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SHINING ARMOR

Grand Knights Message



Brothers,

If you've learned anything from me over the past year, it's that I'm brutally honest. I'm not stopping that now. When I joined the Knights almost 16 years ago, I was a Knight for 6 months until I was asked to be the Deputy Grand Knight. Talk about deer in the headlight look. Along with Charley Hurley, we had our obstacles to overcome. And we did overcome them. I thought I would be Grand Knight once my kids were out of school. But, a favorite phrase of mine, is if you start a sentence with I think or I thought, then rethink that sentence.

What a fool I was to believe I could schedule when I would be Grand Knight. More recently, it's become evident that my schedule doesn't mean a thing. We're on His schedule. The Lord determines our timeline. Last August, I was working 2 jobs, 60+ hours a week, in addition to refereeing local soccer on weekends. Along with that, still planning family time. When I got a call that I needed to step in for Jack Steele and Ricco Ches, He was telling me, family first. It's time to focus on what's important.

With the help of our Officers, we were able to exemplify what it means to be a Knight and have our Brothers back. We achieved Star Council, and many other awards and increased our Membership bringing in quality Catholic Brothers. Coming out of a pandemic isn't easy. With family and friends still ailing from this, we must continue to support and encourage them. A good Brother reminded me recently, "Remember, we're on His timeline" August watched us celebrate the Feast Day of St. Clare where we served close to 400 parishioners inside of 2 hours. We celebrated Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day and displayed a rare relic our Founder courtesy of Fr. George Snyder, Jr. Our pancake breakfast continues to be a staple for the Parish community to come together.

September will be just as busy. We are preparing for 2 huge events. Oktoberfest is Saturday October 1st. We are searching and requesting all Brothers who are able to solicit raffle/silent auction items to make this event an event like no other. We are also preparing for our First Pumpkin Patch later in the month. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Brothers, if I don't say it personally to you, please know that your help you give, whether front line or behind the scenes, it is appreciated. I look forward to making this year the best year the Knights have had here at St. Clare.

Vivat Jesus,
Colin Cooper

Officers/Directors meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in one of the rooms at the Morris Center at St. Clare.

Business/General Meetings are on the Fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm with

Dinner at 6:00 pm prior to the meeting. The Rosary is said at 6:45 **Meeting at 7 pm**

Chaplain's Message — Fr. John Cantwell



My Dear Brothers in Christ:

I consider it a great honor to be asked to contribute “a little something” to the K of C publication as it makes its way to the membership at large very soon. Ever since I have gotten to know each of you as your Chaplain, I have been so impressed by your incredible unity as you work together daily doing the Lord’s work quietly and effectively. You work very closely with your priests, but particularly you have a special bond with your pastor, Fr. George. I know this is not the way in many other parishes. So, thank God this is how the K of C operates here at St. Clare Parish (both at the Council and Assembly levels). Fr. George must consider himself very fortunate to have supportive gentleman like the K of C around him. May the good Lord, who began this good work in each of you, continue it forward to completion.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. John Cantwell

SEPTEMBER 2022 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Gospel for Sept. 11, Lk 15:7)

This Gospel reading links the parable of the lost sheep with the parable of the prodigal son. Together these parables remind us that God constantly seeks us whenever we go astray. We are all sinners, and like the prodigal son we must wake up, repent and return to the Father. When we do this, we find that he runs to meet us. My brother Knights, let us create some joy in heaven. Let us recognize that we are sinners in need of repentance and ask the Father for his forgiveness.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to watch the “Sacramental Life” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series, particularly reflecting on the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are there ways you see yourself as a lost sheep, a prodigal son? What concrete steps can you take to overcome sinful habits and avoid temptations? Do you “come home” to the Father to receive his mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation?

Star Council Award

Brothers,

St Clare Council #12887 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. St. Clare invited over 30 new Knights to our council and donated over \$10,999 to the Church and local charities. Membership in the Knights is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. If you have a friend, family member, neighbor or maybe the gentlemen you sit next to in Church ask them to be a member or let our Membership Director Lou Salvatore at loukofc76@yahoo.com for help in getting them signed up and attend a degree ceremony.

Special thanks to Jack Steele, PGK and Colin Cooper (acting GK) for the past Columbian year and all officers and past Chairmans/Directors for making the award possible.



Council 12887 Preamble

The monthly Shining Armor bulletin has three challenges: to bring members up-to-date on council events, to encourage member participation and to respond to the call to serve and to build the Domestic Church.

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NOTICE-SURVEY

In August Jim Boyle, Chancellor posted a survey intended to develop a data base program to identify talents and interests that will help the council with program manpower needs and plan future activities

1. When and what was the last event you participated in?
2. What can we do to get you more involved in the St Clare Knights Council?
3. Have the Knights been what you expected?
4. What do you think the Knights could do to help Father, since he is now alone serving 8,000 parishioners?
5. What ideas do you have to help make us a more efficient organization?
6. What is your field of expertise that our Council could tap into, when we plan and execute projects?
7. Do you have any other ideas in general that you would like to share?

We want to best utilize our talents to help out our church and community. It is vital to determine how we can best serve the church and the community.

When completed, send to jim.boyle1973@gmail.com

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COUNCIL MANPOWER NEEDS

Brothers, your support in our programs will mean that we, without wavering,
 keep our energy fixed on Christ and His mission.

Your help is that vital!

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Schedule of Events

SEPTEMBER 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 28 | 29 Phil Hoefer Edwin Ayala | 30 David Kee | 31 | 1 | 2 Bob Accacian | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Labor Day Brian hinsey | 6 | 7 Biff Gallivan | 8 Rodrigo Rivas | 9 | 10 Ministry Fair-Faith Formation |
| 11 Ministry Fair-Faith Formation Corporate Mass | 12 Jonathan Doupe | 13 Jim Peterson | 14 | 15 | 16 Luke Donahue Brienne dela Cruz Nick da Cunha | 17 Ministry Fair-Service/Social Noah Marta Mike Costello |
| 18 Ministry Fair-Service/Social Pancake Breakfast Officer Director Meeting Willie Douglas | 19 Officer/Director Mtg 630 | 20 Jaff Vahldick | 21 Rodolfo Garcia | 22 Mike Morales Dcn Ken Crawford | 23 Charles Pirone | 24 Ministry Fair-Liturgy |
| 25 Ministry Fair-Liturgy | 26 Exemplification 530p General Meeting 6p John Kennedy | 27 Anton Chu | 28 Bill McGlynn | 29 | 30 Geoff Davis III Jeffrey Keena | 1 OKTOBERFEST |
| <p>Notes: Knights to occupy tables for all Masses inviting new Brothers to our Ministry.</p> <p>© 2012-2019 by Vertex42.com. Free to print. Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com</p> | | | | | | |

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Dc. Ken Crawford | Nick da Cunha | Geoffrey Davis III |
| Brienne Delacruz | Luke Donahue | Willie Douglas, PGK |
| Jonathan Doupe | Biff Gallivan | Rodolfo Garcia |
| Brian Hinsey | Jeffrey Keena | John Kennedy, PFN |
| Noah Marta | Bill McGlynn | Michael Morales |
| Jim Peterson | Charles Pirone | Rodrigo Rivas |
| Jeff Vahidick | | |



REPORT FROM OUR INSURANCE AGENT



**Council Message
September 2022**



As I write this, we have scores of people in the Supreme Office and around our jurisdictions who are preparing for the Supreme Convention. It's an exciting time because many accomplishments of the past year will be recognized.

All of you, the members of this council, and the members of the other councils I serve, can take great pride in playing a part of these successes. I congratulate all of you for your dedication to our first principle, charity, and reaching so many in need both here at home and around the world. While we have helped many right here, you have responded generously to help our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and our brother Knights in Poland who have been critical in providing for so many refugees.

Our Order, started by a simple and humble parish priest, who is on the path to sainthood, was to provide for both the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. You are helping to do that today.

When people in the local community think about the Knights of Columbus, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent the Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

I look forward to next month when we can see the actual impact as outlined in the Supreme Knight's Report at the convention. But even with a report of full of record-braking Fraternal accomplishments, let's not lose sight that our work is not done. We face challenges every day and I am pleased to be assigned to this council and help further the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney by helping you and your families to be always protected the Catholic way!

May God bless you always!

Vivat Jesus!

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Death: A Paradox of Love

Brothers, During the last year or so we lost several Brother Knights who were called home by our Lord. I'm sure the pain of losing them in death and letting go was painful to each of their families, but time is a great healer. After a while, and for some this will take a few years perhaps months, the sadness will disappear and their loved one's death may no longer be a painful thing. Scripture reminds us that: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Mathew 5:4 One may feel again their presence, as a warm, nurturing spirit that was once with them all the time. Their loved one has gone away but, now they can give us their love and blessing in a way that they never could fully while they were alive. Their death may create a deeper and purer presence. The mystery of love and intimacy contains that paradox: To remain present to someone we love we have to sometimes be absent, in ways big and small. In the paradox of love, we can only fully bless each other when we go away. That is why most of us only "get" the blessing our loved ones were for us after they die. The loss of a loved one is an experience that makes a great impact on one's life in moments when one realizes the loss of a loved one will no longer be fully present to us. Saying goodbye brings painful tears, and death of every kind wrenches the heart. But that is part of the mystery of love. When we die, our spirit returns back to God. The grieving resulting from the loss of a loved one should not be unbearable. The things that happen in our life's give us the moments of happiness and at times unhappiness, sorrow and tragedies that we might experience. The grief that we experience may be an ordeal that seems impossible to bear because we lost an integral part of our self that was a large part of who we are. Life as we know it is a challenge. No one knows when it will end. It was given to us as a gift from God. When He calls us we do not know nor why or how, we all must leave in different ways and when we go, some Catholics believe that death is a change to a better life. Others have said that when one dies, they enjoy the spiritual riches of heaven. This can be comforting to us; especially if one believes that a loved one helps guide us in this world or that one will be reunited after one's own death can help one continue to feel connected with the loved one. God did not intend for us to be unhappy nor to question or to analyze too much why things happen as they do. He wants us to feel good. And often times the road to being good may involve not feeling good. Happiness is God's wish for all of us. We need to look forward to the future ready to meet what life has, some happiness, and no doubt more happiness too—that is life and until the final call comes it is our duty to accept and receive all the happiness God wants us to enjoy. Being happy means becoming open and available to God's love. To do less is to fail His purpose for us in this life. Scripture states that God can use grief and suffering to rely on Him, not ourselves, but on Him who raises the dead. We pray to God to give us sympathy and understanding because we know the very same thing will happen to all of us today, tomorrow, next year. None of us knows how long the wheel of life keeps turning. Accept life as it comes but let nothing take away our right to all the happiness in life. God intended it this way. Time is a great healer. According to a friend, Death: A Paradox of Love after losing his wife said, "After my wife's passing away, it took awhile, the coldness disappeared and her death was no longer a painful thing. I feel her presence as I experience life with my children, and now as a warm, nurturing spirit that was with me all time. The coldness of death turned into a warmth. She had gone away but now gives me her love and blessing in a way that she never could fully while she was alive. Her passing away eventually created a deeper and purer presence of God in my life." "In the paradox of love, we can only fully bless each other when we go away. That is why most of us realize the blessing our loved one was after they died." Fr. Rolheiser

Time on earth is a gift that leads us to a path for eternal life with an infinite, path towards eternal life with an infinite, loving Lord. Time on this earth gave them a chance to grow as they journey toward death and towards eternal life. Let us humbly pray for our departed Brother Knights who passed away. We ask for their mercy, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, that they be admitted into everlasting life with her and that they may have eternal happiness. Amen Respectfully, Joe Note: ideas for this piece came from Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I. and an anonymous writer.

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