Council Message June 2020------

Greeting to all:

Have you ever heard this historical reflection? "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens." It certainly feels that way now. And yet it's difficult to predict what changes will be permanent, and what changes will end up as only temporary.

I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've noticed the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as always; swiftly, powerfully and consistently.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings, even Mass. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact. So, continue to be a proud member this great organization and hopefully soon, we will witness The official Sainthood of Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

It's a perfect time to get your family financial plans in order. Young or older, we all need life insurance. We all need to plan our retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

When it comes time to decide who will help you with those preparations. Or who you trust to discuss your financial goals and needs, please consider the Knights of Columbus. Our company who established a multi-million-dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need. You can choose to protect yourself and your family from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. You can prepare for retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or you can go in a different direction.

I end with this challenge, take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and let's visit about your family goals and plans now as we all start to get our lives back to a new normal.

Blessings Always. I hope to talk to you soon! Chuck Malburg