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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights!

I would like to thank our Worthy Recorder, Brother Don Litzenberg, for inspiring me in my comments this month. Why do we become Knights of Columbus? The answer to that question will vary depending on who you ask but I'm sure the common denominator of all answers will be "To serve the Parish". To that end, we should all examine why we are Knights and think of ways we can encourage others to join our group of dedicated men, serving the Parish of St. Michael's through our good works. Here is a question that we will discuss at our General Meeting on August 5th: "What specific and unique value does the Knights of Columbus bring to the lives and spiritual journey of men?" Let's see if we can come up with some answers to this question so we are able to convince more men to join our very worthy organization.

Expect to see a survey coming out in the near future to see what we are missing and why more men in our Council are not as active as others. I'm not suggesting that everyone be present at every event (when we break from confinement) but many hands do make light work and over the last several years it seems like the same hands continue to do all the work. As you might expect, those hands are getting tired. If more men are not involved in Council operations, we won't be able to do some of the many events we are synonymous with like the Fish Bake, Fall Festival or ID Drive. Consider volunteering when those opportunities present themselves.

And finally, check in on a Brother Knight to see how they are doing these uncertain times. A quick 2-minute phone call can provide an enormous amount of reassurance and support. Keep each other in your prayers and let your Brothers know that you are thinking of them.

Lastly, let's keep praying that this pandemic will end soon. As my wife will always says...Prayers move mountains!

Mary, Queen of Knights... Pray for us.

Venerable Father McGivney ... Pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Chadkewicz

Grand Knight

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Program Director's Message

Brother Knights,

Greetings and I hope everyone is having a pleasant summer.

The State Council has instituted a new initiative called "Program of the Month". We are encouraged to give emphasis to the program of the month. We can work with our Pastor to present the featured program to the Parish. At the same time we can incorporate a side membership Delta Drive with the program to encourage fellow parishioners to join our order because of the program and to grow our faith together. The program for August 2020 is "Holy Hour". This program will encourage a deep personal encounter with God. The Holy Hour could include a reflection, communal rosary, and prayer for intercession by St. Joseph or KofC founder, Venerable Michael McGivney.

The Faith in Action (FIA) program booklet was updated and reviewed by our four chairmen, the WGK, and yours truly. Thank you Matt McGinniss, Mark Wreschinsky, Mike McWilliams, and Gene Marzo for your reviews. The booklet has now four-featured program in each of the FIA categories. The Pilgrim Icon program replaced the Marian Prayer program under Faith. The "Leave No Neighbor Behind" was added under Community for this fraternal year. You may learn more about these two new programs in the booklet.

I would like to take this time to request a volunteer to take on the Family FIA program chair. Our current chairman has to leave the position and will help our council in other fraternal opportunities. If you are interested, please let the WGK or me know.

Our tentative date for the **ID Drive** is **Oct 24-25, 2020**. Thanks to Mike McWilliams for the excellent ID Plan of Action. We can execute the plan when and if our Pastor approves conducting events on church premises.

Thanks to John Giltner for standing by to assist the Family Chair in planning for our Council Family Picnic. I hope we will get a volunteer soon to plan and implement the event. Our Family Picnic is to be determined in September 2020.

I had the opportunity to contact several of our brother Knights who are paid members but have not attended our meetings and events for sometime now. Some have moved out of the area and some are just quite busy. Thanks to our Worthy Chancellor Cristopher Garoutte for leading the Sheperd's program.

My gratitude extends to our WPGK John Beauharnois. Brother John is our **Blood Drive** Coordinator and has tentatively scheduled our drives on **September 9 and December 9, 2020**. We may also be able to add one drive in October as well. *(continued)*



Program Director's Message *(continued)*

The Supreme Council has implemented the Safe Environment Training Program designed to safeguard minors and other at risk groups of people, assuring members and families that we maintain a safe environment for all those whom we serve. Abuse and neglect are significant dangers to our children and vulnerable persons. Under our FIA program, key positions are required to complete three training modules designed to teach members about abuse prevention, best practices, and what to look for to detect abuse and to report it. Every Knight can and should do the Safe Environment training. Many thanks to our WFS brother Mike Crean for making sure our key council leaders take and complete the training.

Last but not least, thank you to our WGK Dan Chadkewicz for his leadership and guidance in keeping our council team getting to a Fast Start this fraternal year. Brother Dan is our direct connection and liaison to our Pastor on Church engagements and involvement. He ensures our council is in line with Diocese protocols and guidelines and seek approval for conducting our events with the Parish Community.

I hope that our council will conduct our plan of events soon and we can share photos from our Faith in Action engagements.

John Aguigam

Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director

Life Programs

The virus shut down has impacted our Life Programs to the degree that I can only begin planning for some tentative events. All future events would be subject to Father Mel's approval. At present, I am working the planning Intellectual Disabilities Drive tentatively scheduled for late October 2020.

As Knights, we and our families can pray for a Culture of Life as well as an end to this virus. Also, I want to remind all my Brother Knights that when we resume some sort of normalcy after the virus shut-down, we are going to need extra volunteers to work fund-raising activities. This is because many of the groups we raise money for have been hurt financially by this pandemic. I look forward to working with you.

Vivat Jesus

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Membership Director's Message

The Supreme Council will be conducting an On-line Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity every Thursday until the Corona Virus restrictions are lifted. If you are a First or Second Degree Knight and wish to become a Third Degree member, this degree is available to you. Please contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Mike Crean at mike@kofcmail.org (858-442-2047) and he will provide you with an invitation so you can log on to the exemplification. Remember this new degree is an open exemplification which means your family can be with you on-line during the ceremony. If you need additional information or have any prospective candidates who may be interested in joining our council please contact Bill Uberti, Membership Chairman at cdrbilluscg@earthlink.net (858-842-4000). Remember On-line membership is also an option to join our order.

On-line membership was opened up to men in California in March of 2018. Men can find information about On-line Membership through the Supreme Website at:

<https://www.kofc.org/un/apps/newjoin/en/registration/index.html>

When the prospective member browses one of these pages, he may choose to become an On-line Member. By completing the form on the website and by paying \$30 for dues, he becomes an official On-line Member of the Knights of Columbus. He will receive an On-line Member traveling card and can attend Knights of Columbus meetings. He can visit local Councils to choose one that matches his needs. He does not have voting privileges when attending a meeting as an On-line Member.

Part of his application includes listing his local parish. Once a man becomes an On-line Member, the State On-line Membership Chair will send his information to the Council that serves (or is closest to) his parish.

UPCOMING DEGREES – All Degrees are on-line

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity (Combined First, Second, and Third Degrees)

Wednesday, August 5

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Details: Registration begins at 7:00 PM; 7:30 PM Ceremony begins; 30-40 minutes approximate time of Ceremony. Friends and Family members are encouraged to observe!

Dress Code: Church Attire (Business Casual or Business)

Reservations: Call or email Michael Brault 619-548-3190; mbrault54@gmail.com.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572922307?pwd=UHBZFZEIjcIR1YXMSaW5QRzMybXNqdz09>

Meeting ID: 895 7292 2307

Password: 214293

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Injury or illness, are you covered?

Worker's Compensation benefits only cover injury on the job. It is far more likely to lose time from work due to illness or injury off the job. Only one percent of American workers missed work because of an occupational illness or injury.¹ If you have disability insurance through your employer, be sure you know what is covered, what is NOT covered, and what benefits are provided. This information will help your agent build a specific plan just for you.

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<https://disabilitycanhappen.org/disability-statistic/>

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Beloved Mother Sent to Guide and Guard Us

We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 15th of August. She was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. It was only in 1950 that Pope Pius XII pronounced the assumption of Mary as a doctrine of the Catholic faith. She lived by faith and grew in grace during her time on earth. Imagine her amazement, hope and wonderment as she avoided death and was assumed into heaven.

The disturbing photo below is a statue of the Virgin Mary that was burned a few weeks ago outside of St Peter's church in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. I was in a foul mood for a few hours after seeing this photo and the associated news item. My paternal grandmother and her youngest daughter lived for time on Pleasant Street in Dorchester, just less than a half mile from this church. This statue was erected 75 years ago in memory of servicemen killed during WWII.



Burned Blessed Mary Statue Outside St Peter's Church in Dorchester MA. Source:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/07/14/metro/virgin-mary-statue-burned-outside-dorchester-church-be-cleaned/>

However, I was able to "talk myself off the ledge" after reading a reflection by Cardinal Robert Sarah in the July issue of Magnificat. He said - "Let us never forget that silent prayer is the strongest and surest act in the struggle against evil." Also, the pastor, Rev John Currie said - "this person may be troubled and we don't want to add to trouble in the world or your life. We want to be an instrument of healing for your reconciliation." I have heard it said that division is promoted by man and the devil, and unity comes from God.

A suitable prayer to the Blessed Virgin comes from the beloved hymn "O Sanctissima" also known as the Sicilian Mariners Hymn. According to tradition, Sicilian seamen would sing this hymn in unison on their ships at the end of each day. Perhaps we can emulate this fine tradition in our own way during these troubled times.

*O most holy one, O most merciful
O sweet Virgin Mary!
Mother best beloved, Mother undefiled
Pray, pray for us!*

God Bless!
Matthew McGinniss
Faith Chair



Warden's Comments

My Brother Knights

As we begin the Columbian Year 20-21; I want to reflect on what the Warden has accomplished during Columbian year 19-20. I have had a great deal of help with this work and I sincerely appreciate all the advice and assistance that I received.

This year we completed the following:

Our inventory is complete; cabinets have been organized and labeled, Awards on the wall have been reorganized, the Knights room has had regular cleanings and the carpet was cleaned.

I am developing a list of what I want to do for this Columbian year and will have this out for the September Newsletter.

Vivat Jesus

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Golden Knight Program Award

Our Council established the Golden Knight Program to recognize Brother Knights for their volunteer efforts. This program assigns points to Brother Knights based on their support of Council activities. The winner for the fourth quarter of the Columbian year (April-June 2020) was announced at our July council meeting as Ron Goins. The winner for the entire 2019-2020 Columbian year is Dan Chadkewicz. Congratulations Dan and Ron for all your volunteer efforts!

As a reminder, points are awarded as follows:

- 1 point for attending each General and Officers meeting
- 1 point per hour for Knights volunteer work
- 5 points per month for Program Chairs (e.g.: Faith, Family, Community, and Life in Action Chairs)
- 5 Points per day for Event Chairs (e.g.: Fish Bake, Crab Fest, Blood Drive, E-waste, and Free Throw Contest)

We will have a new winner each quarter and, for the end of year, announce the Golden Knight for the year.

For more information, contact the

Golden Knight Program Coordinator,

Brother Richard Weiner at weinerrichardj@gmail.com.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Columbian Year 2020-2021

AUGUST 2020

- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 19 OFFICERS' MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 BLOOD DRIVE (TENTATIVE)
- 16 OFFICERS' MEETING
- TBD FAMILY PICNIC

OCTOBER

- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- TBD BLOOD DRIVE
- 21 OFFICERS' MEETING
- 24/25 ID DRIVE (TENTATIVE)