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# The Flagship

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### Grand Knight's Message: Now is the time to put your faith into action

Brother Knights,

So here we are after another month of social distancing. If you are like me, you are antsy by this time. With my schedule thrown into chaos, I lack direction and purpose. I long for us to return to the lives we had before the corona pandemic interrupted what I took for granted, but I am also afraid it could be taken away again.

Like the disciples who found themselves locked in the upper room for fear of what the ruling elders would do to them, I find myself tiptoeing quietly and trying not to draw attention to myself. Yet God our father had other plans for those disciples just as he has for me and for you.

This is a time when you and I need to try to do more; to aid the weakest among us, to care for our dead, and to maintain some semblance of order. By engaging in such activities, we bring about the Kingdom of God. And this precisely what our membership in the Knights of Columbus should mean to us.

You should know that your Council stands ready to aid those who are hungry with our Food for Families Program. That we

have honored our frontline health care workers by buying lunch for the Emergency Room at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes. And we continue to pray for our deceased members.

We all took oaths to support the Order and the Church. We all promised to look after our families, and those of our deceased brothers. We all heard lessons on charity and the need to ease the suffering of others. Now is the time to make those more than words and empty promises.

So let us set forth from our self-imposed exile to do just that. Let us lead by example. Let us demonstrate to a world yearning for action that we are here, and here in love.

I look forward to the return of our hoagie sales, of our membership drives and our coin drops. In the interim, I ask you to look for ways you can put your faith into action, by aiding a weary world. After all, this is what we were made for.



*Vivat Jesus!*

[Adam Elgart](#), GK



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Trustee Mark Kiernan, PGK, reports that four Santa Maria Brothers were at Healey's Funeral Home to salute Fr. Hewitt as he was taken to the cemetery.

The spring Charity Raffle is being held without crowds and practicing social distancing. The first drawing was broadcast live on [Facebook](#) on April 24th. Tune in for the next one at 7:00 PM on Friday, May 1st. Support the main way that the Council raises money for charity. Get your ticket pay-



ments in ASAP and be eligible for more than 100 cash prize drawings. Contact Club FS Terry at (856) 397-4463 or [tstrup@verizon.net](mailto:tstrup@verizon.net) for tickets or info.

## Annual Chapter Blood Drive Set for May 27th

Brothers, as we have done for many years, the Annual Chapter Blood Drive will be held at the council home on May 27th from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The COVID-19 outbreak threatens to disrupt our blood supply, so we must ensure that we meet the critical medical needs of those who depend on it. For everyone's protection, donors as well as Red Cross staff will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. To pre-register, visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass>. For info call John Erwin, FDD, PGK at 856-524-2810.

**Officers slate:** At the 2nd regular meeting in May, the Nominating Committee, led by Chairman John Erwin, FDD, PGK, will announce the slate of officer nominees for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year. The nominees will be read again at the regular meeting on June 1st when the election will be held. A complete slate of nominees will be listed in the June Flagship.

## Council cancellations

We are publishing a digital-only version of this month's Flagship due to orders by the Supreme and State and Gov. Phil Murphy to shelter in place. All Council activities that involve the public including hoagie sales and the Intellectual Disabilities Drive are postponed until further notice. The Council will notify members when these activities resume.

## Attend virtual Council meetings

For now, Santa Maria Council is holding its meeting online at 7:00 PM on the first and third Mondays (regular) and second Monday (officers meeting.) Watch your email for links to participate. Simply click to attend.



## Knights Among Financially Strongest Life Insurers

A few days ago, S&P Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all of its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your Knights of Columbus are tied for first! The Knights is one of six companies - out of 66 - that has a AA+ rating for financial strength, and a stable outlook. S&P also lists the Knights as having a "very strong" business risk profile, and an "excellent" financial risk profile.

Financial strength and stability are on people's minds lately, and it's reassuring to know that the Knights stand tall. However this Covid-19 crisis may be impacting your family, I am here to help you review your situation, and discuss how the Knights may be able to help. We have transitioned to virtual meetings. I can meet with you over the computer or phone whenever you'd like.

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## May 2020 Fraternal Report

**Ailing Brothers:** Joe Tanzi, Mike Meo, Chuck Guidotti, Paul Campana, Steve Quigley, Ed Eissing, Walt Eife, Don Wilson, Charlie Cunane, Mike Kirby, Dave Grayce, John P. Welsh, Chris Gaj, Bob McCann, Michael Weiglein, Hank Keating, Bob Wilson, Daniel, McShane, Father Walter Norris, Fr. Frederick Link, John Colarullo, Michael Conway, Edward Bowe, Robert Hensler, Dave Grayce,

**Deceased Brothers:** William Middleton, Lelio Ciccotelli, Mike Sharp, Joe Santarlas, Mike Grande, James Cuning, John E. Kappel, Fred Guarnieri, Frank Maimone, William Schmidt, Rick Taylor Benjamin Meo, Rich Angelino, Aux. Bishop McDonnell of Arch Diocese of Newark Former Chaplin Emeritus, Anthony L. Cerone, Rich W. Lipko, Walt L. Heim Jr, Father Al Hewitt, Michael Agin,

**Ailing Family:** Amy Meo, wife of Bro. Michael; Bernadette Osman, wife of Bro. Mark; Gloria Mazziotti, wife of Bro. John; Diane Wilson, wife of Bro. Don; Heidi Holcher, niece of Bro. Reggie Beckett; Joseph Kiernan, father of Bro. Mark; Paul Krowicki, father of Bro. Kevin; Lidy & Anne, sisters of the late Bro. Mike Procacci; Elaine Quinlan, sister of Bro. Dave Grayce; Sam & Theresa Luby, relatives of Bro. Mark Barrett; Luca Paul Giamporcaro, great nephew of Bro. John Buttil; Joan Castaldi, mother-in-law of Bro. Bill Lebb; Anne Wells, wife of Bro. Steve; Keira daughter of Bro. Justin Oliver; David and Gerri Olivieri, brother and sister-in-law of Bro. Dan; nephew of Bro. Mark Kiernan; Bob Schiavo, cousin to Bro. John; Lisa and Steve Antes, niece and nephew to Bro. John Mazziotti Jr., Angie Johnson; Massimo Papale, wife and grandson of Bro. Al Johnson; Lynn Guidotti, wife of Bro. Chuck; James Conway, father to Bro. Michael Conway; and Barbara Zampito, wife of Bro. Chuck Zampito and aunt to Bro. Gene Howard; Brian Elgart and Paul Elgart, brothers of Bro. Adam Elgart; Lucie Lipko, wife of Bro. Rich, Marianne Delengowski, wife of Bro. Walt. John Johnson, Dolores Heim wife of Bro. Walt, Douglas Mayer father of Bro. Greg, Gary Morrison uncle of Bro. Joe Drebes and Bro. Tom Conroy, Tony Catania brother of Bro. Sal Catania,

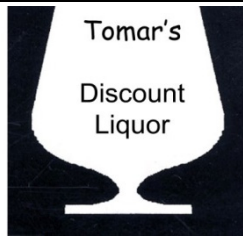
**Deceased Family:** Mort Corman father Bro. Michael, Tessie Gaj mother of Bro. Chris Gaj, Benjamin Meo father Bro. Mike Meo / father-in-law of Amy Meo, George G. Barrett father of George E. Barrett, Vincent Lazzaro father of Mark Lazzaro, Aunt of John Schiavo, Kieran Kenny cousin of Sal Catania, Robert J. Oldrati uncle of Mike Meo, Lalithia Alexander mother of Vani Elgart and mother-in-law of Adam, Kevin Dugan son of Paul

**Brothers: If you or your family members no longer need to be on the prayer list, please let us know: [sta91catania@yahoo.com](mailto:sta91catania@yahoo.com).**



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