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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/6/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: MONDAY, 5/11/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

JUNE OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/3/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 6/8/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

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Meeting Place:

SS John and Paul Parish Center



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are staying well.

As men of faith we should all be setting aside some time to pray, especially in these times. We can be assured that God is listening to our prayers. We should remember that our Lord is with us also in our sufferings and that He knows what it is like to suffer as is evident with His sorrowful Passion and cruel death on the Cross. He endured His Passion and Death for every one of us.

As we all know, prayer is necessary not only in times of a Pandemic but always. The evil one is always spreading lies such as it is ok to kill babies in the womb. "Life is meaningless" he says "so do whatever you believe is right. You are God". That is the lie he told to our first parents Adam and Eve. He told them they could be like God and they believed it. That is how suffering and death came into our lives.

Let us, Brother Knights of Columbus, continue to pray for ourselves and our families that we do not fall for the evil one's lies. Let us pray also for our Clergy and Religious that God will protect them now and always.

Brothers, we are getting a taste of what it would be like to have no Mass or Liturgical Celebrations. Without our priests and the Church, we would have no Sacraments. But, let us have hope and remember that God said He would be with us and his Church always and that the Gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

As for Council news, you have heard through emails that there are online degree exemplifications lead by Supreme. New candidates or existing Brothers can be eligible to get to the 3rd degree by attending a half our ceremony online. Brothers, if you know of a practicing Catholic gentleman that might be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, this is a great opportunity. We have sent out dates and times and directions for accessing these online exemplifications please contact one of our Council's officers or go on the Supreme Website and get information there.

Through all your hard work and dedication, we will be receiving the Columbian Award. A special thanks to all those who chaired various events and to those who helped and/or attended.

May God bless you and your family always.
Thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek
Grand Knight

Supreme Knight

Carl A. Anderson

RI State Deputy

Michael Dziok

District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

Michael Colvin

Insurance Agent

Stephen Del Deo

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Officers:**Chaplain**

Rev. Paul Lemoi

Grand Knight

Paul Lemek

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Neil Fidler

Deputy Grand Knight

Brian Mattias

Chancellor

Anthony Machado

Recorder

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Treasurer

David Legault

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Frank Laiter, Jr.

Advocate

Patrick Hurley

Inside Guard

James Hall

Outside Guard

Stephen Kukulka

Lecturer

Edgar Brouillard

One Year Trustee

Earl Mahar

Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III



Chaplain's Corner

My Brother Knights!

As we begin this month of May, we are mindful of all the devotions for our Blessed Lady that usually take place in our Parish. We may not be present for them but we can take time on the day or night that they would be taking place in our Churches and pray the Rosary with our families. There is a pray from the Knights of Columbus "A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic" I pray this prayer each daily. The prayer is attached on the last page of this newsletter, and I would encourage you to use as a closing prayer to your Rosary.

I encourage you to view the live-streaming of Masses from our Parishes and to use any of the devotions that are on EWTN, especially the times that they provide adoration of the Blessed sacrament this may also be a time during which you came pray the Rosary.

This time of begin quarantined can be very stressful for any of us causing great anxiety. I pray that you are all being safe and doing all that you can do to help to prevent the spreading of this virus. At this time, we have to fulfilled the Gospel which tells us that we are indeed caretakers of our brother and sister. Try to be mindful of any around you that you could assist in some way, always being mindful of social distancing.

Brothers I pray that you and your family members will continue to be strong in faith and offer up any sacrifices that you may have to make at this time bringing them to the cross of Christ on which He sacrificed Himself for our sake.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi, Chaplain

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father Richard Bucci
- Father Victor Silva
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK Daniel Danis
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Robert Lemoi (recently deceased)
- Joan Thompson (recently deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

"The nearer you go to God, the nearer God will come to you." – James 4:8

FAITH IN ACTION**FAITH****RSVP**

Into the Breach
 Marian Icon Prayer Program
 Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
 Rosary Program
Spiritual Reflection Program New
 Holy Hour New
 Sacramental Gifts New

**FAMILY**

Food for Families
 Family of the Month/Year
 Keep Christ in Christmas
 Family Fully Alive
 Family Week
Consecration to the Holy Family
 Family Prayer Night New
 Good Friday Family Promotion New

**COMMUNITY**

Coats for Kids
 Global Wheelchair Mission
 Habitat for Humanity
 Disaster Preparedness
 Free Throw Championship
 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
 Soccer Challenge
Helping Hands New

LIFE

Marches for Life
 Special Olympics
 Ultrasound Program
 Christian Refugee Relief
 Silver Rose
 Mass for People with Special Needs New
 Pregnancy Center Support New
Novena for Life New

The COVID-19 pandemic brought our Faith in Action program to a grinding halt. However, because of your great work prior to the pandemic, our council had already achieved quite a bit. In fact, each of the categories had already achieved their quota of events for the year, and the council will be submitting the Form SP-7 for the Columbian Award for 2019-20. Well done to the following Faith in Action Directors and their activities committee members:

Program Director:	Frank Laiter III
Faith Director:	Paul Lemek
Family Director:	David Legault
Community Director:	John Pizzo
Life Director:	John Murray

WELCOME BROTHER CALVIN ELLIS

A huge Blessing Council welcome to our newest Brother Knight, Calvin Ellis. Brother Cal is the first Blessing Council Knight to join our order online. That is, he originally signed up at the K of C landing page (kofc.org/joinus) where he showed up on the Supreme website as a prospect for our council. He then became the first Brother Knight to attend the online exemplification for Charity, Unity and Fraternity thereby attaining full Knighthood. Welcome, Brother Cal, and congratulations! We look forward to meeting you in person when regular meetings commence again.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM

The last few weeks and months of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have found ourselves doing many things we've never done before. The Knights of Columbus are no different, and we need to keep going and doing the things we have done in the past to support our Holy Mother Church, our communities and ourselves for that matter. In order to keep Blessing Council up and running and observing the federal and local social distancing restrictions, we have started conducting our officers meetings over Zoom, an online video conferencing tool. On Monday, we will conduct our first business meeting over Zoom. You should have received an invite in email to join. Please try and join us if you can brothers!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

John Izzo	May 1
Matthew McGuire	May 3
James Hall	May 6
Walter McLaughlin	May 7
Charles Tamulevitz	May 14
Michael Kiley	May 15
Edgar Brouillard	May 19
John Ball	May 23
Matthew Parent	May 23
Nicholas Parent	May 23
Stephen Del Deo	May 24
Ronald DeLalla	May 30

"Yahweh himself will lead you; he will be with you; he will not fail you or desert you. Have no fear, do not be alarmed." – Deuteronomy 31:8

HERE'S THE STORY...

No, not the Brady Bunch, it's the Blessing Bunch otherwise known as the virtual Officer's Meeting on Zoom. We've had two successful Officer's Meetings on Zoom, and we look to have May's Business Meeting there, too. No pandemic is going to stop us from meeting! VIVAT JESUS!



"Yahweh is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? Yahweh is the fortress of my life, whom should I dread?" – Psalms 27:1

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbeca di San Pietro M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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"Have I not told you: Be strong and stand firm? Be fearless and undaunted, for go where you may, Yahweh your God is with you." – Joshua 1:9