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Grand Knight's Report

Hello Brothers

I pray everyone is doing well and staying safe. COVID-19 is definitely something we haven't seen in our lifetime and I'm sure it's a BIG adjustment for everyone. Please know if you need anything please reach out to me or anyone of your brothers. Now more than ever our brotherhood is put to the test and our job is to pray, be here for each other, and help for those in need. KUDOS to Chad, Bruce, George, and a few others who organized and made a health check calls to many within our brotherhood and our congregation. I encourage everyone to do the same in some capacity, if it's a simple phone call or a quick porch visit.

Please reference last month's business meeting notes and reply if you have any concerns.

Updates:

Mow ministry is need of man / family power! Please plan to spend at least one or two weekends this summer and help with the mow ministry. If we have many the same helpers can take some rest! Please reach out to the Hawk family and let someone know when you can help! The church purchased mowers and the equipment and simply need help! Mary Hawk 817-937-3316

Carport – the carport is on hold until the COVID-19 lift.

Slate of Officers – the current slate of officers will remain in place for the next year. Please join next month's planning meeting for any further discussion or contact any current officer if you have any questions or concerns. We will vote virtually via the ZoHo app in next month's business meeting May 13, 2020. If you would like to nominate yourself or want to nominate anyone for any position please reply to any current officer and we'll ensure he's added to the ballot. Please see review / reference the Officers and Directors list below.

Prayer list add-ins -

- Raymond Nowicki (Jan and Beverley Nowicki's son) was diagnosed with cancer and will under surgery.
- Joan Greer (Marty McCoy mother-in-law) has COVID-19 and needs our prayers of healing and strength.
- Steve Keene has been diagnosed with stage III prostate cancer and has started an 18mo treatment. Please keep Steve in your prayers

This year's focus:

Growth within:

- Your relationship with GOD
- Faith
- Your personal journey
- Yourself

Engagement with:

- Family

- Church
- Community

If you "grow" within yourself you'll have a higher desire to "engage" others and share GOD's Love and Spirit!

LK 11:1-13

#Brotherhood #Fellowship #Service #Family #Faith #Support

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**Knights of Columbus Council 10930
Minutes of Meeting
April 8, 2020**

This meeting was an online meeting using ZoHo Meeting app.

Meeting called to order by Grand Knight Joshua Gomez at 7:05 PM.

The following reports were given.

John Roman – Blood drive for May 30 is cancelled. The drives for August and November are still planned.

Bruce Mallory – The Samaritan House meals are still planned. He will contact Risky's to obtain individually packaged meals.

Bill Vosberg – The highway clean up currently scheduled has been cancelled by the State of Texas.

Bruce Mallory reported that the State Convention will still be on April 25, but it will be an online meeting lasting only a couple of hours. The delegates to the state convention will be contacted to be available by conference call to vote, etc.

Grand Knight Joshua Gomez made the following report.

1. He thanked Chad Degner for arranging wellness check calls to elderly members of the council, spouses of deceased members and other parish persons. Also thanked all the members of the committee who made the calls. (A list of committee members was not available) About 80 calls were made by the committee set up by Chad. Nobody needed any special assistance at this time.
 2. Reported his wife had a person in her office in need of a wheel chair. Bruce Mallory said he could help with that. Also it was suggested that Dennis Helgeson may have some contacts.
 3. Jim Hawk is scheduling the mowing and clean up of the church property. Several persons helped clean up the area behind the church.
 4. The slate of officers for next year was discussed. It was recommended that the current officers retain their positions for one more year. Several officers have agreed to stay one for another year. Bruce Mallory suggested that the list of officers be given to the Trustees to call the persons on the list and verify that they are will to serve. Josh will get a list to the Trustees. It is planned that the vote will take place in May and the installation of officer will be in June.
 5. It is planned that the installation of officers will be on June 20, 2020 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Start will be at 5:30PM. It may be done in a virtual meeting if the current stay at home policy is in effect.
 6. The awning or car port at the church has been delayed until after the stay at home order has been lifted. The materials have been obtained.
 7. The Knight of the Month is Jim Hawk.
The Family of the Month is Larry and Betty Loftus
 8. The newsletter will be for March and April combined.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Knights of Columbus members attending the meeting.

Josh Gomez – Grand Knight
Joe Bason – Treasurer
Larry Loftus – Financial Secretary
Garry Schaffer
James Schaffer

Steve Gonzalez
Bruce Mallory
Earnest Clemons
John Roman
Lee Sperry
Bob Downes

Family of the Month April

Congratulations to Larry and Betty Loftus for Family of the Month. Larry became a knight in 1960 and was recruited by his dad Frank Loftus, so he has been a knight for 60 years. He currently holds the office of Financial Secretary but has held various other offices such as Trustees, Directors, etc. Larry was born and raised in a small town in Western Kansas. Second oldest of 8 children. Became a Knight in May 1960 after being recruited by his father. Attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas and graduated with a degree in Accounting in 1964. While in college he joined the ROTC and received his commission as an officer in the U. S. Army Signal Corp. in September 1964. He was assigned to the 303rd Army Security Agency Battalion and 330th Army Security Agency Company in Fort Wolters, Texas as the Battalion Communications officer. While stationed Fort Wolters (Mineral Wells Texas) he met his wife Betty in Fort Worth. They were married at All Saints Catholic Church in Fort Worth in November 1965. In April 1966 he was deployed to Long Binh, Vietnam with the 303rd Radio Research Battalion. Upon his return they settled in River Oaks and then Saginaw Texas and later Fort Worth. Larry is a Certified Public Accountant. He was Controller and VP of Finance for several large companies and several family owned companies. (Arthur Young; Kimbell, Inc.; Winn-Dixie Texas; Justin Boot Co.; Finger Furniture Co; Pro-Cuts; WM Automotive) He retired in 2017 after 11 years with WM Automotive.

Betty was born in Saginaw, Texas in her grandmother's house (now she is a native Texan). She has five sisters. She graduated from Boswell High School. She stayed at home and raised their three children and then later worked at Boswell High School for 18 years and retired in 2007. Betty was very active in the school PTA and also in the St. Thomas Church CCD programs where she taught some of the classes. She has

always been interested in the youth of the parish as they are the future.

Larry and Betty have three children, two sons and a daughter, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Betty is a member of the St. Thomas Women's Organization and volunteers when needed. Larry has served on the parish council, parish pastoral council, and finance council of St. Thomas. He is Charter member of council 10930 and has served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Trustee, and Council director. He is currently the Financial Secretary. Larry and Betty have been members of St. Thomas the Apostle for over 50 years.

Knight of the Month April

Congratulations to Jim Hawk for Knight of the Month.

April Happy Birthday Wishes To:



Name	Day
James Schaffer	3
James Gonzales	4
Vince Moreno	5
William DeGroh	6
David Garfield	6
Raymond Herrera	6
Erich Fulks	7
Tu D Doan	8
Brian Perry	9
Errol Jolly	10
Julian Pena	13
Thomas Walsh	17
Crecencio Molina	19
Douglas Simmons	21
David Bryan	23
Robert Solorzano	23
Jimmy Voelkel	25
John Cooke	29

Zane Jackson	29
Willy Vargas	29
Jay Darling	30

Thought for April

He is Risen! Jesus' Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?

At Easter, some might wonder what all the fuss is about. Who cares? What difference does it make if Jesus rose from the dead?

It makes all the difference in the world. If Christ did not rise, then thousands of believers have died as martyrs for a hoax.

If he did rise, then he is still alive and can offer peace to troubled, hurting lives.

Countless scholars—among them the apostle Paul, Augustine, Sir Isaac Newton and C.S. Lewis—believed in the resurrection. We need not fear committing intellectual suicide by believing it also. Where do the facts lead?

Paul, a first-century skeptic-turned believer, wrote that “Christ died for our sins...he was buried...he was raised on the third day...he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve (Disciples). After that, he appeared to more than five hundred...at the same time, most of whom are still living.” Consider four pieces of evidence:

1. The explosive growth of the Christian movement. Within a few weeks after Jesus was crucified, a movement arose which, by the later admission of its enemies, “upset the world.” What happened to ignite this movement shortly after its leader had been executed?

2. The Disciples' changed lives. After Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, most of the Disciples fled in fear. Peter denied three times that he was a follower of Jesus. (The women were braver and stayed to the end.) Yet ten out of the eleven Disciples (Judas committed suicide) were martyred for their faith.

According to traditions, Peter was crucified upside down; Thomas was skewered; John was boiled in oil but survived. What turned these cowards into heroes? Each believed he had seen Jesus alive again.

3. The empty tomb. Jesus' corpse was removed from the cross, wrapped like a mummy and placed in a solid-rock tomb. A one-and-a-half to two-ton stone was rolled into a slightly depressed groove to seal the tomb's entrance.

A "Green Beret"-like unit of Roman soldiers guarded the grave. Sunday morning, the stone was found rolled away, the body was gone but the graveclothes were still in place. What happened?

Did Christ's friends steal the body? Perhaps one of the women sweet-talked (karate-chopped?) the guards while the others moved the stone and tiptoed off with the body. Or maybe Peter (remember his bravery) or Thomas (Doubting Thomas) overpowered the guards, stole the body, then fabricated—and died for—a resurrection myth.

These theories hardly seem plausible. The guard was too powerful, the stone too heavy and the disciples too spineless to attempt such a feat.

Did Christ's enemies steal the body? If Romans or Jewish religious leaders had the body, surely they would have exposed it publicly and Christianity would have died out. They didn't, and it didn't.

The "Swoon Theory" supposes that Jesus didn't really die but was only unconscious. The expert Roman executioners merely thought he was dead. After a few days in the tomb without food or medicine, the cool air revived him.

He burst from the 100 pounds of graveclothes, rolled away the stone with his nail-pierced hands, scared the daylights out of the Roman soldiers, walked miles on wounded feet and convinced his Disciples he'd been raised from the dead. This one

is harder to believe than the resurrection itself.

4. The appearances of the risen Christ. For 40 days after his death, many different people said they saw Jesus alive. Witnesses included a woman, a shrewd tax collector, several fishermen and over 500 people at once. These claims provide further eyewitness testimony for the resurrection.

As a skeptic, I realized that attempts to explain away the evidences run into a brick wall of facts that point to one conclusion: Christ is risen.

The above does not constitute an exhaustive proof, rather a reasoned examination of the evidence. Each interested person should evaluate the evidence and decide if it makes sense. Of course, the truth or falsity of the resurrection is a matter of historical fact and is not dependent on anyone's belief. If the facts support the claim, one can conclude that he arose. In any case, mere intellectual assent to the facts does little for one's life.

A major evidence comes experientially, in personally receiving Jesus' free gift of forgiveness. He said, "I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him (or her)."

Worth considering?

Written by [Rusty Wright](#)

◀ Mar 2020		Apr 2020					May 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 April's Fool Day Virtual Planning Meeting 7:00 PM On ZOOM app	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8 Virtual Council Meeting 7:00 PM On ZOHO app	9	10	11	
12 Happy and Blessed Easter!	13	14	15	16	17	18	
							
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26 KoC Retreat 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM ?	27	28	29	30			

May 2020

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Jun 2020 ▶

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3	4	5	6 Virtual Planning Meeting 7:00 PM On ZOOM app	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Virtual Council Meeting 7:00 PM On ZOHO app	14	15	16
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