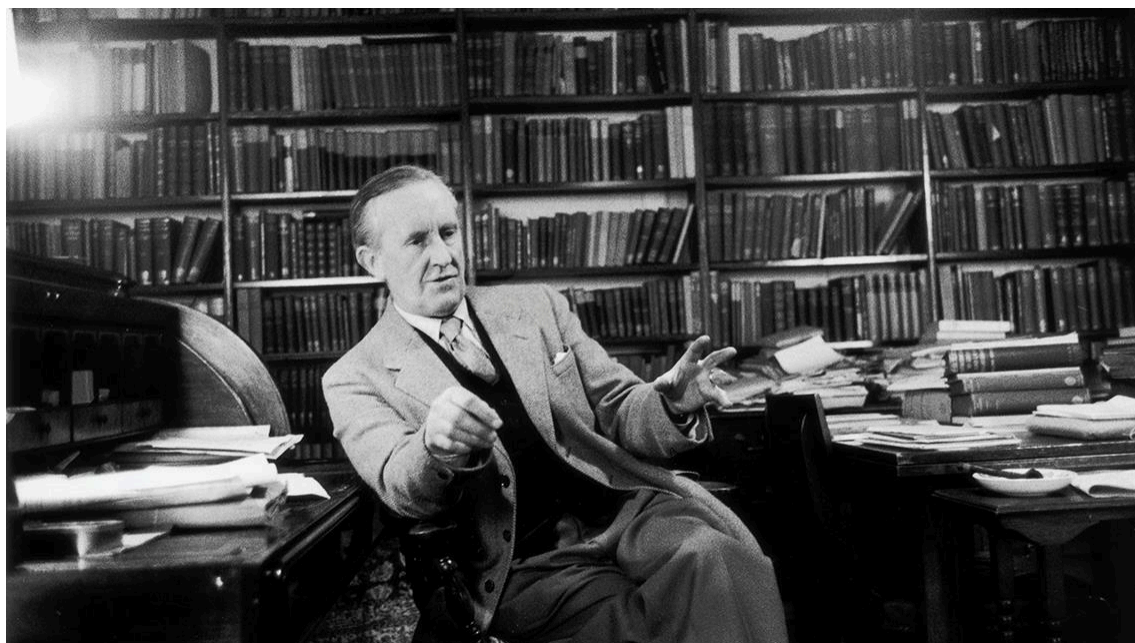
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Through its longstanding partnership with Special Olympics, the Knights of Columbus has served athletes with disabilities around the world, helping them train for and compete in games. Councils are encouraged to fund, sponsor and volunteer at Special Olympics events in their local communities. In Hawaii, multiple councils collaborated to provide more than 600 meals to athletes and volunteers during the 30th annual Aukake Classic Games last summer. Knights also support other initiatives serving those with intellectual disabilities, such as a council in New York that invites children with special needs to a sensory-friendly session during its annual carnival.



J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), professor of English language and literature and author of The Lord of the Rings trilogy, is pictured in his study at Merton College, Oxford, in 1955. (Photo by Haywood Magee /

Why Men Should Read Great Literature

Literary works, when properly written, can be invaluable for revealing the truths of human existence and the created world. In an essay for the March 2026 issue of *Columbia*, author Joseph Pearce explains how even Jesus used fictional stories as part of his ministry. “The story of the prodigal son is a true story, even if the prodigal son is a fictional character,” writes Pearce, “because it shows us ourselves as sinners who need to repent and seek the forgiveness of our Father.”

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Knights from Resurrection of the Lord Council 13663 in Waipahu, Hawaii, prepare food for athletes participating in Special Olympics Hawaii's 30th annual Aukake Classic Games in August 2025.

Where Every Athlete Is Seen

Several Hawaii councils came together in support of Special Olympics Hawaii's 30th annual Aukake Classic Games in August. The Knights provided and served meals to athletes and assisted with the opening ceremonies. “[Special Olympics] is our *ohana*,” said Deputy Grand Knight Richard Lacuesta of St. Jude Council 12733 in Kapolei, using the Hawaiian word for “family.” “Special Olympics is something that just comes naturally, something that comes from the heart. [The Knights] want to do it, we love to do it, and it is our duty as Knights of Columbus.”

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A girl plays on a climbing structure at the annual carnival hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Council 5890 in Washingtonville, New York.

“Meet Them Wherever They Are”

During its annual carnival event, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 5890 in Washingtonville, New York, hosted a special admission free session for children with special needs to experience a quieter, more comfortable environment. “As Knights, we’re called to be Christ-like ... to all people and meet them wherever they are,” said Peter Macaluso, a member of Council 5890. “If we can make it possible to accommodate, then that’s always forefront.”

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Lenten Resources

In this holy season, join Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch and Renzo Ortega, manager of digital evangelization content, as they unpack why we are called to sacrifice and what that can look like as Knights. Look for their weekly video reflections on the Sunday Scripture readings across the official Knights of Columbus social media channels or at kofc.org/lent. You will also find additional free resources, including a guide to confession, meditations for praying the Stations of the Cross and more.

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