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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Peace be with you, it's November a month of church and national events – such as: the obvious answer is, Thanksgiving; food, family time, food, football, food, free time and maybe some beverages. But I submit, it is so much more. All Saints', honoring the "holy ones" who led lives in union with God through the grace of Christ and received the reward of eternal life. All Souls', remembering the dead; the soul does not die with the body, from which it is separated by death, and with which it will be reunited in the final resurrection. Election Day, when we freely choose those who will govern us. St. Charles Borromeo's feast day is celebrated on November 4. During this time we should remember and emulate St. Charles Borromeo's heroic behavior during the plague of 1576–78 which won him much respect, and he gave away much of his wealth to feed the hungry and care for the sick in Milan. Veterans' Day, a time to honor all those military personnel who are or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day is an official United States public holiday observed annually on November 11, honoring all military veterans, that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. Remember to Thank a Veteran and active-duty military personnel for there sacrifices for our freedoms.

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. Traditionally, this holiday celebrates the giving of thanks for the autumn harvest. The custom of giving thanks for the annual harvest is one of the world's oldest celebrations and can be traced back to the dawn of civilization. Some history books will tell you that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the pilgrims in 1621. However, the first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered. Be sure to give thanks for all of God's blessings.

As we get closer to the Advent and Christmas season, it is time to reflect, spend time with family, and most importantly focus on our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your humble servant & brother in Christ,

Gary D Trujillo, Grand Knight

Grand Knight



"The life of faith is nothing less than the continued pursuit of God through all that disguises, disfigures, destroys and, so to say, annihilates Him. It is in very truth a reproduction of the life of Mary who, from the Stable to the Cross, remained unalterably united to that God whom all the world misunderstood, abandoned, and persecuted. In like manner faithful souls endure a constant succession of trials. God hides beneath veils of darkness and illusive appearances which make His will difficult to recognize; but in spite of every obstacle these souls follow Him and love Him even to the death of the Cross." Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2 – Hau (Tommy) N Nguyen
November 5 – Ernest C Seiger
November 21 - George J Marguez !!!
December 19 - Jacque Zamora
December 22 – Gary D Trujillo
December 24 – Jason H Rodarte

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

4 PRINCIPLES 4 REASONS

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM



St. Charles Borromeo (1538 – 1584)



St. Charles Borromeo was born into an ancient and wealthy family in Lombardy, Italy. When his uncle became Pope Pius IV, Charles was brought to Rome to take over several important assignments connected with the Vatican. He was ordained to Holy Orders at the age of 25 and was later made Archbishop of Milan, a position of high influence in the Church, and Cardinal. He initiated large-scale reform of his enormous and dilapidated diocese, which had not seen a resident bishop in 80 years. Clergy were ignorant and disobedient, religious were negligent and scandalous, and the laity had drifted from Church teaching. He rectified abuses and maintained the integrity of the Church's internal structure, all for which he encountered strong opposition and threats against his life. He also established hospitals, seminaries, orphanages, and the first Sunday School classes. He was a key player in the Council of Trent and kept it going when it was in danger of breaking up. He was a prominent defender of Church teaching in the Counter-Reformation and helped produce an official catechism. His counsel was widely sought, especially by the Catholic kings and queens of Europe and the popes under whom he served, and his virtue was evident to all. Throughout his life he held his rank and authority with humility, living austere and constantly striving for sanctity. When plague and famine hit Milan in 1576, Charles stayed in the city to care for those in need and borrowed large sums of money to feed tens of thousands of people each day. Exhausted from his reforming labors, he died at the age of 46. St. Charles Borromeo is the patron of catechists, catechumens, seminarians, spiritual directors, and bishops. His feast day is November 4th.



COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

October 2020 Knight of the Month: Michael R Arias
October 2020 Family of the Month: David Bui 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.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends and reflect on the blessings of the last year. Many of us experience renewed hope and faith during the Thanksgiving holiday because we turn our eyes onto what is most important. What if we spent time each day in giving thanks and prayer? How could God grow our faith and trust if we lived a life of thanks through all seasons and not just Thanksgiving time? When your heart is filled with gratitude, there is little room to worry or complain.

"God, sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. I'm going to start by thanking you for loving me enough to come to earth and die so we can live together forever. Amen."



I am Christ in you, the hope of Glory. The One who walks beside you, holding you by your hand, is the One who lives within you. This is a deep unfathomable mystery. You and I are intertwined in an intimacy involving every fiber of your being. The Light of My Presence shines within you, as well as upon you. I am in you, and you are in Me; therefore nothing in heaven or earth can separate you from Me!

Upcoming Events: Note – Limited due to Public Health Order

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day | Nov. 2 – All Souls Day | Nov. 3 – General Election
Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo's Feast Day | Nov. 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov. 22 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Council Business Meeting: Monday, Nov. 23th @7pm – Via Zoom (date changed due to Thanksgiving)
Nov. 29 – 1st Day of Advent



MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to praying in a special way for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Holy Souls (also called the Faithful Departed) are members of the Church who await the purification of their souls before joining the saints in heaven for all eternity. Specifically, they are called the Church Suffering (the saints in heaven are the Church Triumphant, and the saints on earth are the Church Militant). The poor souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves or do anything to hasten their entrance into heaven, but we can pray for them as an act of charity. The feast of the Holy Souls is November 2nd.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Gospel for Nov. 22, Mt 25:40)

REFLECTION

St. Teresa of Calcutta observed that in the poor we can see Christ in a distressing disguise. Quite frankly, it can be difficult to see Christ in some of those who suffer. But we, by virtue of our baptism, are Christians on a mission: We are called not to ignore those who suffer, but to attend to their physical and spiritual needs. May we, my brother Knights, strive to recognize the face of Christ — however obscured it may seem — in the faces of the poor and suffering around us and respond to them with Christ’s love and compassion.

NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

This month, I challenge you to find a way to directly serve the poor, the sick, the needy or the imprisoned in some way, such as by serving in a soup kitchen. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Food for Families program so as to help feed the hungry in your midst.

QUESTIONS FO REFLECTION:

Why is it so difficult at times to see Christ in every human person? What obstacles exist in your life that prevent you from being more aware and attentive to the serious needs of others? How can serving others help you see Christ in them?

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

“Christ Himself is our mouth through which we speak to the Father, our eye through which we see the Father, our right hand through which we offer to the Father. Without His intercession neither we nor all the saints have anything with God.” ~ St. Ambrose

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VIRTUS[®] Online ABUSE AWARENESS INFORMATION

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.archdiocesasantafe.org/> **Please note: since Knights volunteer at church activities, all Knights are required to be in compliance with the Abuse Awareness Training. Once you have completed the training, please provide a copy of your training certificate to the Council Advocate.**

Why Encourage Membership in Knights? It’s an Opportunity to Grow in Jesus Christ



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Brother Knights,

“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared “Venerable” indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. It is currently scheduled for October 31. This will be a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary’s he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It’s been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. We are open for business, able and prepared to meet with you on your terms. Online or socially distanced – I am here for you.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do! Vivat Jesus!

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

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