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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/7/2021
TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
DATE: MONDAY, 4/12/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

MAY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/5/2021
TIME: 7:00PM

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 5/10/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

OUR COUNCIL MUST OBSERVE ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOL AND RESTRICTIONS WHEN MEETING IN PERSON.

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Meeting Place:

SS John and Paul Parish Center



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

On April 4th, Easter Sunday, we as Catholics celebrated The Resurrection of Jesus which symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Easter is a time to remember that we are all saved. He is the only Son of God, who through this amazing resurrection, brings us closer to our faith. As Knights may we continue to grow in faith through our actions to help people in need.

The Faith in Action Programs are nearly complete with only one event remaining in May. Program Director, Paul Lemek, with the assistance of the Faith, Family, Life and Community Directors, has done a tremendous job presenting each event with the many restrictions due to Covid-19. Our council will reach the requirement to, once again, receive the Columbian Award. As Grand Knight, I commend these program directors for their dedication and talents as well as all council members who participated in various events during the year.

I am pleased to welcome our two new members, Scott Senerchia and Jerry McEvoy. We look forward to meeting them at the next Zoom membership meeting on Monday, April 12th. Having new members will bring new ideas that help growth with activities and programs. Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of Catholic gentleman that would be interested in becoming a member please let an officer know.

With the pandemic restrictions being reduced for group events and vaccines administered, the May Membership Meeting will be in person/Zoom at SS John and Paul Church Hall. All guidelines will be observed during this meeting.

Please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Join us Monday, April 12th at 7:30pm via Zoom meeting.

Thank you, brothers, for the work you do.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

David Legault

Grand Knight

Supreme Knight

Patrick Kelly

RI State Deputy

David Quinn

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Michael Colvin

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Paul Lemek



Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

We are into the Easter season, celebrating Easter for fifty days, the longest season of the Church, until the great Feast of Pentecost. It was uplifting to be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with parishioners in Church this year.

Many have received their shots, but it is important to live the guidelines presented to us, wearing of the masks, washing of hands, and social distancing. The battle is not over yet. If we all do our part, we can be looking forward to a better Summer season.

With Easter comes the beautiful season of Spring, blooming flowers, the singing birds, and the days are getting warmer and longer. All these things remind us of the Resurrection and the newness of life that Christ offers to us.

During the next fifty days offer a prayer for our new Roman Catholic brothers and sisters who have embraced our faith this past Easter. May Christ continue to walk with in their journey of Faith.

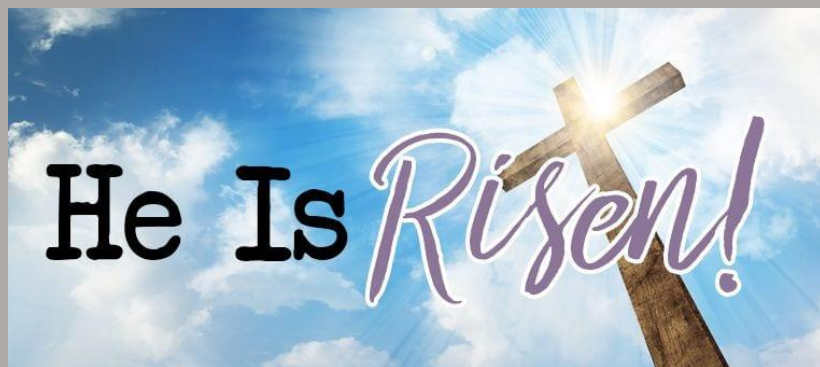
Continue to pray the Rosary daily, asking Our Blessed Lady to bring an end to abortion, pray for the dignity of all human life, from birth to natural death.

May the Risen Lord's blessing be upon you and in your homes during this Easter season.

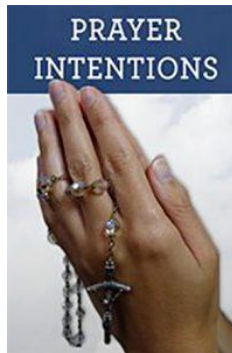
Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi

Chaplain



"But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as He said he would'" – Matthew 28:5-6



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve.
- Father Frederick V. Slota (recently deceased)
- Father George Allard (recently deceased)
- Father Anthony Iwuc (recently deceased)
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky (recently deceased)
- PGK Daniel Danis
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Michael Osenkowski
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Maureen Robinson
- Betty Davis
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

FAITH IN ACTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE



Our Council will be receiving the Columbian Award this fraternal year as we have achieved all the program requirements. Special thanks go to Brother Neil Fidler (Faith Director), Brother William Jakabek (Family Director), Brother John Pizzo (Community Director), and I was your Life Director. We all had to be creative during the current pandemic. Congratulations to all and an additional special thanks to all the Brother Knights who took part in our events.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Program and Life Director



Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

E J Robinson	April 1
Shawn Corcoran	April 1
Joseph Fleury	April 3
George Paquin	April 11
Stelvio Cordeiro	April 12
Richard Denningham, Jr.	April 14
Robert Martin	April 15
Calvin Ellis	April 18
John Pizzo	April 19
Robert Chartier	April 20
Thomas Rossi	April 21
William Jakabek	April 24
Alan Ogrodnik	April 26
Keith Parent	April 26
Rudy Cirelli	April 28
Peter Turner	April 29
Gerard Heroux	April 30

"Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" – John 11:25-26

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



Kudos to our Worthy Family Director and Treasurer Bill Jakabek for all his efforts in setting up our Council's Good Friday Family Promotion which helps bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. He set up the display pictured above at our churches. Great job Brother Bill!

WELCOME AND ACCOLADES

A special welcome to our council to Brothers **Scott Senerchia** and **Jerry McEvoy** who recently joined the Order and achieved full Knighthood. Also, congratulations to Brother **Dr. Douglas DeCubellis** who recently achieved full Knighthood. All three Brother Knights attended the on-demand, online exemplification. Brother Knights who are currently First or Second Degree are encouraged to achieve full Knighthood by going to coventryknights.org/degree.htm, following the directions and attending the 30 minute online on-demand ceremony.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSKS

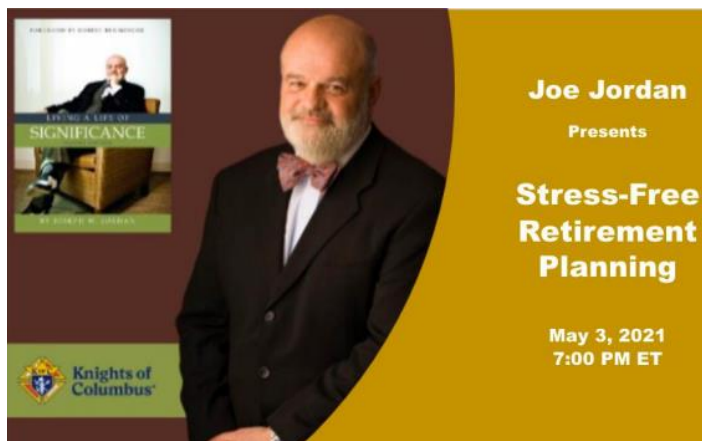


As you can see from the photos above, Building the Domestic Church Kiosks have been installed in all four of the churches that we serve. Our sincere thanks go out to our Parish Pastors who gave their permission for our council to install. The kiosks seem to be a big hit in all four parishes – so much so that many booklets have had to be replenished.

The goal of the kiosk program is to help strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the public.



“God raised up the Lord and he will raise us up too by his power.” – 1 Corinthians 6:14



FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss “Stress-Free Retirement Planning,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly “Live a Significant Life.” Here are some of the topics Joe will cover:

- The importance of “Living a Significant Life” that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth.
- Eight steps to financial security.
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes.
- The importance of having a plan and a partner.
- Why long-term care does not have to be a financial nightmare.
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income.
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance.
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security.
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them.

His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. Click [here](#) to see Joe’s special message to the Knights. We look forward to Joe’s presentation on May 3rd at 7:00 PM ET. Click [here](#) to register now!

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE April 2021



While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.” (Gospel for April 18, Lk 24:36-39)

After Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles were confused and afraid. But showing them his wounds, Jesus proved his identity. Whenever we find ourselves confused or fearful, let us remember that Christ is risen, and that it was “by his wounds we were healed” (Is 53:5). If Christ had not suffered and died, he could not have risen from the dead: without Good Friday; there would be no Easter Sunday. May we unite our suffering to Christ’s, rejoice always in his resurrection and base our lives on his peace and presence among us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, ideally on Good Friday, I challenge you to visit your local parish and pray the Stations of the Cross. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program to aid your fellow parishioners in remembering Christ’s passion, in anticipation of his resurrection.

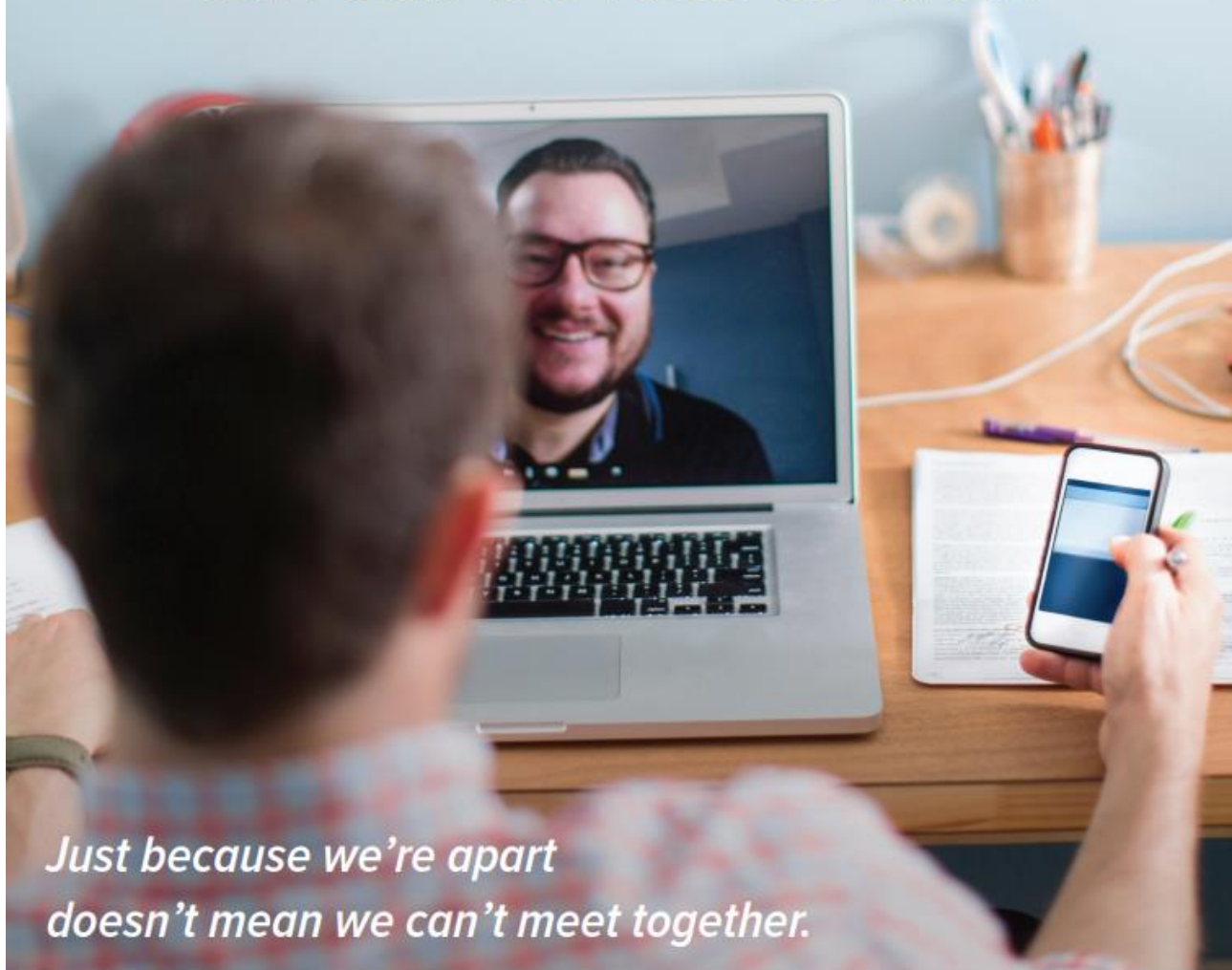
Questions for Reflection:

When you are suffering, do you tend to find yourself forgetting God or drawing closer to him? What does it mean to “offer it up” when we are suffering? How does the reality of Christ’s resurrection offer us comfort, peace and hope during the trials and tribulations of this life?

“Then he began to teach them that the Son of man was destined to suffer grievously, and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.” – Mark 8:31

Face to face

can still be face to face.



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doesn't mean we can't meet together.*

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“God is perfectly able to enrich you with every grace, so that you always have enough for every conceivable need, and your resources overflow in all kinds of good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8