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Grand Knight Message

"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest." - St. Thomas More

My Brother Knights,

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families! Many of our brothers and neighbors are going through a difficult time. If you know of a brother knight or family member who is in need of assistance, please let me know. Our community needs us now more than ever. I have heard from some of you who are looking for jobs, assistance at home, or just need some connectivity. Our Catholic faith is under assault as is our namesake Christopher Columbus. We must be diligent in our defense of the church, our priest, and our Order.

For the foreseeable future, we will not be conducting face to face meetings. However, on the second Wednesday of each month we will hold officer meetings at 6:30 pm; recite the rosary at 7:00 pm; and conduct business meetings at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Membership cards, packets, and name badges will be mailed out the first week in August. The website is under construction and will be updated the first week in August. The Facebook page has been disabled.

Our Worthy Warden Sam Sapp suggested to me that the council should conduct a weekly gathering on Zoom to be social and stay connected to each other. **Great Idea!** Every Wednesday from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm there will be a *Knights Chat* on Zoom hosted by a different knight each week if possible. Invitations will be sent out as a reminder. This is an opportunity for Unity and Fraternity open to council members only unless there is an approved special guest.

Our Chaplains, Father Anthony Senyah and Father John Asare have challenged us to be more involved in the parishes in support of social justice ministries. We will need to be more creative in our strategies to fundraise, program, recruit, and meet. Your involvement and ideas are essential. Supreme Council conducts the exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity online by invitation on a regular basis in English, Spanish, and French. I invite our first and second degree knights to learn all the principles of our Order and advance. Additionally, we need to recruit and retain members. Now is the time.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray the Rosary as often as possible. *May Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney guide our efforts and keep us and our loved ones safe.*

Vivat Jesus!

Claude Steele, Ed.S

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“Amare et servire Domino/To love and serve the Lord!”

Message from the Supreme Knight - 7/15/2020

Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order's namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junípero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacks on statues and history. They are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith.

In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.

However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

Vivat Jesus!

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Message from the State Deputy - 7/16/2020

Worthy Brothers,

Many of you may have already received this message that our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson sent yesterday; however, I wanted to ensure everyone on our Virginia State Council distribution lists has received it. I join with all Brother Knights who speak out against racism, injustice, and violence, including anti-Catholic discrimination. For decades, the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups have spread misinformation about and besmirched the reputation of Columbus as part of their campaign against Catholics and Italians. Unfortunately, their lies have become accepted as fact among many outside of these hate groups, including some of our own Brother Knights.

As I stated during the Virginia State Council Organizational Meeting last month, I want Virginia Knights to defend our namesake and that defense begins with educating ourselves about the facts and myths. Was Christopher Columbus a perfect person? No, he wasn't. Did he make mistakes? Yes, he did. Was he a murderer

and rapist? There's no documented evidence of these crimes and historical accounts written by the inhabitants of Hispaniola dispute what many have incorrectly accepted as fact.

For more information about Columbus, please take the time to watch the [Columbus: Facts and Fiction](#) YouTube video and share it with others, possibly during council meetings.

Fraternally,

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Prayer during Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary. We, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet. Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.

Congratulations and Blessings on the Anniversary of your Ordinations

We are grateful to God for our wonderful Chaplains and celebrate the anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood. May they continue to be abundantly blessed and held in the Lord's favor.

- July 17, 2020 Rev. Father Anthony Oduro Senyah marked his 33th Anniversary
- July 19, 2020 Rev. Father John Asare marked his 23th Anniversary

"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord...because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service..."
- I Timothy 1:12

Celebrating Birthdays

Birthday Blessings! On this special day of yours, we pray that the good Lord gives you all the joy and happiness that your heart can contain.

July 2020

Adam Cassol Deacon Rick Furman John Patterson Edward Redmon Dennis Wnorowski

August 2020

Rev. John Asare Gregory Blaz Robert Bolger George Burroughs Angel Diaz
Maj. Tim Leake William Montgomery John Mukuni Emigdio Penaloza

The Month of August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her womb, she was conceived without the corruption of sin through the infinite merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Christ in her holy heart, as attested in Scripture, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated. Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower, culminating in St. John Eudes promoting it in the 17th century alongside that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion rose to a new level after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, when Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco.



**Pictured: The Assumption of Mary by Tim Langenderfer.
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Saturday, August 15th.**



Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney: The Father McGivney Guild promotes the cause for canonization of our founder: Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death. There is no cost to join the Guild, but donations are welcome. For more information about the Guild or to donate go to: www.fathermcgivney.org

****Note: Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney would not be the first member of the Knights of Columbus to be canonized. A group of six Mexican members of our organization were martyred during the Cristero War of 1926-1929 and its aftermath. The six are St. Luis Batis, St. Rodrigo Aguilar, St. Miguel de la Mora, St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado, St. José María Robles, and St. Mateo Correa.***

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney: God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer Intentions

Message from our Worthy State Deputy:

Worthy Brothers,

General Agent Bob Abbate was hospitalized on Tuesday, July 21st and has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. His condition is further complicated by pneumonia. Brother Bob is very sick and very weak and needs our prayers. Please keep Bob, Julie, and the entire Abbate family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,
Brian M. Ripple
State Deputy Knights of Columbus Virginia State Council

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Oh, Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you, prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Mary's).

When we pray for others, we lift them up to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our trust. Please keep the following in Prayer: Pope Francis; Bishop Knestout; Deacon Rick Furman; Bob Abbate and Family; Father Prinelli +; Father Anthony Senyah; Father John Asare; Father Charles Ssebalamu; Father David Sharland; Frank Partch +; Marie & Jim Armstrong; Gwazdauskas Family; Patty & Nelson Carey; Bill Murray; Bernadette & George Boroughs; Judy Lane; Leake Family; Wilson Family; Austin and Thomas Leake; Leade Family; John DeWolf; Joseph McCormack; Dennis Jones; Tom Butterfield; Diaz Family.



Pictured: Transfiguration Icon. Thursday, August 6, 2020 marks the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Father Fox Knights in Action



Pictured: Brother(s) Angel Diaz and Jose Gomez serving as Ushers and trimming the trees at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

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