



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**April 2020**

## **Grand Knight Comments**

Brother Knights,

We continued the month of April under the pandemic emergency guidelines and restrictions. Even though this current condition may seem difficult to function as a council, we were still able to gather electronically for our Officers and our General Business meeting leveraging technology tools with virtual meetings. Members had the option to just dial in with a phone number or they could link-in via the internet and join with an audio and video connection. We will continue the virtual meeting format for May. Thank you to all that attended the meetings to remain connected to the council and continue to participate in our livelihood.

During our General meeting we committed to support our front-line workers with donations to feed the staff at a local hospital by providing up to \$200 in meals. We also voted to provide an additional \$500 to our medical community with hand sanitizer. We can still make a difference in this time of uncertainty without physically being out in the community. Also, during the meeting, the officer nominations for the new fraternal year were read and many accepted the position nominated. We will continue with nominations and complete the election process during the May meeting. For any position where we have multiple candidates accepting a nomination, voting will be conducted at the meeting.

Over the past couple of months our Deputy Grand Knight Ed Patrick has been working very hard at getting our member records updated. He has reached out to every member to verify that the information we have on record is correct, if not, made the edits where necessary and worked with our Financial Secretary Mike Riley to process the updates with Supreme. There were only a few brothers that did not respond. Thanks to both men and to each of you for cooperating in this effort to strengthen our communication channels for keeping you informed.

We closed out the month on a sad note with the passing of Honorary Life member Bernie Schwartz at age 92 on April 25th. He joined the Knights nearly 65 years ago. We thank him for his service to the Knights and our military. Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

*Stay safe and healthy. Looking forward we when we can gather again in the same location.*

Vivat Jesus!

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## **Awards and Recognitions**

Once we resume physical meetings, the appropriate recognition will take place at our next meeting.

## **New Member**

With the eMember technology available, Matthew Kubit was able to join the Knights of Columbus as a new member. We will formally welcome him into the council once we can host an Exemplification in person at St. Thomas a'Becket. Please welcome Matthew to the Knights.

## **Advancing Members**

Thanks to the online Exemplifications provided by Supreme during this Stay Home period, three of our First-Degree members took advantage of the opportunity to advance from a First-Degree Knight to Full Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree). The online ceremony takes about 30 minutes to complete in the comfort of your own home. Supreme has additional Exemplifications offered in May. Please join me in congratulating the following new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members of our council:

Michael Manini          Dominic Paulraj          Thomas Rhein

## **Corporate Communion**

Our final Corporate Communion mass for the fraternal year is cancelled due to the Stay Home order. We will resume after the beginning of the new fraternal starts.

## **Red Cross Drive**

As tradition has it, the annual St. Thomas a'Becket sponsored blood drive with the American Red Cross was permitted under the pandemic guidelines. Special thanks to Danny Perkovich and Mike Goodhart for working the event held at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth this year due to the social distancing requirements. Also, thanks to all those that donated!

## **Baby Bottle Drive**

At this point, everyone that took a Baby Bottle to participate in the parish's annual Lenten Alms Giving program have been asked to hold onto the bottles. Once services resume and a return date is established, instructions will be communicated by the parish.

## **Upcoming Council Birthdays**

Here are our council member's birthday for the next month so you can wish your brothers a special "Happy Birthday" if you like! The following are the **May** council birthdays:

Enio E. Pala (5-1), Peter G. Goode, (5-5), Richard D. St Peter (5-5), Mark J. Stasa (5-7), Richard F. St Peter (5-10), Benjamin A. Zimnicki (5-10), David H. Frye (5-12), Dennis G. Lauer (5-17), Jamie H. Bernacik (5-18), Thomas J. Albus (5-21), Dominic A. Paulraj (5-23), Duke Hynek (5-25), Finnian N. Opara (5-25), Daniel J. Mack (5-26), Roger J Barrette (5-28).

### **In Memoriam**

We honor our council brothers who have preceded us in death by remembering the date that they went back home to the Lord. We recognize them on our council memorial tower as well. For the month of **May**, please remember all our brothers:

**James Minton (5-5-2008)**

**Alfredo Fernandes (5-7-2016)**

**Floyd I. Ertman (5-21-2017)**

**Steven S. Titus (5-26-2017)**

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

### **Let us pray**

Please remember all council brothers and family members sick or in distress in your prayers.

**Council clothing** - Need some new council "threads"? Contact [Mike Goodhart](mailto:Mike.Goodhart@mikofc.org) ([md8284@mikofc.org](mailto:md8284@mikofc.org)) to place your orders or for any questions.

**Council website update** - Are you checking our council website regularly? If not, you are missing out on the latest news and information from the Knights of Columbus and your council. Find us at [www.kofc8284.org](http://www.kofc8284.org) . Also check out our **Facebook** page from time to time for updates. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and get updates automatically on your timeline!

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## Upcoming calendar dates:

<p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>1<sup>st</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am (if mass has resumed)</del></li> <li>• <del>3<sup>rd</sup> - Corporate Communion 10 am (if mass has resumed)</del></li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm (virtual)</li> <li>• <del>20<sup>th</sup> - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm</del></li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm (virtual)</li> <li>• <del>10<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast</del></li> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> - Game night</li> </ul>	<p><u>June</u> (All dates tentative, subject to cancellation due to the Coronavirus)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am (if mass has resumed)</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm (virtual if unable to gather)</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm (virtual if unable to gather)</li> </ul>
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