



Knights of Columbus June

June 2020 Newsletter

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Grand Knights Comments



Welcome to spring! Like many of us, we are knee-deep in setting up our gardens and looking after our yards. Regrettably, due to the pandemic, no parish BBQ or Columbian Service day will be held. They both formed two staples of our council's activities. Many of us looked forward to the parish BBQ to gather as a community and it was the crowning jewel of the year.

At our last Executive Meeting, we brainstormed on ideas that would respect social distancing that would help us remain active. Some of those ideas will be brought forward at the General Meeting of June 11th for consideration.

Thanks to brother **Raf Schubert** who will move forward a plan to establish a **FACEBOOK page for our council**. This will be discussed further at the June 11th General Meeting. I applaud his efforts to lead our council in this project. A greater online presence takes on a more important role in these current times.

Earlier in May, I rolled up my sleeve and made my 101st blood donation. I encourage all my brother Knights to do the same. Of course, you may have medical reasons that would prevent you from donating. Yet, most can donate and this is a great way to help keep the blood supply full and available to those who need it. **Please take the first step to donate by calling Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-236-6283.**



We have had good success by holding our monthly meeting using **telephone-conferencing**. So, for the upcoming **Thursday June 11th meeting at 7 pm**, we will do the same. Here are the details:

1. Please dial 1-866-931-8417
2. When prompted for the Conference Number, please enter 8020
3. Next, you will be prompted for the PIN. Enter 654845 and press the # key.
4. You will then be prompted to record your name and then you will enter the conference call.



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If you have been nominated and unable to attend, please let me know if you wish to stand for the position. In lieu of your presence, I will need to hear from you in advance. **(See page 5 for Nomination List).**

Thanks gents and please stay safe! God bless you and your families!



The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.



Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

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That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it has been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon.

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Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost in the midst of a pandemic and we've come to understand the gift of the Holy Spirit will be heightened like never before. When the Church began the followers of Jesus were given the power promised

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to them to further the influence of God over the world that he had started. The community is reminded that each one has been given a gift as a sign of God's Spirit to be used for the benefit of the community. We have different gifts, different forms of service and different responsibilities. However, we are reminded they come from the same spirit given to us for the benefit of the entire community.

We contribute to the growth of faith in our communities and the way we do it is to pray and use the gifts we've been given to bring it about. In this past Sunday's Second Reading it's not insignificant that St. Paul described the Christian community like a body. A body is only healthy and efficient when each part is functioning as it. Are we healthy as a church and as Knights of Columbus.

Do we admit we need each other more? There can be no such thing as isolation. Sometimes I find I can become so engrossed in the work I'm doing, I can become so convinced of the supreme importance of the work to which I have given myself that I neglect or even criticize others who have chosen other work. To be healthy we need all the work that everyone can do.

What if we were to respect each other more? In the body there is no relative importance. If any limb or organ ceases to function the whole body is thrown out of whack. Whenever I begin to think totally about my own importance or effort only – the possibility of building community is squelched.

What if we sympathized with each other more? Isn't it true that if any part of the body is affected all the others feel it? It can't help it. If I can't see beyond my own organization, department, family or parish, my own circle I haven't grasped the unity of the bigger picture, We are all in this together.

There is no substitute for love that shows itself in action. When we respond to the call to be examples of truth, justice, love and peace, how does that invitation take shape in my everyday life?

Nominations of Council Officers

[For Fraternal Year – July 01, 2020 to June 31, 2021]

Grand Knight: Roger Khouri



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Deputy Grand Knight: Martin Healy

Chancellor: Larry Barrett

Treasurer: James Vollmer

Recorder: Michael Butler

**Advocate: Pat Hgan
Tony Zylstra**

Warden: Robert Holmes

**Inside Guard: Sam Circelli
Tony Zylstra**

Outside Guard: Juan Rogas

Board of Trustees 1st Yr: Gio Susini

Chaplin: Fr. Jim Mockler

Financial Secretary & Lecturer: Appointed By Grand Knight

Went to my first social distancing Christening last Sunday



Great shot Father!!

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*Remember in your prayers
those who are ill and pray
for the repose of the
deceased souls*



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