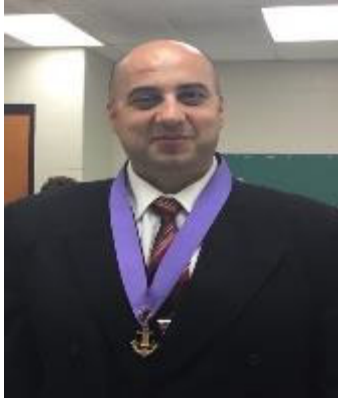


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Grand Knight's Comments: Roger Khouri



Happy May, everyone! This is one of my favourite months because it is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. And, just like we have a heavenly mother, we, too, have an earthly mother. We thank Mother Mary for all that she does in guiding us back to her son, and we thank your own mothers for all that they have done for us.

Next, I had the pleasure of presenting a gift to all the newly received Catholics at the Easter Vigil on April 8th. Not only did we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, but we also celebrated the new life these new Catholics bring to

our faith community. **On behalf of our council, I gave them each a Book of**

Catholic Prayers, which will aid them in their walk with Christ. It is so heartening to witness the Holy Spirit at work that moved them to begin their RCIA journey that led them to the Easter Vigil and beyond. I asked for their prayers, and I assured them of our council's prayers. Among our own ranks of Knights, we are very blessed to have catholic converts in our council, and they are a true blessing.



Thanks to **the St. Vincent de Paul, CWL and Knights of Columbus** members for holding our final Sunday breakfast after two of the Masses on April 16th. The food was delicious, and many parish members and others attended. This was a tradition we always enjoyed. More photos, Page 8.

Our council held its first meeting on April 13 at St. Michaels. Both **Father Daniel** and **Father Chris** attended. Our Financial Secretary, **James Vollmer** wore two hats that night. He chaired the meeting and also gave his Financial Secretary's Report. Thanks Bro. James for filling in for me. I will be absent from May's meeting, but I will be in attendance for June's meeting.

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With elections coming up for our Executive positions, **Nomination Night will be at our May 11th, General meeting. Election night will be at our June 8th meeting.** By the way, regarding nomination night, if you are nominated, and you are not interested in any particular executive role, you need to wait until election night to decline your nomination. If you are nominated, and **you're unable to attend June's** meeting to accept formally, please **contact me beforehand and I can accept on your behalf.**

Due to upcoming elections, you might want to know the responsibilities for each executive member. **See Pages 5 & 6.** This may assist you in running for an executive position or nominating a Knight. ***Let's see a large number of Knights turn out for the next two meetings for this upcoming important election.***

Our St. Peter's meeting room and supply room have been emptied out. **Larry Barrett, Lawrence Jardine, Martin Healy and James Vollmer** were involved in doing this big chore. They could not transfer all the items in each of these rooms due to space allocations at St. Michaels. Thanks for a job well done

May Our Lord bless you and your families!

Important Notice

Our General meetings will now be held in a larger room, namely, **St. John Paul II.** This is the same room St. Michaels Knights' hold their meetings.

Directions: Use the same south entrance we used last meeting. Go down the hall to the Narthex and take the stairs off the Narthex (or the elevator) to the 2nd floor. The John Paul II room is the 3rd door on the left.

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Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked you hotel, VRBO, or Airbnb. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are... checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

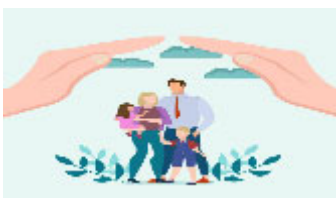


I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites.



Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road! When I'm all done and got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That's might be situation where one of our products, life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed.



Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look "under the hood", and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you to get where you want to go.

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Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have. I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

With the school being torn down, some persons have wondered why the church never had a basement. And so do I. Note my thoughts below. If you have any other ideas or know why, let me know and I will publish your reasons in the next newsletter.

Was Lack Of Hydro The Reason For No Basement?

by Larry Barrett



The present St. Peter's church opened in 1885. At that time, there wasn't any hydro and the lighting came from lanterns on poles attached to the top back of every fifth pew on both sides of the Nave. If you look carefully at where the poles were attached, you will see an inlay of wood to fill in the missing wood after the poles were removed. Hydro wasn't installed until 1926.

The ceiling in the Nave is slightly less than 90 feet high. Therefore, any rogue flames from the lanterns wouldn't be much of a fire hazard. However, if there was a basement, say with a ten-foot ceiling, no windows to open, and with a wooden floor above the lanterns, could that have possibly been a fire hazard?

Why is there no basement? Was it because St. Peter's had no hydro when it opened in 1885? What do you think or know??

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Grand Knight:

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns cheques and orders for payment
- Responsible for the council's First Degree Team

Deputy Grand Knight:

- Assists the Grand Knight with operations of the council and any other duties assigned to him by the Grand knight.
- In the absence of the Grand Knight, presides at council meetings
- Recommends to serve on the council's Retention Committee

Chancellor:

- Has the duty of strengthening the member's interest in council activities
- Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties as assigned
- Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee

Financial Secretary:

- Upon recommendation of the Grand Knight and the Trustees, the Financial Secretary is appointed for a three-year term that is approved by the Supreme Knight.
- The prospective Financial Secretary must also complete and submit the *Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary (#FS101)*
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, he is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the Supreme Secretary's office
- Collects money, in the form of dues, from members. Responsible for sending billing notices and initiating retention measures by providing a list of delinquent members to the Grand Knight to prevent members from being suspended for non payment of dues.
- Ensure that the council membership records are updated and that new members sign the constitutional roll
- Receives from the Supreme Council Headquarters honorary and honorary life membership cards distribution to qualified members
- Files various reports and membership/insurance transactions with the Supreme Council Headquarters
- Responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the council (USA only).
- Keeps the seal of the council and affixes the same to membership cards, resolutions and other official documents as necessary.

Recorder:

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- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and Permanent record of all actions of the council and maintain all correspondence of the council.
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Treasurer:

- Charged with handling council funds
- Receives money from Financial Secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Under Section 130 of the Law of the Order, he is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000 when reported on the *Election of Officers form #(185)*. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the Supreme Secretary's office.

Lecturer:

- Appointed by the Grand Knight
- Responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings

Advocate:

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and *Method of Conducting Council Meetings (#10318)*
- When needed, will seek legal assistance from the State Advocate

Warden:

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meeting and degree exemplifications
- Oversees Inside and Outside guards

Inside/Outside Guards:

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

Board of Trustees:

- Consists of Grand Knight and three other elected members:
- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semi annual audits
- Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each Trustee will be voted upon, with the current three– two – year Trustees moving on to become the two Trustees, respectively

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For The Good Of The Order

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

So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



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