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NEWSLETTER FOR K OF C COUNCIL 839

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph

We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* (On the Devotion to St. Joseph) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

"Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties. ...It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ."

One hundred years later John Paul II echoes his predecessor in his 1989 Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris Custos* (Guardian of the Redeemer), hoping "that all may grow in devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church and in love for the Savior whom he served in such an exemplary manner ... In this way the whole Christian people not only will turn to St. Joseph with greater fervor and invoke his patronage with trust, but also will always keep before their eyes his humble, mature way of serving and of "taking

part" in the plan of salvation." St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his death-bed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage. — *Jennifer Gregory Miller*

Feasts for March

3. Katharine Drexel (USA), Opt. Mem.
4. Casimir of Poland, Opt. Mem.
5. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Sunday
7. Perpetua and Felicity, Opt. Mem.
8. John of God, Opt. Mem.
9. Frances of Rome, Opt. Mem.
12. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Sunday
17. Patrick, Opt. Mem.
18. Cyril of Jerusalem, Opt. Mem.
19. FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Sunday
20. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY, Solemnity
23. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Opt. Mem.
25. ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity
26. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Sunday

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2023

For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. (See also <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>)

Grand Knight's Digest

I am writing to you on Ash Wednesday. A most Blessed Lent to you all. Let us prepare now for the great celebration of Easter.

A date for the annual tootsie roll drive has been decided upon. The council will be doing the drive on April 28-30 th . Locations are yet to be determined so watch the Gavel for more information. A big thank you for James Horman for stepping up to lead the tootsie roll drive this year. James will be looking for volunteers to take shifts during the drive so if you are able, please sign up for a shift.

Our next council meeting is on March 13th with the Rosary beginning at 6:30 pm and the regular council meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining in on our council meetings virtually, please email me at cj_1996@hotmail.com and I can get the invite out to you.

*Vivat Jesus,
Chris Schlegel*

Grand Knight, Council 839

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- **Fourth Degree Report**
 - Please join us for a bus trip pilgrimage this summer to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Hope in Champion, WI (near Green Bay), the site of the only Church-approved Marian apparition in the US! Stay tuned for details.
 - Assembly 1195 SKs, families and friends will be volunteering at Country Boom this summer July 13-15. Please join us for lots of fun, great music and fellowship-- includes FREE admission!
Contact FN SK Charlie Peters
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- **5th Sunday Communion**
 - The next 5th Sunday will be April 30th - Mark your calendars!
- **Statewide Charity Raffle**
 - All should have received the Statewide Charity Raffle tickets in the mail. Please consider selling or buying the tickets to help support our Brother Knights and other members of our community to alleviate sorrow, ease financial burdens and restore hope to victims and families of accidents and illness.
 - Price per ticket is \$5. All tickets sold should be returned to Council 839 by April 1, 2023, so they can be included in the drawing that will take place on April 29th, 2023 at the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Convention.
 - If you have not received your tickets or would like more, please contact Steve Flottmeyer at 608-317-1203 or stephen055@centurytel.net. **REMEMBER-CHARITY IS A VIRTUE THAT GLADDENS THE HEART OF THE GIVER.**

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Community Notes

- **Next Council-sponsored ARC Blood Drive will be Monday, May 1st at Roncalli Newman Center. Stay tuned!**
- **Heroic Men Summit - Free Virtual Event**
 - "Rising from Ashes"
 - March 11th from 11:00AM CT to 1:00PM CT
 - BSP Parish Hall
 - Renowned Speakers!
 - Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Andrew Cozzens and John Michael Lucido who will challenge our thoughts on the Eucharist and through this make the Eucharist a source of transformation and power.

Requiescat in Pace:

Robert L. Marcou . . . Bob Marcou passed on to the next world on December 29, 2022. Bob had joined the Knights on 11-1-1960. Although he withdrew as an active member he had been an insurance member these many (62) years. As an insurance member he was carried on the Council 839 roster throughout. Bob had worked for LaCrosse Telephone Company for nearly 40 years. His wife of 60 years, Diane; 2 sons, David and Paul and a daughter, Anne Geldreich, survive him. Funeral services were at the Cathedral on 1-5-2023.

Larry J. Favre . . . Larry Favre was 74 years old when the Heavenly Father called him to himself, on 1-26-23. Larry joined the Knights in Council 839 on 8-14-1995, 27 years ago. He was a Navy Vet; and had a son (Pete) and a daughter (Layla Smaby), who live in LaCrosse. Larry had his own construction business, had been involved with the Boy Scouts, and greatly loved the out-of-doors.

William J. Chamberlain . . . At 89 years, Bill Chamberlain was called home to the heavenly Father on February 16, 2023. He grew up in Minot, N.D, earned a Industrial Engineering degree in Fargo, and a degree in Meteorology at Oklahoma State U. He spent 3 years in England as a meteorologist with the RAF. He came to LaCrosse in 1962 to work at Trane, then Viterbo and later at St. Francis Medical Center (Mayo Clinic).

His marriage to Marjorie, lasted 64 years. Margie still survives, as do their four children, Mark, Rosann, Julie, and Paul, and their 9 grandchildren.

Bill joined the Knights in 1963 and was re-instated in 1998. His loyalty as a Knight and pleasant disposition will long be remembered.

Again, Requiescant in Pace.

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MARCH 2023 Activity Calendars APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				3pm Chaplet Kent Stein		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				3pm Chaplet Volunteer		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Host: 9385) 12:00 pm				3pm Chaplet Henry Althoff	Saint Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				3pm Chaplet Charlie Peters		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			K of C Founder's Day, Fraternal Benefit Night 7:00pm	3pm Chaplet Larry Hubert		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday		Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Host: 9438) 6:00 pm		3pm Chaplet: Steve Lee	Good Friday	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter				3pm Chaplet Jay Soldner	Saint Patrick's Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				3pm Chaplet Dr. Paul Spinel		State Free Throw & Knowledge Contest 10:00 am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity (Host: 9385) 12:00 pm			Fraternal Benefit Night 7:00 pm	3pm Chaplet Volunteer	State Convention 1:00 pm	State Convention 1:00 pm
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