



Knights of Columbus

October 2021 Newsletter

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Deputy Grand Knights Comments



Happy Thanksgiving, Brothers! We have much to be thankful for this year!

As we are on the cusp of opening up to fewer indoor capacity limits, we should be grateful to God and for those who worked tirelessly to stop the pandemic. From the Researchers using their intellect to develop the Covid vaccines. To all those who bravely volunteered for the clinical trials and to all of us who chose to receive the vaccines so that we could play a part in its control, we should be thankful. Let us also be grateful for all those serving the community as Healthcare and Emergency workers who have had the burden of meeting the pandemic head-on.

Last month, we held our first General Meeting online via Zoom. **At the meeting, we adopted our budget, and District Deputy Gary Masters and Fr. Jim performed the Installation of Officers Ceremony.** Our budget will be in the second year of being in deficit. Since all of our service work and fundraising work is on hold, our only source of income is through our yearly council dues. ***It is imperative that each of us fulfills his commitment to the Order, Council, and fellow brothers and pay your 2021-22 dues!***

Our next General Meeting will again be held via Zoom. The link to the meeting is found in this newsletter. If you don't have a computer and or internet, a phone number is provided so that you can call in. We need to continue to meet in this way until most restrictions have been lifted.

General Meeting Zoom Meeting

Topic: Council 13404 October General

Time: Oct 14, 2021, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://fanshawec->

[ca.zoom.us/j/98176060869?pwd=L05mUGF6ZG02TC9GK1gwdkFoNHNvdz09](https://fanshawec-ca.zoom.us/j/98176060869?pwd=L05mUGF6ZG02TC9GK1gwdkFoNHNvdz09)

Meeting ID: 981 7606 0869

Passcode: 16241051

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Integrating the Moral Law into a Love for God and Neighbour

I've been currently taking a class on "Theoretical Ethics" at Holy Apostles College/Seminary in the United States. One of the philosophers we are studying is Immanuel Kant, whom the Church expresses caution towards embracing. He had come to believe that natural law could not be known, unlike what Sacred Scripture seems to indicate. Scripture and the Catholic tradition claim the moral law is written into the very nature of things – its goodness, its beauty, its intelligibility, and its purposes. For human-nature the moral law is written on our hearts (Psalms 40:8; 2 Cor 3:2-3). Kant however, still wanted to defend morality, and to put it simply, he focused on the moral law entirely as though it was a type of law unrelated to our nature, our feelings, and desires.



Pope E. Benedict XVI, St. John Paul II and Pope Francis have all spoken against this tendency which sadly can pop up in our lives, unintentionally. It's a type of rigid moralization, whereby we cannot conceive of "right and wrong" in terms of a personal and communal relationship with God. Rather morality is merely reduced to a matter of duty. Can you think of how relevant this is today? How often do we speak to each other harshly, advocating for a certain moral law, while also destroying relationships in the way we communicate our views? If the moral order is there to establish healthy relationships, then we aren't living by that Spirit if we proclaim such truths without that as the central focus of our agenda. Although many people don't study philosophy, such views still are present in our culture and Church. It's thus relevant to address, as our contemporary Shepherds have done.

How do we avoid this rigid legalism, without losing sight of the importance of the moral law? All that is involved is in realizing *why* morality is important to our faith. The lens through which we are to look at all morality is from the context of *relationship* with God and our neighbour (Matthew 22:36-40; Mark 12:30-31). Consider Christ's own words: "You are my friends if you do what I command" (John 15:14). These words are spoken to the Apostles not in a cold-hearted manner – that is, as if following Christ's commands externally were a means to ipso facto become friends with Christ. Christ doesn't ask us to obey him as though it were some duty-



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bound check-list. Rather, the trust inherent in doing as He asks, even to the point of death is a type of romanticism with God, a love-affair, where we fling our very lives into His hands. It's like saying: if you trust me in the deepest way, our relationship will be filled with love and life. But trust is proven when we act on this trust (James 1:22), when we actually carry that cross (Matthew 16:24).

This ultimate trust is rooted in a belief that what God asks us to do is good for our nature, because God Himself is good. That is to say, God is trying to give us life, and life to the full (John 10:10). We submit ourselves freely and in a spirit of trust and love for who God is. He will awaken our good-nature to become more like Him. The law will not be seen as oppressive, limiting, and contrary to our identity – but the source of a relationship that will bring incredible peace, joy and wholeness. If this is how we understand our faith – when we proclaim it – it will carry with it an intention for the good of all, and in praise of our Maker. People will see that, and be inspired, drawn toward it and attracted to that mysterious depth in Christ. In Christ,

Fr. Chris Pietrasz

There are 3 kinds of bosses in this world:

1) Those we just can't seem to get along with... no matter how hard we try. They are the bureaucrats that value pushing paper over actual productive work. They are the 'Nasty Nancies' that take great pleasure in demeaning you. They are the oafs that think their job as a boss is to make sure you are always worried about being fired.

2) There are those that are a dream to work with. They are encouraging. They are trusting. They value your hard work and stand behind you anytime something goes a little haywire.

3) Then there are the types of bosses that few people think about... our customers. Whenever you buy something from a company, you are their boss. You can complain, you can encourage, or you can take your money elsewhere, and encourage everyone else to do the same.

"There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else" Sam Walton.





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It has never been easier than now to get your negative experiences publicized. The Internet. All these things like Facebook. Email. Blogs.

All of them are perfect for spreading the word. *Good and bad.*

In my business, my customers and clients are kings and queens. They are the ones in control... and if I don't do my job right, they ensure I don't make money and cannot feed my family. I personally work very hard to ensure my clients DO get the best experience possible. I also encourage you to do the same.

If you have customers, invest in more training to find out what they want. If you don't have customers, you still have others in your life you interact with.

Ask them more questions... more personal questions. Find out who they really are. Find out their dreams, their goals, their passions. Talk about their interests... and they will soon become even closer clients and friends.

Certainly makes for some great connections and friendships!

John Noonan, FIC, CPCA



For The Good Of The Order

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

Health Note

1. The inventor of the treadmill died at 54.
2. The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57

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3. The world bodybuilding champion died at the age 56
4. The best footballer in the world Maradona, died at the age of 60
5. James Fuller Fixx credited with helping start America's fitness revolution by popularizing the sport of running died of a heart attack while jogging at 52 years of age

BUT

- 1 The KFC inventor died at 94.
2. Inventor of Nutella brand died at the age of 88
3. Imagine, cigarette maker Winston died at the a 102
4. The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 in an earthquake
5. And the Hennessey Liquor inventor died at 98

How did these doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life? *The rabbit runs and jumps and only lives for 2 years but the turtle. doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years*

