



Knights of Columbus
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Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

As we close out the 2019-2020 fraternal year, I would like to thank all of you for your support and patient throughout the year and especially for your understanding as this year ended under very unusual circumstances. Fortunately for our council we were able to complete all our objectives before the stay at home order went into place. As a matter of fact, we may be in the running for a few acknowledgements this year. Hopefully we will receive more information in July. A special thank you to all the Officers and Directors that served our council over the past year. I am excited to start a next year with a full complement of council leadership!

The Officers and Directors were able to hold an in-person meeting this month. For those unable to attend, we also provided a dial-in option to help us continue with the council business. The monthly general business meeting was still held virtually. Going forward in July, we are shifting to a hybrid general meeting format. Meaning, we will meet in person and provide a dial-in number for brothers unable to attend. Since we are unable to meet in the church currently, our brothers to the north, are sharing their space at Renaud Council. We will meet in the Renaud Council building for July and August. We are grateful for their hospitality! Of course, current distancing and COVID guidelines will be followed.

Change seems to remain constant. I attended a leadership meeting last week where a number of changes were announced from Supreme that are coming in the new fraternal year. I will be discussing the changes with the Officers and Directors and cascade the information out to the council as details and final decisions are communicated to me.

We closed out the month on a sad note with the passing of Honorary Life member Bob McGovern at age 93 on June 20th. He joined the Knights nearly 68 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Guastella
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Awards and Recognitions

Currently, we are scheduled to hold our next general meeting in person with a phone dial-in option. The plan is to present several awards and provide the appropriate recognition to all deserving brothers.

2020 Golf League

Finally, the golf courses were able to open this year. Our council league got under way June 15th with the return of Monday golf on a picture-perfect weather day. Again, we have a full complement of 30 golfers. Thanks to Mike Goodhart and Tim Magers for running the point on this year's shortened season. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the season will only run 10 weeks. The fundraising is also off to a great start that typically will be designated to a charity at the end of the season.

Baby Bottle Drive

With the church building re-opening in May for mass, we were able to arrange for a baby bottle drop off cart to be placed in the gathering space. An article continues to run in the Chancellor and the eBlast to communicate the return instructions for parishioners. The cart will remain in the gathering space during the daily and weekend masses for a few weeks to help gather the outstanding baby bottles. If people are unable to drop them off at church or not yet attending mass, they can contact the council and we will arrange to pick them up. They continue to return at a slow rate. Thanks to Mike Goodhart for getting the bottles to the Center.

Planning

In July we will be planning the calendar for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. I use the term planning with a lot of hope. With the current state of things in our state, we will plan and adjust as needed to keep conditions safe for our members and the others we may be interacting with. I am excited to have a Program Director for the upcoming year. Thanks to Ben Keyserling for volunteering to manage our programs this year. Please give Ben as much of your support as possible to help make our council efforts and programs successful!

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 **July** council birthdays:

James P. Kelly (7-2), Ronald G. Fournier, (7-3), Frank J. Falcioni (7-4), Steven A. Wiczorek (7-9), John P. Wezner (7-9), Michael J. Pisano (7-20), Marc C. Goodhart (7-21), Michael R. Bittner (7-23), Michael J. Fitzgerald, II (7-24), Hector A. Robledo (7-25), Dennis J. Cummings (7-27), Jay W. Laney (7-30).

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 **July**, please remember all our brothers:

August R. Difazio (7-1-1993)

Marvin L. Schulz (7-19-1999)

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) 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 . 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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Note: If you have information, articles or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Larry Guastella, our Newsletter Editor, at lguastel@gmail.com or gk8284@mikofc.org.

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Upcoming calendar dates:

<p><u>July</u></p> <p>10th - Friday morning mass 9 am 11th - Officers meeting 7 pm 15th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm 15th - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building</p>	<p><i>August (All dates are subject to restrictions)</i></p> <p>7th - Friday morning mass 9 am 13th - Officers meeting 7 pm 19th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm 19th - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building 29th - Annual Council Golf Outing</p>
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Watch your email for more details or changes. Any questions, email to gk8284@mikofc.org