

The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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From The Grand Knight

As I write this, we are hours from our first live food event since Covid. Very much looking forward to this evening's spaghetti feed to raise money for our Seminarians and our pro-life efforts. It has been a couple very difficult years. Several other local Councils have actually folded due to an inability to maintain membership and enthusiasm. It is membership and enthusiasm I would like to address with you.



We have successfully cleansed the rolls of inactive members through the Affiliated Membership Program. These Brother Knights are not actually lost to us. They are still Knights of Columbus and may even rejoin our Council at some point. The good news is that we have gained several new members of all ages. The changes in the rolls make us stronger with on average, more active members. But now that we are doing two spaghetti feeds, an on-line auction, an end of year banquet and ongoing actions

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From Your Lecturer

Memorial Day

This month of May we celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2022 will occur on Monday, May 30. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. But in our own quiet way we can honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom by offering our heartfelt thanks personally to a



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FS Notes

No notes this month...



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veteran we may meet as we go about our day. Many go unnoticed and often forgotten. I am continually reminded by the following poem.

*We call 'em Ol' Timers
But I wonder if we will see
The value of that ol' man
In the park- there by the tree.*

*He may not seem important
There's no shine upon his shoes,
As we pass him with our briefcase
To a world beyond his view.*

*But his value may be greater
And his worth a thousand times
When we stop to think of sacrifice
For this land of yours and mine.*

*Like when the country was in trouble
And they fought to keep her free,
It is taken all for granted
What they did for you and me.*

*So when we see Old Glory waving,
Let's not forget who kept her there,
And give respect and gratitude
To those Ol' Timers everywhere.*

*We call 'em Ol' Timers
And I hope they'll always be
In the hearts of those who treasure
The joy of being free.*

*We call 'em Ol' Timers
But I wonder if we will see
The value of that ol' man
In the park - there by the tree.*

Chet Stanhope

From Your Field Agent

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to

provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

Vivat Jesus!



A Note from PGK David B. Myers



To all the wonderful women who have touched our lives... Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day celebrates the glorious ideal of love and sacrifice called motherhood. It is a special day for all mothers. It is also a great opportunity for us to give thanks and show respect towards the lady who has done so much for us. Mother's Day means making our moms and Grandmothers and especially our wives feel proud and special.

As you know, I like to tell stories, I believe I used this same story for Mother's Day when I was Grand Knight. But who cares? It is a fantastic story, please share it with your loved ones...so here we go.

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. So, one day he asked God: "How am I going to live on earth being so small and helpless?"

God replied, "Among the many angels, I chose one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

"But tell me, here in Heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile, that's enough for me to be happy."

"Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy."

"And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me, if I don't know the language that men talk?"

"Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

"Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"I've heard that on earth there are bad men. Who will protect me?"

"Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

"Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way for you to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard, and the child in a hurry asked softly: "Oh God, if I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

"Your angel's name is of no importance, you will call your angel: Mommy."

That sure makes the point of how special mothers are... and why God gave that blessing to them. Here are some wonderful qualities and characteristics to have you think about this Sunday as we honor such lovely ladies.

Women have strengths that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love, and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice. They don't take "no for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They go without so their family can have. They love unconditionally. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. Women come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. They'll drive, fly, walk, run, or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideas. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

I remember my Grandmother sharing her kind and gentle wisdom, she said; "Our job isn't to change people. Learn to accept that God is the one directing their steps, making them, and molding them into who He wants them to be. If you'll learn to love, honor, and accept people for who they are right now, your relationships will go to a whole new level." On behalf of Connie (the mother of our 4 children and our 9 grandchildren) we both wish all of you wonderful women a Happy Mother's Day! Remember, it's in your hands. David Myers, PGK

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like Nativity House and the monthly life vigil, we need members to step up and participate.

This leads me to discuss enthusiasm. Every Brother has their own reason for joining the Knights of Columbus. The reasons for staying and being personally involved are more universal. When we meet to pray the Rosary, hold a vigil, honor a fallen Brother at a funeral, help with Parish activity and especially when we can serve together in events, it fosters fraternal love for each other. A sense of fraternal belonging that is extremely rare and precious. Serving with likeminded Catholic men and their wives is extremely satisfying. Having served 24 years in the Army, I can say that was the only other place I ever experienced similar feelings. Hard to explain but available to Brother Knights who are involved. Relish it because it is hard to find these days. God bless you all and your families.

Fraternally, Robert Butzerin, Grand Knight

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

Member Birthdays

2nd	Gary Fredrickson
5th	David Sakamoto
6th	Francis Muraguri
14th	Glenn Martin
15th	Stephen Young
17th	David McArdle
18th	Joseph Martinez
18th	Benedict Villaruz
20th	Frank Schuster
22th	Joseph Krick
23th	David Larson
25th	Carlos Rodriguez
27th	Nathan Ramirez

Member Birthdays cont....

27th	Thomas Rossetto
28th	Symon Njuguna
Member Wife Birthdays	
1st	Cindy Mansanarez
8th	Anita Paves
9th	Teenamarie Callahan
15th	Maureen Fay
17th	Colleen Clevenger
20th	Patty Winch
Anniversaries	
4th	Maurice and Isabel Tessier
20th	Kenneth and Kirsten Baune
28th	Mark and Meschelle Miloscia

Good of The Order

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress that we have been asked to pray for:

Pete Anderson, Mark Callahan, Sharon Beadle wife of Garnett Beadle, Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Bob Hitchcock, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Rebecca Johnson wife of Vernon Johnson, Kathy Koch wife of Jerry Koch, Romeo Mayor, Kristine Mallari wife of Ramon Mallari, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe Penwell, Mike Rutland, Mike Rutland Jr., Paul & Marianne Savino, Dean Smith, Jackie Spicer sister of Frank Spicer, Jim Yokum

Pray for the people of Ukraine and an end to the strife.

Pray for an end to this pandemic that the Holy Spirit gives us all the strength and grace to deal with the challenges and pray for the safety of first responders, Police, Fire, and all medical personnel who are on the front lines daily protecting us.

Pray for all priests and clergy that the Holy Spirit strengthen them and help them cope with all the changes as they minister to the faithful.

Pray for Our Country and leaders that the Holy Spirit descend upon us and lead us back to One Nation Under God for without Him we will not survive as a nation.

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Knight of the Month - March

Bob Williams

Thanks for leading the parish ushers ministry.

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday May 21st. Everyone will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:45 and leaving promptly at 8AM. From there everyone will be heading to the Tacoma Nativity House to feed the homeless pancakes and sausage! This is a great opportunity to help those in need!

Contact Ted Colby at nhb@kofc7528.org for any additional information.

Family of the Month - March

Joe and Robin Penwell

Pennies for Heaven

Our goal for this year, as always, is a penny a day for Vocations, \$3.65/yr. Please support our priests!

Contact FS Mike Fay

Upcoming Events!

May		June	
4/24-5/1	Online Auction	7th	General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
3rd	General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm	8th	Mother’s Day Brunch
10th	Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm	18th	Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am
21st	Spaghetti Dinner—Social Hall after the 5:00pm mass	18th	Annual Council Banquet
21st	Nativity House—Meet in Church parking lot @ 7:30am	21st	Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm

Please Read and Respond

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