

## Brothers of 996:

It is May already!! Seems that I say something like this every month, I know, but this year is just flying by for me!!

We will soon be having elections for officers and I encourage each of you to consider placing your name in for a position or nominating someone who you think would do a good job in any of our officer positions! I will not run for another term. I feel that two years at a time is plenty for anyone.

Here I would like to thank all of the other officers and chairmen who have helped me through my two years as your Grand Knight.

I would also like to thank all the members of 996 for the support I have received throughout my term.

I am very proud of what we accomplished together these two years! And I will help whoever becomes our next Grand Knight to continue with what has been started and any new projects that come along.

Looking forward to May- As with each month we may look to see what the next holy day will be, I forget that when we look to May, it is the entire month! I found the following when I was looking to find the reason for this- I hope you find it as interesting as I did.

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Why is May the Month of Mary?

Marge Fenelon

It's here.

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making vacation plans.

It's also the Month of Mary.

Having gone to a Catholic grade school run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, my early childhood memories include honoring Mary during May – a practice I've continued all of my life and taught my children to do as well. It's as natural and essential to me as my morning coffee (only far, far more joy-filled if you can even imagine that).

I know a number of Catholics who see May as the Month of Mary, and we all get the same question from time to time:

Why is May Mary's month?

Here's a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks.

In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated ludi florals, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of Tricesimum, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

## SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- ◆ 3 & 4 May IC Carnival
- ◆ Columbus Club 8 May @6:30
- ◆ 17-18 May CTK Carnival
- ◆
- ◆ May 22 Fourth Degree Meeting @ 7:30

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out the Fort Knight Newsletter!
- New three month Calendar
- Message from Supreme

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today. The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just do it.

Why?

Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

For all of you who didn't/couldn't come out for the Fish Knight on the 29th of March- It was special! Although we could not announce it, for fear of letting Clyde Chaney what was going on, We celebrated his SEVENTY YEARS of continuous service in the Knights of Columbus!

Clyde started in the KoC January 1, 1949 after graduating from Catholic High in Little Rock.

We gave Clyde a plaque commemorating his impressive feat and thank him for his long length of service.

We also asked all of the past Grand Knights to attend this Fish Knight so as to get a group picture. We were fortunate to have eleven GKs show up for this!! Thank you all for coming!

There was a work day scheduled for April 13th at the acres, but as you may remember, it rained- a lot! No date has been set for another work day so please watch for this and keep your Saturdays in mind for this soon!

FYI for all of you Veterans of WWII- Did you know that 4% of the sand on Normandy beach is made up of shrapnel from D-Day that has broken down?

And for any of you trivia buffs- Elizabeth Jennings Graham did what Rosa Parks did, but a century earlier on a New York City street-car. Her eventual lawsuit led to the desegregation of New York's public transit system.

Once again I thank you for letting me be your Grand Knight!

God Bless you and your families.  
God's Blessings on you and your families-  
Thanks for letting me be your Grand Knight  
Matt Hutchinson  
GK 996

## THE TRAGIC FIRE AT NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL EVOKES BOTH OUR HISTORY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS CATHOLICS



Notre-Dame is illuminated during a light show titled 'Dame de Cœur' (Queen of Hearts). The Knights of Columbus in France supported the event as part of the commemorations

I am writing this message while a massive fire is still engulfing our beautiful Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. I say “our” because this magnificent structure has been for centuries an artistic patrimony of humanity, a place of prayer for millions of Catholics in France and throughout the world — and, more recently, a special place for the Knights of Columbus.

In May 2017, I joined a delegation of brother Knights from Paris to attend Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral and to participate in a special exposition and veneration of the relic of the Crown of Thorns. Later that year, the Knights of Columbus was one of the major sponsors of a light show on the cathedral’s façade. Titled “Dame de Cœur” (Queen of Hearts), the light show depicted the history of the cathedral in commemoration of World War I.

From the two-volume history *The Knights of Columbus in Peace and War* (1920), we read this: “In Paris on Good Friday 1919, the most impressive religious service held in the history of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe took place when the Knights of Columbus ... held a service there for the public adoration of the cross. Ten thousand Americans packed the great edifice; the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Mons. Amette, presided.”

Much has been said about the significance of this tragic fire. It is difficult to grasp its significance for the French people and especially French Catholics.

Perhaps “The Virgin at Noon,” a poem by Paul Claudel, can help us understand. It is noteworthy that Claudel’s conversion took place in Notre-Dame Cathedral during the singing of the Magnificat on Christmas Day 1886.

*“It is noon. The church is open. I must go in.  
Mother of our Lord, I have not come to pray.  
I have nothing to give and nothing to ask.  
I am here, my Lady, only to look at you.  
To look at you, to cry for joy, to know  
That I am your son and you are there.  
Only for one moment when everything stops. Noon!  
To be with you, Mary, in this place where you are.  
To say nothing, to look at your face.  
To let my heart sing in its own language.  
To say nothing, but simply to sing because my heart is too full.  
Because you saved me, because you saved France.  
Because France too, like myself, was for you a thing to be considered.  
Because at that moment when everything collapsed, you intervened.  
Because you saved France once again.  
Because it is noon, because we are at this moment of today.  
Because you are there for always, simply because you are Mary,  
Simply because you exist.  
Mother of Our Lord, we give thanks to you.”*

When the president of France announced today that Notre-Dame Cathedral will be rebuilt, I thought of how the great Gothic cathedrals were originally constructed. An account from 1144 states that the faithful were freely “harnessed to carts, laden with stones, timbers, corn and whatever might be needed for the work of building the cathedral, the towers of which rose like magic into the heavens... Everywhere men humbled themselves, did penance, and forgave their enemies. Men and women could be seen dragging heavy loads through mire and marsh, praising in song the miracle which God was performing before their eyes.”

Mindful of all the controversies consuming the Church in recent years, the image of this burning cathedral seemed in a way to symbolize the devastation so many Catholics have felt as our Church has been rocked by one crisis after another.

Fires have destroyed great cathedrals before, and they have been rebuilt. So let us hope this will be true again.

But not only this church. Let us resolve to patiently “rebuild” the Church, not with granite and mortar, but with living stones in the spirit of those earlier builders — with humility, penance and with gratitude for the miracle that God is still performing before our eyes.



# Knights of Columbus

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April meeting is the 24th, at 7:30 pm

May meeting is the 22nd at 7:30 pm



Greetings Sir Knights

Chau Le and myself will be our delegates at the upcoming state convention in Little Rock the last weekend in April, our fourth degree meeting is at 3:00pm April the 26th.

Report of our Faithful Comptroller Art Sellers at the March meeting is that 31 dues paying members are still not paid. Please pay up so we can close our books. Each time we mail out dues notices it cost us precious Dollars we could spend or donate to something else, thank you.

Mike Heathcott is taking the lead on converting us to a paperless email bulletin, thank you Mike.

All non-996 members please send me your email address, I will forward to Mike, thanks.

Bernie Tougas requested a sponsorship for the Vietnam Veterans of America Golf Tournament on April the 26th of \$200. Resolution was voted on and passed.

Council 996's Fish Nights are reportedly going well.

GK George Hampton from the Barling council called on the afternoon of Monday April the 8th requesting an Honor Guard for Confirmation on April the 10th at Sacred Heart of Mary in Barling with Bishop Taylor. We sent out a request and six Sir's were able to come. John Mackey, David Tran, Bernie Tougas, Chan Tran, Bud Gouger, Quang Le and me. The Bishop was very happy to see us and stated he really liked our regalia. Thank you Gentlemen.

I am asking for a date and time change to our meetings. Presently they are on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. I will be proposing we move these to the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. This is the same night as council 996's meeting which begin at 7:30pm. My thoughts being, the 4th Wednesday is poorly attended and perhaps we can draw a few more brothers to the 1st of the month. More on this in the next bulletin hopefully. I have spoken with 996 and they are welcome to the change, maybe have a light meal between meetings.

My brother-in-law, Keith Wisley passed away March 26, we buried him on April 13.

Khoat, Tran is still in the nursing home. After losing his wife in January, He recently lost a granddaughter, please keep Him and his family in your prayer

Happy Easter to All.

Faith, Hope and Love are some good things he gave us and the greatest is LOVE.

May 22 we are voting to move assembly 25 the monthly meeting to first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm starting July 2019.

The following are Nomination for Assembly 25 Officer for the next year

**Faithful Navigator:** Rick Gramlich, **Faithful Comptroller:** Art Sellers, **Faithful Admiral:** Chau Le, **Faithful Captain:** Mike Ferguson, **Faithful Purser:** Mike Heathcott, **Faithful Pilot:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Faithful Scribe:** Steve Alhert, **Inner Sentinel:** Kyle De- Jager,

**Outer Sentinel:** George Hampton, **3 Year Trustee:** \_\_\_\_\_, **2 Year Trustee:** Jimmy Ciulla, **1 Year Trustee:** Jim Foldvary

**Faithful Friar:** Rev: Matt Garrison

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# BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

## *While Strengthening Our Parish*



### **GET INVOLVED!**

#### **Faith In Action Program Model**

The new program model takes its inspiration from the Building the Domestic Church initiative, and it greatly emphasizes the faith and spirituality of all Knights of Columbus. In other words, the foundation for this program model is the Building the Domestic Church initiative. Those councils that thoroughly implement the Faith in Action Program will be living and exemplifying the Domestic Church.

#### **Be a Leader**

Take a leadership role in your council, your family and your parish in becoming the Domestic Church. It's what we signed up for as Knights of Columbus. By choosing to be Knights, we have chosen to be different from secular society and to live our faith boldly. Living as the Domestic Church is extremely effective. Throughout all of Judeo-Christian history, there has been nothing more effective at evangelizing the culture than regular, everyday people choosing to live their faith at home and in the public square. Salvation history was changed forever by a family.

Encourage your brother Knights to **live the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge**. It allows all Knights of Columbus to be united in a simple challenge each month to live their faith.

Make intentional choices based in prayer. Each time you choose to live your faith and refrain from activities that pull you away from God, you are living the Domestic Church.

Teach others and exemplify that it is the family and council who prays together, goes



## THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

April 2019

**And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"** (Gospel for April 21, Lk. 24:30-32)

A "fire in the belly," passion, a drive: these are some of the ways we talk about others who can summon a deep, inner motivation and who make a difference. My brothers, can we say the same about our inner drive to go deeper in our Church's teaching? Do our hearts "burn within us" and cause us to daily familiarize ourselves with the riches of our faith? Do we have a fire in the belly to be the kind of men who don't stand silent at the water cooler when we hear our Church's teaching denigrated by colleagues? In order to lead with faith we need to know our faith. We can't give what we don't have. By God's grace, may we each become disciples whose "hearts burn within us."

#### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month I challenge you to deepen your desire to have a heart 'burning within you' for new knowledge of the Church's teaching and doctrine. Invest five to ten minutes a day reading the *Catechism* or other resource, watching a Catholic talk online, or taking advantage of a local formation opportunity. Secondly I challenge you to talk with a brother in Christ about

# Knights in Actions



Assembly 25 Sir Knights Honor Guard  
for Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in Barling.



Past Grand Knight Clyde Chaney receives  
award for 70 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus

Top and middle: Past Grand Knight Clyde Chaney receives award for his 70 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Bottom: Past Grand Knights:

Top- John Mackey, Robert Collins, Henry Moore, Gus Copenheaver, Matt Hutchinson, Fred Goebel.

Bottom-Tony Reith, Clyde Chaney, Jim Foldvary, Art Sellers, Bill Dubois.





# **Council 996**

## **Program Director**

### **Upcoming events**

Brother Knights,

Last Month we had a great Fish Night we were very busy in the Kitchen. Thanks to all who came out to support us.



Upcoming events:

## **Pay Attention for upcoming events in June**



## **Knights of Columbus**

### **Council 996**

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### **2017-2018 Council Officers**

Chaplain Fr.	Juan Guido
Grand Knight	Matt Hutchinson
Deputy Grand Knight	Carder Ferguson
Financial Secretary	Marc Lux
Treasurer	Mark Urban

### **2017-2018 Columbus Club**

Carder Ferguson ,President

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. All Council 996 members are invited and encouraged to Attend



## **Families in Need of Prayer**

**Sick:** John P Przybysz, Edie Gouger, George Fritz had a Heart Attack, Gary Barker Step Dad, Jimmy Newman wife Marylyn Bill Boothman

**Eternal Afterlife :** Gilbert Koch brother Basil Koch passed. Keith Wisley Rick Gramlich Bother in Law

### **Military**

Logan Collins stationed in North Carolina

If there are any notifications for the Sickness or deaths please contact Matt Hutchinson at [GkkocHutch@gmail.com](mailto:GkkocHutch@gmail.com)



COLUMBUS CLUB

1. Clean up on the Acres was supposed to be Saturday April 13 2019 and the weather did not corroborate so the next day is Saturday April 27 2019.
2. Rick Gramlich replace Henry Moore for his term on the Columbus Club Board. Thank you Henry for your Faithful Service while serving as a member of the Columbus Club Board Member!
3. The Board on Columbus Club has decided to meet monthly until further notice.
4. We have started cleaning up the Front office and get it back to a functional office with updating and replacing aging office equipment.
5. Please note on the calendar when the Acres are rented and when the Hall is rented. Spread the word for renting we have a awesome place and need to fill more spots!

**Columbus Club Next meeting is 8 May 2019 at 6:30pm**



# Pope Pius XII Council 996

## May 2019



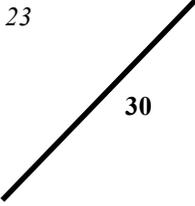
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Business Mtg 7:30 pm  	2	3 IC Carnival  	4 IC Carnival  Acres and Hall Rented 
5 Acres Rented 	6 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	7 Bingo 7 PM	8 Columbus Club MTG at 6:30	9	10	11 
12	13 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	14 Bingo 7 PM	15 Social Mtg 7:30 pm 	16 	17 CTK Carnival 	18 CTK Carnival 
19	20 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	21 Bingo 7 PM	22 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	23	24	25
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## June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>9</b> Acres Rented 	<b>10</b> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	<b>11</b> Bingo 7 PM	<b>12</b> Acres Rented 	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bingo 7 PM	<b>19</b> Social Mtg 7:30 pm 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Family Night 6 pm 	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b>  <b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bingo 7 PM	<b>26</b> 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



# Pope Pius XII Council 996

## July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>Bingo 7 PM</b>	3 <b>Business Mtg</b> 7:30 pm 	4 <b>Fourth of July Picnic</b> Gates Open at 10 am Lunch at 1 pm 	5	6
7	8	9 <b>Bingo 7 PM</b>	10 <b>Columbus Club Mtg</b> at 6:30	11	12 <b>Cooking for JDC</b> At Sebastian Ctv 4:30pm 	13
14	15	16 <b>Bingo 7 PM</b>	17 <b>Social Mtg</b> 7:30 pm 	18	19	20
21	22	23 <b>Bingo 7 PM</b>	24 <b>4th Degree Business Mtg</b> 7:30 pm 	25	26	27
28	29	30 <b>Bingo 7 PM</b>	31			