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From The Grand Knight

For the second month in a row (and perhaps for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19), we will conduct a "Virtual" Meeting on May 27th 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. In fact, the recent State Meeting was held online on Saturday, May 23rd. Called "A Saturday of Celebrations, Elections, Votes, Awards, and Prayer," it showed that a lot can be accomplished online with the right amount of commitment and planning. I must give a big "Salute" and "Well Done" to all those who planned the Virtual State Meeting.

Council 5918's May meeting is important for two reasons: Under "New Business," Worthy DD Mike Enos will conduct a "Virtual" Election of Officers for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year. In line with Council By-laws, a Slate of Officers was put forth at the April Virtual Meeting so that a vote could be done at the May Meeting.

Listed here is the proposed slate of officers (only elected positions are listed): 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; 3-Year Trustee, Clem Campbell. Though an official slate has been presented, members are reminded that nominations are open, and may be made on the night of the May Meeting. If a member is interested in serving the council as an officer, the member must ask a fellow Knight to place his name in nomination. Online balloting will follow according to instructions given by the District Deputy.

The other key agenda item for the May meeting involves Insurance Agent Joe Spada. At our May Meeting, Joe will address the members with an update on insurance products that take on added importance in this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic. An added bonus for the Council is that by hosting our insurance agent in this way, the Council becomes eligible to apply for the **Founder's Award**. This award testifies to the fact that our Council is committed to the financial protection of its members.

Usually at this time of the year, our council plays an important role in the Annual Memorial Day Silent Parade and Service in Woodridge, but not this year (Thanks to COVID-19). However, several brothers were invited by VFW Officer Bob Reichert to sing a verse of “Amazing Grace” at the Woodridge Memorial. Bob recorded the singing, and it was scheduled for showing during Memorial Day on the Woodridge Public Service Cable Station, Channel 6. Luckily, we have been provided a link to the Memorial Day Virtual Ceremony:

<https://youtu.be/pU2ILBX4v0c>

Something to keep an eye on: All of us are anxious for church services to resume. While virtual and TV services are helpful, there is no replacement for the real Mass, celebrated by our pastor, with the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in person, alongside fellow members of our parishes. There has been some talk in the media about reopening of churches. *In this regard*, I would highly recommend that brother Knights go to the Diocese of Joliet Web Page www.dioceseofjoliet.org and look at posted material under the title “Parishes of the Diocese of Joliet Phased Re-opening” dated May 13th. While there is a lot there to consider, I would like to suggest that there may be a very good chance that our pastors will be leaning on the Council to supply manpower and brainpower to get this plan “off the ground.” Stay Tuned!

Two final thoughts: We extend a big “Welcome” and “Congratulations” to brother Knight Frank Scriven, who completed the Exemplification Webinar on May 7. Frank is now a fully certified 3rd Degree Knight, and we know he will be a valuable addition to the Council.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you (Virtually) at our next council meeting, Wednesday, May 27th, 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 May 22nd announcing the online meeting and giving you the link which would allow you to join the meeting. *If you did not receive the email*, which was sent with the “Slate of Officers” attachment, then please contact the GK at mjmggm@aol.com.

Vivat Jesus! Jerry Munley: *Grand Knight*

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Dave Armstrong 6/20

Ken Bastuga 6/10

Kevin Callery 6/27

Giovan Cullotta 6/5

Jim Dongarra 6/16

Ray Greco 6/11

Dave Jandris 6/19

John Neary 6/6

Rory Puzon 6/21

John Walsh 6/9

John Wiehn 6/9



chaplain's *From Deacon Tom Fricke*

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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 but we can pray together.

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

Sunday May 31st is the feast of Pentecost which is the birthday of the Church. We celebrate the time when the Holy Spirit is sent to the Apostles and the people to continue on their mission to build the Church.

Soon six men will be ordained to the priesthood in June which 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. Two of these men also received assistance from our own Council 5918 vocations fund which comes from our participating in selling the raffle books.

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

Let us pray for more vocations.

Prayer of Vocations

St. Pope John Paul II

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound:

Come, follow me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, deacons and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness.

Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say YES to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen. Vivat Jesus! Deacon Tom Fricke

Pope Francis is proposing two new prayers "to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which can be recited at the end of the rosary," according to Vatican News.



FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the
cross, were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",

you know our needs, and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells
us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy
of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and
our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught
and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those
who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be
close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the econ-
omy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that
hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the
victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking
their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gos-
pel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solu-
tions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the
basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will in-
stead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so
that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us
strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-
powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O
Sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.

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
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24 Council Rosary @ 6:30 Meeting @ 7:00	25	26	27
28	29	28	30			



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