Faith: How Does It Affected Our Lives

Faith, what it is? Any dictionary will give an answer. While a description of faith gives a person an idea of what faith is, the more important question is - how does faith affect our lives? As with everything in life the answer will vary from person to person. For me faith eases my fears, worries and concerns.

I have always connected with my Catholic religion and even thought about entering the seminary and becoming a priest while I was still a teenager. I always believed and always had faith, but a defining moment actually helped me to understand what faith truly is. In 1984 when I was 25, I had a serious motorcycle accident, an accident in which the ambulance crew “lost” me once on the trip to the hospital. I was “lost” once more while in ER and while some would naturally think that these events made me believe, that was not the case, as I always believed. It was the words of a nurse that made me fully understand my faith, how I always had it and how it would always affect my life.

Once I woke up in the ICU/Trauma ward and became somewhat stable, it was time to get up and walk. The nurse and my parents were in the room and it was a struggle to get me up. I was able to stand next to the bed but that was all I could do. The nurse got me back into bed and quietly ushered the others out of the room advising everyone that I needed rest as I had been pushed to my limits for that day. The nurse then closed all the curtains so no one could see into the room. Once everyone was gone and I was laying in bed feeling extremely confused and lost, the nurse came to my side and advised “I’m here to help with everything I can but you need to be honest with me so I can help, do you remember how to walk?” I just looked at her confused as at that time I was not sure what “walk” was. She said she was going to get help and they would get me up again and all I needed to do was put one foot in front of the other, again I looked at her confused. She reached down and touched my feet and explained to me what a foot was. She had two male nurses come to the room and they got me up and she said the words I will never forget and have defined how I view my faith – “just put one foot in front of the other and move forward and trust in God to make everything better as faith in Him will make everything better and ease your fears and concerns.”

That accident required me to learn how to walk again, deal with blackouts that resulted in complete loss of time and overcome a speech impediment. In the years following I have survived cancer, life on a machine (dialysis), have been blessed with a life giving kidney transplant and have had numerous other health issues along with other life changing events that have affected my family. During all of these events my worries, concerns and fears were eased by my faith in God because of those words from a wise nurse, “just put one foot in front of the other and move forward and trust in God to make everything better as faith in Him will make everything better and ease your fears and concerns.”

Faith – how has it affected your life, think and reflect upon your life experiences, did faith guide you along the way?

Gary D Trujillo, Deputy Grand Knight

“When you pray, you only have to ask for two things: You should ask for the light to see the will of God, and you have to ask for the courage to be able to do the will of God.” — Venerable Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe recently changed policy regarding the abuse awareness training for the protection of children. First, **ALL volunteers** **MUST** complete the training, whether you are in a Mass ministry or volunteer in any capacity in any parish. Second, the training must be renewed every **FIVE** years. The training can now be completed either at a class or individually **ONLINE**. And, it is completely **FREE**! For details, please pick up a copy of the flyer from the table in the St Charles Borromeo lobby, or visit the Archdiocese of Santa Fe’s website @ [http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org/](http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org/)

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**September 13 – Kevin E Georges**  
**October 26 – Dn Emmanuel S Olona**  
**October 30 – John Kimani**

**On behalf of your Council’s Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday!**

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**New Fourth Degree Uniform**

In August, the Knights of Columbus board of directors unanimously voted to adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree. The decision was made with the good of the entire Order in mind. While we understand that some members may prefer the old regalia, the supreme master and vice supreme masters urge all Fourth Degree members to put the good of the Order before any personal preference.

The board decided to make this move based on the following factors:

- The aging of our Fourth Degree membership
- The slow growth of the Fourth Degree (fewer than 20 percent of Knights are Fourth Degree members, and only a fraction of that number even serve as honor guards)
- Consistent reports that the old regalia presented a barrier to Fourth Degree membership, especially among younger men

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**2nd & 3rd DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION AT ST CHARLES BORROMEO**

On Saturday, August 19, 2017, St Charles Borromeo Council 10570 hosted a dual Degree Exemplification which was well attended. A total of eighteen (18) Councils from around the State were represented. Forty-two (42) candidates were successful in attaining the Formation (2nd) Degree. Forty-four (44) candidates achieved the Knighthood (3rd) Degree.

*Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.*

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**Fraternal Leader Training Webinars**

Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as we discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members and build a stronger council. All Knights of Columbus members are welcome to join us! Not available for the live presentation? Register anyway! We record and archive each webinar so that fraternal leaders can participate at a time and place convenient to them!

**UPCOMING WEBINARS:** Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 at 8 pm EDT - “Building Mission in Your Council”


Enlivening the vision of Fr. McGivney today - how can we stay true to our mission of caring for the most needy? Charity is our Order’s first principle and our charitable outreach is a good gauge of council success. How to plan your council’s charitable programming. Remember that working together with a focus on Charity will help you build a stronger council - Charity engages and attracts!
COUNCIL KNIGHTS IN ACTION:

During July Brother Knights performed the following volunteer activities:

- Five (5) Brothers served as Eucharistic Ministers at 5 different masses
- Three (3) Brothers served as Ushers at 4 different masses
- One (1) Brother created four (4) Children’s Church Lesson Plans for use at various masses
- Seven (7) Brothers cooked, setup, sold and cleaned up at Breakfast Burrito fundraiser held on Sunday the 13th

UPCOMING EVENTS: Council events & other items of interest

- September 10: Council 10570 - Breakfast Burritos fundraiser, Council Rosary, Council Communion Mass @ 11 am Mass
- September 11: Council Business Meeting @7 pm
- September 17: 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification at St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Rio Rancho, 11am - conclusion
- September 22: 34th Annual Archbishop’s School Fund Raiser @ Sandia Resort & Casino
- September 29, 30 & Oct 1: Fiesta – St Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish & School, The Shrine of the Little Flower
- September 30: Feed the Hungry Day @ Holy Family Parish, 10am - 5:30pm
- October 1: Council 10570 Installation of Officers @ 11 am Mass
- October 8: Council 10570 - Breakfast Burritos fundraiser, Council Rosary, Council Communion Mass @ 11 am Mass
- October 9: Council Business Meeting @7 pm
- October 13 – 15: Marriage Enrichment Weekend @ Queen of Heaven Parish
- October 16: Serra Club’s 2017 Golfing with a Padre Tournament @ The Canyon Club in Four Hills.

Please note that this is just a partial list of known events, if you know of any other event please do not hesitate to advise the Deputy Grand Knight, so the event can be listed here. (Council 10570 events are listed in bold text above.)

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit anything of interest (articles, anniversaries, events, obituaries, service projects, etc) to the Deputy Grand Knight (rdo1381@aol.com) by the 5th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter.

The WEBSITE for Council 10570 has been REACTIVATED! See the site at: http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=10570

The site has a very useful function that we strongly encourage all Brothers to use: “Post Your Volunteer Hours and Visits”. This feature allows all Brother to report all volunteer hours on-line and eliminates the need to submit paper reports. To access this function, you must log into the MEMBERS ONLY portion of the website. The site also shows the council calendar which lists all current and future meeting and events.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.
MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD
MICHAEL McGIVNEY
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congratulations!!! to our State Deputy
Patrick Mason, he has been Elected to the
Knights of Columbus Board of Directors

Patrick T. Mason, New Mexico State Deputy, was elected to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors at the 135th Supreme Convention.

With his term starting immediately, Mason becomes the youngest member of the board, at age 36. A member of Fray Marcos de Niza Council 1783 in Gallup, he is serving his second year as New Mexico state deputy. A partner in a law firm, he has represented the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Missionaries of Charity and the Navajo Nation. He and his wife, Rachel, have three children under the age of 5.

"Just as in one man there is one soul and one body, yet many members; even so the Catholic Church is one body, having many members. The soul that quickens this body is the Holy Spirit; and therefore in the Creed after confessing our belief in the Holy Spirit, we are bid to believe in the Holy Catholic Church."
Knights to the Rescue

Knights are working to provide food, shelter and other immediate relief to Hurricane Harvey victims. Since Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of Texas on August 25, local Knights have been at the forefront or bringing assistance to victims of the disaster, especially those displaced by destructive winds and flooding.

Some of the extraordinary work councils there have been doing since Saturday when the storm hit include:

Richmond (Texas) Council 7445 set up to assist displaced people at their local parish by providing meals and drinking water until they were flooded out of the facility.


Father Roach Council 3217 in Dickinson used boats to help stranded individuals evacuate their homes and also helped evacuate a priest from Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson.

Father Nemec Council 3793 in Wallis has been providing meals and shelter to storm victims.

Rev. Arthur N. Kaler Council 8142 in Carrizo Springs provided meals to 300 families.

Father James Charles Erving Council 2543 in Eagle Pass, Sacred Heart Council 13941 in Cotulla, Rev. Jose A. Prieto Council 8368 in Crystal City, and Antonio Martinez Council 8312 in Asherton are all providing meals to those displaced by the flooding.

Holy Family Council 7728 in Missouri City helped unload trucks of donated clothing and assisted senior citizens off buses at a parish in Sugar Land.

Members of St. Basil Council 4204 in Sugar Land served meals to 100 evacuees from the area at St. Theresa Parish.

Ingleside Council 11570 opened its facilities to house first responders. Emergency personnel camped at the council hall and utilized its bathrooms and kitchen, and utility crews used the parking lot as a staging area for their trucks and equipment. The council also fed about 1,000 people, including the first responders, Knights and their families, and other people involved in helping with the cleanup.

The New York State Council held a drive throughout the jurisdiction to collect money for the disaster victims in parish.

San Juan Diego Primero Council 13563 in Lakeland (Florida) held a drive with other area councils to collect items for infants and toddlers (such as clothing, diapers, baby bottles, etc.).

The Raton, NM Knights of Columbus Council 1331 parked a trailer all day in the Super Save parking lot on Tuesday, August 29, collecting any non-perishable food items, such as shelf-life products, water, diapers and other necessities to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

These are just some of the many good works being done by Knights in response to the disaster in Texas. You can help these relief efforts. Please donate today @ https://www.kofc.org/un/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.

For Donations by Check
Make Checks Payable To: "Knights of Columbus Charities"
Kindly specify "United Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check.
For Donations by Check in USD:
Send To:
Knights of Columbus Charities
One Columbus Plaza
PO Box 1966
New Haven, CT 06509-1966
All the good works we do are guided by our four core principles:

CHARITY:
Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

UNITY:
None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn’t mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

FRATERNITY:
Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 73.5 million service hours in 2015, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

PATRIOTISM:
Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

New Mexico Selected for Pilot eMembership Initiative

The eMembership initiative is now live in New Mexico! We are proud to be a test jurisdiction for this exciting new program, and I encourage all of you to begin using this initiative within your districts and councils. This is a new way to bring our fellow Catholics into the order, and will help us in our greatly in our efforts to Build the Domestic Church, while Strengthening Our Parishes. Councils and members may now invite eligible Catholic men to join the Order online, by instructing them to visit KofC.org/JoinUs.

As a reminder, this is a pilot program currently only available in Alberta, Maryland and New Mexico. The goal of this initiative is to introduce men to our Order in a way that will strengthen and benefit all councils and members, and to recruit young men who will be the future of our Order.

During this pilot program, our Order and its prospective members will have:

· A Faster Way to Join – One of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is “I don’t have time.” Through eMembership, a join process that can take many weeks or even months will now take a few minutes. State membership teams and councils will then be able to quickly transition interested men into council membership.

· An Amplified Message –The Supreme Council will be heavily invested in advertising membership in these pilot jurisdictions. The eMembership initiative will be backed by a substantial, digital and data-driven marketing campaign that will find and work to convert prospective members.

· An Expanded Membership Market – Our councils and our parishes are always strengthened by an expanded and informed Knights of Columbus membership base. This initiative will help many men who have delayed their membership to say “Yes” sooner, for the benefit of themselves, their families and our Church. The eMembership initiative does not change requirements for membership, nor does it change the primacy of degrees and of council life, but it does provide a new membership opportunity that is tailored to younger or busier men who say that they are not ready for council-based membership.

We are excited to begin this initiative, and to begin it with you. Thank you for your partnership and for your leadership in your councils and districts. We look forward to welcoming more Catholic men into our brotherhood and helping them to experience the transformative power of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

~Brother Patrick Mason, State Deputy~