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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

For Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." ~ John 11:25

Is believing in Christ just saying a few words? Is it some mysterious spiritual-sounding concept? Or is it a rock-solid foundation for your life now—and forever?

The ultimate fulfillment of our life is union with God. We are made in God's image, and we are made for union with Him. The journey towards union with God is the process of our own spiritual development. God begin our journey through our birth and invites us on the journey, and then accompanies us along the way. He is always there and provides us with everything we need to keep going. Jesus is the way. Through Him, and in Him we can attain our ultimate fulfillment of union with GOD.

The core beliefs of the Catholic faith are found in the Nicene Creed. Yes, as Catholics we can recite the Creed, but have you taken time lately to read the Creed and truly reflect on the meaning of the Creed?

I'm pleased to advise that on April 16th, the Council was able to donate several items such as: baby diapers, baby food/formula, baby clothing, blankets, wipes, toiletries and cleaning supplies. The Council partnered with Project Defending Life to donate the items to pregnant women and their children during the crisis at the border who are being care for at the San Juan Apostol Shelter for Migrant women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Our first Council sponsored Blood Drive held on Sunday, April 25th, 2021, was a success. Fifteen (15) donors were able to donate, and Vitalant Blood Donation Services collected eighteen (18) units of precious blood. Thank you to all the donors that participated, our next Blood Drive will Be Sunday, August 15, 2021.

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus." — St. Rose of Lima

Your humble servant & brother in Christ,
SK Gary D Trujillo, Grand Knight

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

It is always good to consider the faith of Mary. At the Visitation, Elizabeth said to Mary: *Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.* When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed *blessed*, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

Grand Knight



MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

May 4 – Fr. Vincent P Dominguez

May 8 – Michael R Arias

May 20 – Dr Gene T Olona

May 22 – Thomas Pino

June 3 – Richard P Marino

June 22 – Eugene R Ornelas

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

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COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

April 2021 Knight of the Month: Albert P Muniz

April 2021 Family of the Month: Dale Welch Family

*May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you and be
gracious to you.
May the LORD show you His favor and
give you His peace.*



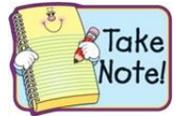
Upcoming Events: *Note – Limited due to Public Health Order*

May 8 – FAMILY: The Church in Miniature - Parent Retreat

May 15 – 4th Degree Exemplification @ St. Jude Thaddeus, Albuquerque

May 19 – Officers Planning Meeting

May 26 – Council Business Meeting – **FY2021 – 2022 Officer Elections**



If you learn to trust Me—really trust Me— with your whole being, then nothing can separate you from My Peace. Everything you endure can be put to good use by allowing it to train you in trusting Me. This is how you foil the works of evil, growing in grace through the very adversity that was meant to harm you. Joseph was a prime example of this divine reversal, declaring to his brothers: “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.”

Do not fear what this day, or any day, may bring your way. Concentrate on trusting Me and on doing what needs to be done/ Relax in My sovereignty, remembering that I go before you, as well as with you into each day. Fear no Evil, for I can bring good out of every situation you will ever encounter.

Columbus Set Sail For Him

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; those see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. ~ Psalm 107:23-24

The following are the musings of a strong devout man and his efforts to find a shortcut to the Indies:

At a very young age I began to sail upon the ocean. I prayed to the most merciful Lord about my heart's great desire, and He gave me the spirit and the intelligence for the task.

It was the Lord who put into my mind the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me.

But no one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His Holy service... Oh what a gracious Lord... Day and night, moment by moment, everyone should express to Him their devoted gratitude. ~ Christopher Columbus, *Book of Prophecies*

Because Columbus was a devout Catholic, and a great explorer of the Americas, Father McGivney chose to name our Order after him. In recent years, the legacy of Columbus has come under increasing fire. How can we as Knights of Columbus restore his rightful place in history?

Pray that we may follow God's call as Columbus did, so that spiritual success and guidance shall be ours. Pray that we may never doubt the power of God and so take things into our own hands. As a Knight, have you taken the time to study the legacy and real story of Columbus, so that you can educate others and defend the namesake of our Order.

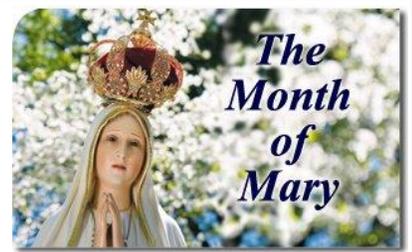
If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and receive their land. ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

Every important event in Jesus' life found Him in prayer: Jesus prayed at His baptism (Luke 3:21). He prayed at the start of His ministry (Mark 1:35). He prayed before picking the twelve (Luke 6:12). He prayed before asking His disciples “Who do you think I am?” (Luke 9:18). He prayed before going to Jerusalem (Luke 9:29). He prayed in the Garden (Luke 22:41). He prayed on the cross (Luke 23:34). He prayed before teaching His disciples how to pray (Luke 11:1).

What role does prayer play in the important events in our lives?



MONTH OF OUR LADY



In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

MONTHLY CHALLENGE FROM THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN

An exciting initiative called "Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain." Check out this month's challenge below. A new challenge for each month will be shared on the Knights of Columbus social media pages, as well as in *Knightline and Columbia* magazines. It is also available in multiple languages at www.kofc.org.

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ... This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Gospel for May 9, Jn 15:9-10, 12-13)

REFLECTION

Christ tells us we will remain in his love if we keep his commandments. Saying you love someone can be easy, but it is really our deeds that reveal our love — or lack of it. Christ showed us how to love by his example and by sacrificing his very life for us. To love as Christ commands us to love demands action. The Letter of James says, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (1:22). May each of us commit to keeping the commandments and offering our very selves in service and sacrifice for others.

APRIL CHALLENGE

This month, I challenge you to meditate on the meaning of the Ten Commandments in your life by picking one on 10 different days and praying about it for at least 10 minutes. Second, during this month devoted to our Blessed Mother, I challenge you to assist your council in implementing the Faith in Action Rosary program — showing your love of Christ by showing your love of Mary.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Are you willing to proclaim to others that you love Christ? Does your life show this love by your obedience to Christ and the teachings of the Church, or are there areas of your life where you seem not to heed the Gospel? Are there times when you find it hard to love as Christ commands, and if so, how can you seek to grow in love?

Engage in the challenge and put your faith into action today! *Vivat Jesus!*

40 Cans For Lent

During Lent the Knights were able to collect 1,360 pounds of non-perishable food that was donated to Catholic Charities. The Knights would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the event to assist others in need,





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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and the break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows.

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please, please be careful! I'm reminded of two acquaintances who were up on ladders in the spring. In both cases, the ladder slipped, and each gentleman sustained two broken arms! Out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35 year old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years....if he never gets another raise! So you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something simple like the gents above...a set of broken arms. But one of my members laid his motorcycle down on his leg...off from work for two years! That's a lot of house payments to miss. Luckily, his disability income policy came to the rescue. It can happen to any one of us.

And disability does not discriminate; man or woman; Black, white, Hispanic or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had a number of notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Let me suggest you put your mind and your family's mind at ease. Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, I'm here to help you plan for the unexpected. Let's make sure that if you or your spouse are sick or hurt and can't work, that your family can stay in the home you've provided, pay the utilities, buy groceries...make sure the basics are covered.

Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Viivat Jesus!

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Arguing With Children Can Be Risky

In a grade school lesson, a teacher was explaining a little bit about whales. A little girl in class piped up and said: "I just learned that Jonah in the bible was swallowed by a whale." The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was relatively small. The girl said: "I am sure Jonah was swallowed by a whale."

The teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; that it was physically impossible. The little girl replied: "My Sunday school teacher told me Jonah was swallowed and she would not lie to me." A bit perturbed by this, the teacher proclaimed: "That is a "story" from the bible, it is not factual, and I will not argue with you."

After a little thought, the girl responded: "Well, when I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah". Now challenged, the teacher spouted: "What if Jonah didn't go to heaven?" Not at all daunted, the girl quipped, " ok then you ask him." - - "Out of the mouth of babes

"It is not lengthy prayers, but generous deeds that touch God's heart." — St. Arnold Janssen