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From The Grand Knight

Brothers:

For the third month in a row, (thanks to COVID-19), we will conduct a "Virtual" Meeting on June 24th in line with directives not only from Supreme and the Illinois State Office, but also directives that have come down from Governor Pritzger. Technology has certainly been a lifeline for councils all over the state and country, a way to check-in with brother Knights, to conduct business, and continue as best we can to practice the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Speaking of business, many thanks are extended to District Deputy Mike Enos, who officiated at the virtual election of officers at the May 27th meeting. Congratulations are extended to officers elected for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year: Grand Knight, Jerry Munley, Deputy Grand Knight, John Piotrowski; Chancellor, Dennis Bik; Recorder, Bill Yunker; Treasurer, Jim Schmidt; Advocate, Joe Testolin; Warden, John Zang; Inside Guard, Oscar Cervantes; Inside Guard, Pete Gavlin; Outside Guard, Daniel Herrera; Outside Guard, Craig Stillwell; 1-Year Trustee, George Rieber, Sr.; 2-Year Trustee, Ken Bastuga, and 3-Year Trustee, Clem Campbell.

Many thanks are also extended to Insurance Agent Joe Spada. At our May Meeting, Joe addressed the members with an update on insurance products that take on added importance in this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Addressing new members as well as current members interested in enhancing their insurance coverage, Joe covered a wide range of products, including Long Term Care Insurance. Joe indicated that this product was more important than ever since people were living longer. At the same time, the cost of living in a senior care center, or of receiving in-home senior care, was expensive, and getting more expensive every day! Joe stated that anticipating those costs and planning for them was the key, and he could help brother Knights navigate through that planning process. An added bonus of Joe's presentation was that by hosting our insurance agent in this way, the Council became eligible for the **Founder's Award**. This award testifies to the fact that our Council was committed to the financial protection of its members.

From The Grand Knight continued....

Good news! We are happy to report that our parishes have opened up (for the first time since mid-March!), with Masses offered at St. Scholastica and Christ the Servant on the weekend of June 13th and 14th. However, “slow but sure” seems to be the watchword. With each parish following a diocesan approved plan, those who attended Mass on the re-opening weekend discovered that access to the Church was very controlled. New features included: the need to make reservations ahead of times, the need to wear masks at all time, checking in as you entered the church, having your temperature taken, being escorted to your pew, maintaining social distance from other churchgoers, the absence of singing as well as song books, parishioners unable to take the Precious Blood at communion time (only the Host), and a controlled exit from the church. While there has been a lot to digest, I applaud those brother Knights who have volunteered to get this “new normal” church-going experience off the ground at each parish. And as the weeks go on, and the state is opened up even more, we will no doubt see a loosening of the current restrictions in ways that have yet to be determined. Stay tuned to announcements coming from our parishes, and keep praying that we all stay well, at least until the scientists find a vaccination for this terrible Coronavirus Pandemic.

July Council Activities include the following: A Virtual Planning Meeting for the upcoming fraternal year will be held for new officers on a date to be determined in July. Likewise, though new officers assume their positions effective July 1st, the Council would still need to host an Officer Installation Ceremony. Whether this will be a virtual ceremony or some kind of in-person hybrid (see plans for the Blanchette Assembly Officer Installation on June 27th) has yet to be determined. Stay tuned! Also, Tootsie Roll sales are tentatively scheduled to take place at the Darien Walmart on Friday and Saturday, July 10th and 11th, and at the Woodridge Walgreens Store on 75th Street on Friday and Saturday, July 31st and August 1st. *Volunteers are needed!* Please give your name to John Zang if you are able to help out. In addition, the Recitation of the Rosary will take place on Saturday morning, July 18th at the Abortion Center on 75th Street in Downers Grove. *It was great to see a good turnout at the recent Rosary on June 20th (Thank you Dave Anderson, Jim Dongarra, Jim Leifel, Ron Samoska, Mike Wagner, and John Zang. And to one of the “regulars, Dennis Bik, we missed you).*

Finally, I look forward to seeing you (Virtually) at our next council meeting, Wednesday, June 24th on the Go-to-Meeting platform hosted by brother Knight Joe Gajc. Rosary starts at 6:30pm, Business Meeting at 7:00pm. You should have received an email, sent on June 20th, announcing the online meeting and including the link which would allow you to join the meeting. *If you did not receive the email, then please contact the GK at mjmggm@aol.com.*

Vivat Jesus! Jerry Munley, Grand Knight

July Birthdays



Dr. Robert Bester 7/14	Tim Gontarz 7/17	Eric Wood 7/19
Richard Borel 7/26	Tom Hanyzewski 7/25	John Zang 7/22
Robb Chlopek 7/10	Mark Henderson 7/1	
Felix Corrales 7/29	Mike Hillebrand 7/6	
John Curran 7/2	Joe Janowiak 7/30	
James Dressel 7/3	Phil Kramer 7/2	
James Duffin 7/18	Deacon Tom Marciani 7/15	
Pete Gavlin 7/28	James Pomplun 7/14	



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Last month we mentioned about the circumstances we are experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, things are starting to look better with the ability to worship together on a limited basis and some restrictions being lifted.

But we have to keep on praying that we soon be able to live a normal life again.

Today we are experiencing unusual circumstances because of COVID-19 pandemic with the unprecedented suffering and threats to our physical well-being. It has required restrictions to our worship and active participation in our celebration of the Mass, public prayer, and our fraternal K of C gatherings.

However here maybe good that comes about from this. We begin to see family togetherness again and the ongoing of people helping each other.

Thanks to the multimedia we are able to at least watch Mass celebrations and long to be present and we can pray together.

Let us pray that this crisis ends soon and God give us the grace to endure these trials.

On Sunday on June 24th we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi which is the feast of the body and blood of Christ. Every time when a priest says Mass bread and wine became the body and blood of Christ. Without priests we would not have Eucharist.

Last Saturday 6 men were ordained to the priesthood:

Fr. Jose Cerna assigned to St. Raphael, Naperville

Fr. Andrew Buchanan assigned to St. Dominic, Bolingbrook

Fr. Ramon Sida assigned to St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

Fr. Peter Infanger assigned to St. Walter, Roselle

Fr. Michael Groth assigned to St. Peter & Paul, Naperville

Fr. James Guarascio assigned tp Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora

These six men who were ordained to the priesthood in June is a tradition in our diocese. They have been recipients of funds from the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Charities Vocations Fund supported by a raffle.

One of them also received assistance from our own Council 5918 vocations fund which comes from our participating in selling the raffle books.

We have received our share of raffle books and more information will be coming on distribution.

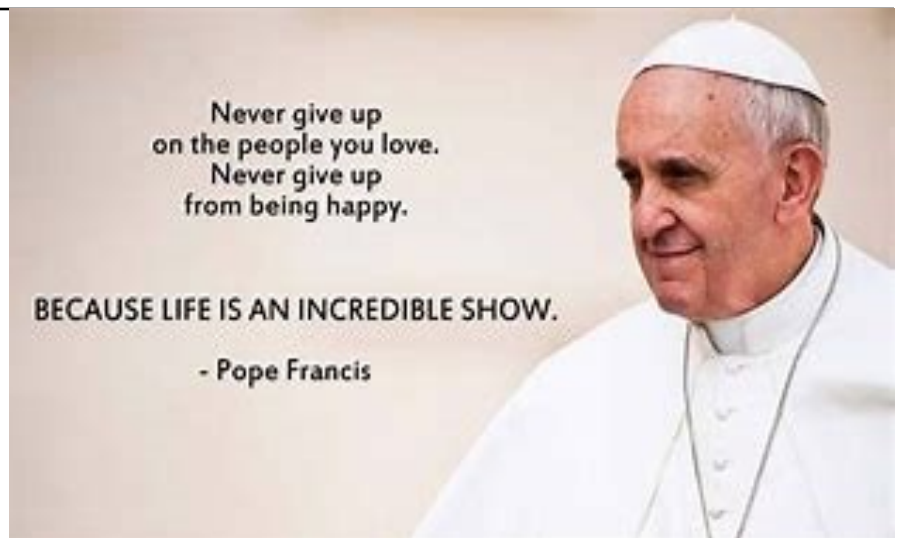
Let us pray for more vocations.

Vivat Jesus.

Deacon Tom



Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor amid pandemic: We are all responsible



“We cannot feel alright when any member of the human family is left behind and in the shadows,” Pope Francis said in his message

The Pope reminded believers worldwide that the Bible teaches us that “prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable.”

In these months, Francis said, “when the whole world was prey to a virus that brought pain and death, despair and bewilderment, how many outstretched hands have we seen!”

“Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world.”




COUNCIL 5918 CALENDAR

JUNE 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 1st Day of Summer Pray at Abortion clinic
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24 Council Rosary @ 6:30 Meeting @ 7:00	25	26	27
28	29	28	30			

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JULY 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Council Rosary @ 6:30 Meeting @ 7:00	23	24	25
26	27	28	30	31		