



# Shining Armor

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## Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

Almost 30 years ago, when my wife and I were planning our wedding, we met with our parish priest to get approval to marry in the Church. My wife, a Catholic, wanted a Catholic wedding and I was a Southern Baptist. We received the approval, but one of the conditions was that I agree to raise our children Catholic, and I did. As our children grew we began to actively participate in parish life.

Many things slowly turned my heart and prompted me into the RCIA program, but one very influencing factor was the presence of the Knights of Columbus. As we participated more and more in our parish life, noticing the presence of the Knights was unavoidable. The Knights' contribution was essential. There was the monthly breakfast, that allowed fellowship among the parishioners. There was an annual festival and camping trip, that provided wholesome family activities during the summer. There were multiple fund-raising dinners and social

activities that were fun and purposeful. When the old commercial ice machine broke down and was irreparable, the Knights stepped in and donated a beautiful new one. When vandals destroyed an outside statue of St. Bernadette, the Knights replaced it. I could go on and on, but for me, the importance of the Knights turned out to be much more personal and life changing.

Some of the Knights in our council began approaching me about becoming a Knight and were very surprised when I explained I wasn't a Catholic. They kept an eye on me, they gently nudged. They invited me to join faith and prayer activities. They found opportunities to coach and encourage me, not just about the Knights but about the Faith. When my son, then 11 years old asked me when I was going to become a Catholic, I found myself saying, "now" and I joined the RCIA program. A year

later I received my Sacraments during the Easter Vigil, I think the Knights were waiting for me at the end of the Vigil with the Form 100. I joined the Knights 15 years ago and have been active ever since. I held the position of Chancellor for many years and Deputy Grand Knight last year.

As I accept the honor of becoming Grand Knight for the 20/21 year, I sit and reflect about the role and influence the Knights of Columbus have had in my conversion and my walk toward eternity. The example of other men striving for holiness, the support and fellowship, the encouragement, the participation in the holy life of the Church, and the service to our members and parishioners. It is with humility, and recognition of the role of every member of the Knights, that I hope to continue during this year, the work that so deeply influenced my conversion and that began so many years ago by Father McGivney and that first group of selfless men.

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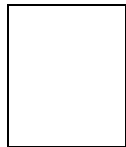
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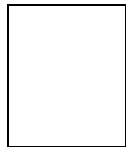
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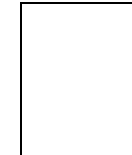
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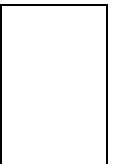


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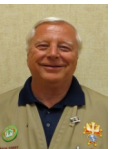
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# Commentary

“what will it take to inspire you to get involved and make a difference in our parish and community”?



## RIDDLE

Replace the question mark in the circle below with the missing letter.



Brothers in Christ, Have you ever wondered what it would be like going hungry or being homeless? Hopefully not? But there are individuals in our parish as well as our community who are going hungry and perhaps many also are homeless. We don't hear much of these individuals mainly because they remain in the shadows, not to be seen or identified for one reason or another. For all we know we may be helping them by feeding and clothing them

They may even be a neighbor a close friend, or perhaps a brother knight. The sad thing about this is that we are not aware of who these people are because we aren't paying attention or simple because we don't want to because we might be afraid to become just like them. So, it is easy to just not pay attention.

But, imagine if we paid attention, what we might be able to do to make a difference. Imagine what one good deed can do. We, as members of council

12887 in serving our church our community can do to in our charitable works as we come together to serve those in need while bringing God and hope to the lives of those who are in the shadows. The council has been trying to help meet these peoples needs with only a small group of brothers. Think what it could do with 309 members working together in addressing these needs? Your involvement is very important and vital to the future of our council. That is why we are constantly inviting

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### In Times of Suffering

Brothers, in times of suffering at we are called to heroism in faith. Our model of such courage, as in all things , is our call to pray for our neighbors. In His spirit, and begging his intercession we send hope to those who are in need of our prays. The council sends these brothers and families hope and the promise of prayers that God will answers there prayers.

Let us pray that He will raises us all to a greater holiness. Let us strive, together, to be the saints God call us all to be.

### Thinking out loud

Brothers, we should learn something new every day. Unfortunately, for some of us are at that age where what we learned today, we forget tomorrow. But, you know they will forget what we said, will forget what we did, but they will never forget how we made them feel. Join us in making others feel that someone cares. We depend on members when we serve and when we do we serve God.

Commentary con't members to participate in one form or another. We have published the need for manpower in our for programs-Faith, Family, Community and Life, we have also ask you to fill in a survey to identify skills and talents that may be needed to help those in need as well as help you identify an activity within those programs. So, the \$64K question is, what will it take to inspire you to get involved and make a difference in our parish and community?



**Don't be bullish support the MNF. Remember the funds (\$1500) go towards the Wagner Scholarship Fund. Take a chance to win some of the \$2400. Or perhaps help sell some of the booklets.**

**Brother Frank Newton is managing the book sales.**

Two sisters, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull so that they can breed their own stock. Upon leaving, the older one tells her sister, 'When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home.' The older one arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the

**Monday Night Regular Games pay: \$50 each**  
**Wild Card Games pay: \$70 each**  
**Divisional Games pay: \$100 each**  
**Championship games pay: \$150 each**  
**Super Bowl QTRS( 1,2,3) pay \$50 each**  
**Super Bowl Final pays: \$300**

nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office, and says, 'I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch and I need her to hitch the trailer to out Pick up truck and drive out here so we can haul it home.

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, it will cost 99 cents a word. Well, after paying for the bull, the she realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her the word 'comfortable'". The operator shakes his head. 'How is she

ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable?'

The sister explains, The word is big. She'll read it very slowly.

'com-for-da-bul.'

Humor for ALL. :)



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## A DREAM from a friend

*Not too long ago a very good friend of ours had a dream and woke up with the Holy Spirit whirling around in her head and she shared the following, “. In my dreams I was being chastised for all of my complaining and all of my anger. It was made very clear to me that I am to offer up this suffering and bear it for the salvation of others. It was also made very clear that this chastisement we are feeling is nothing personal...but very global as God wants to bring his people back. Taking away the Eucharist has been meant to help us realize it's importance and it's necessity. We have been taking Jesus for granted and our prayers have been superfluous and without meaning. God wants us to come back to HIM...or, my take away from my restless night and dreams is that I must obey the rules however ever stupid they are --- and offer up the suffering they cause. If I can only go to Mass once a week and receive Eucharist (not necessarily on Sunday), then I must accept it joyfully and be thankful. In other words, appreciate what I can get and don't wallow in what I think I'm entitled to. We are not 'entitled' to anything ... God's mercy is a gift that we have taken advantage of...He willingly pours out His mercy..*

but it is on His terms...not ours.

I feel very humbled and ashamed for how I've been acting. It's ok to be angry, but it's not ok to let it take over my actions and possess me. It's ok to be sad...it's not ok to take it out on those I love. It's ok to be frustrated...it's not ok to feel like I'm entitled.... I am thankful God has touched my heart and put a yearning in my heart to be closer to Him. I am thankful for the small bit of understanding He is giving me... and I am most thankful that He has a plan for me and each of us and that I don't need to the small bit of understanding He is giving me... and I am most thankful that He has a plan for me and each of us and that I don't need to worry what happens here or in the Church...because He IS in control and it's not my job to worry...it IS my job to love, to pray, to accept, and to let people know He is the one in charge. To do this small job He has given me is how He wants me to fight the world. He will use my love, my prayers, my acceptance (obedience), and my small amount of evangelization to His glory and honor.....”.

As I reflect our friends dream, I can't help but realize that the council is not in control whether one volunteers to help or not. I can only hope that the membership comes together to help celebrate God's presence in all the work we do, for together we are His right Hands in helping Him serve our church.

Thank you for Joining the council . I pray that in time we will...all be celebrating together... you all remain in the council's prayers.

Special thanks to our friend who gave me permission to share her dream with you.

God Bless.

**I am most thankful  
that He has a plan  
for me and each of  
us**

Brother Knights,

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: **to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.**

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face today are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crisis such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the great depression and the financial crisis in 2008.

Just as we stood together in those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income insurance. As your Knights of Columbus Fraternal Insurance Agent, I am fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate affects your personal finances and how our products can help.

I can meet with you in person (when appropriate), talk to you over the phone or through a virtual meeting using Skype. I am ready to answer questions, assist with service related issues and show you how we can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turn 138 years old, it's an appropriate moment to thank our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, for his foresight in founding the Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic Families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

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*Hermanos,*

*La misión de los Caballeros de Colon se ha mantenido igual desde su fundación en 1882: **Proteger financieramente a las familias católicas y fortalecer la Fe católica de sus miembros.***

*Mientras la crisis médica, social y económica actuales es muy alarmante, no es la primera vez que hemos hecho frente a este tipo de desafíos. Nuestra Orden se ha mantenido muy fuerte ante muchas crisis anteriores como lo fue la pandemia de influenza en 1918, la gran depresión económica y la crisis financiera del 2008.*

*Así como nos mantuvimos unidos en esos tiempos difíciles, nos encontramos listos ante la situación actual para proveer Seguro de Vida, Anualidades (programas de ahorro), Seguro para cuidados de largo plazo y seguros de incapacidad. Como su Agente de seguro fraternal de los Caballeros de Colon, estoy a su disposición y listo para ayudarles a entender como el clima actual afecta sus finanzas personales y como nuestros productos le pueden ayudar.*

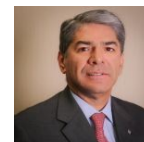
*Estoy accesible para reunirnos personalmente (cuando sea permitido), hablar por teléfono o a través de una videoconferencia usando Skype. Estoy listo para contestar sus preguntas, asistirlos cuando requieran servicio en sus pólizas de seguros y enseñarles como reducir su riesgo financiero.*

*Ahora que cumplimos 138 años de fundados, es un buen momento para agradecer nuestro fundador, el Padre Michael J. McGivney, por la visión de fundar una Orden Católica que consistentemente provee una protección financiera confiable para familias católicas.*

*Usted no enfrenta los retos actuales solo. Nuestro compromiso de ayudar a usted y su familia permanece sólido.*

*Fraternalmente,*

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