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Founders Day March 29, 1882



Knights of Columbus Founded

"Resolved by this assembly: That Michael J. McGivney, Matthew C. O'Connor, Cornelius J. Driscoll, James J. Mullen, John J. Kerrigan, Daniel Colwell, and William M. Geary, and all other persons now associated with them under the name of the Knights of Columbus, together with all other such person as may hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Knights of Columbus.

"The purpose for which said corporation is formed are the following: (a) of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families; (b) of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families; (c) of promoting social and intellectual intercourse among its members and their families, and (d) of promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work."

~ Excerpted from the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, Granted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, Approved March 29, 1882.

Grand Knight's Report

s it proper to say, "Happy Lent?" Maybe something like "Blessed Lent" or "Holy Lent" is more appropriate. Through the practices of penance, fasting, and almsgiving, may you profit from Lent by preparing to truly feel and appreciate the coming joy that is Easter.

I hope you have been taking advantage of the "Into the Breach" Lenten Men's Retreat, a joint effort between Catholic Men's Fellowship and Council 9487. This is an outstanding video program, and the discussion groups provide great camaraderie and honest conversation. Each epi-



sode is stand-alone, so do not worry if you missed the first two meetings. Come to the in-person finale on Saturday, March 6th in the Pavilion. I guarantee you will leave with at least one valuable take-away.

Each Spring, Council 9487 offers scholarships for Catholic schools. Eligible brothers are members of the council in good standing who have a child or grandchild attending a Catholic school, any level, during the 2020-21 Columbian Year. You can receive multiple scholarships if you have more than one such student.

Let me dispel some possible misconceptions here. I remember when I was in school, my parents and I both hated applying for scholarships. We did it, but we hated it. For my parents it meant filling out pages and pages of confusing forms, digging up old tax returns, and divulging every minutia of their financial life to complete strangers. They knew all their information would be put into a database, probably used for nefarious purposes for years to come, and that all this would happen whether I got the scholarship or not. I hated it because, in addition to my regular schoolwork, it meant spending days writing an essay about something boring and probably not getting the money anyway. I used to be bitter about this... but I'm over that now...

Away with these thoughts! Council 9487's scholarship is different. There are no long forms to fill-out, no invasions of privacy, and no boring essays. Well, okay, there might be one teeny-tiny essay. The goal of the program is simply to support Catholic schools by making it a smidge less expensive for member Knights to send their learners there. It is a budgeted program, and the funds are already set-aside. You are not "costing" the council by applying. In fact, you are help-ing the council achieve its goal. If you have an eligible student, please apply by contacting the Scholarship Chair, Brother Clete Menke. His information is on the Program Directors page of this newsletter.

If you already paid your 2021 membership dues, thank you! If you have not, please do it now. The Financial Secretary has a difficult job. Help him out by paying your dues promptly. Thank you for all your hard work and support, and thank you for continuing to be a Knight of Columbus!

by: GK Ken Breneman

District Deputy's Corner

My brothers,

Lent is upon us. According to the USCCB, Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Lots of other people are providing Lenten topics and Lenten reading. I will leave it to them to discuss with one exception. I saw an article that mentioned "Spiritual Sloth" and that little phrase caught my attention. I believe that I am Spiritual Sloth and this is the season to become more awake, to pray more, to fast more, and to give more alms. I will continue to ponder this phrase and what it means to me.

Moving on, I need to discuss some district business. We are losing our District Warden, Brother John Blaney. But this is a good thing. John has decided to accept the position of Financial Secretary for Council #9487, our home council. The Financial Secretary is one of the busiest jobs in

the Knights of Columbus (be sure to thank for your council). I couldn't ask John to den. So at the end of the Columbian trict Warden. Please consider it, pray become the new District Warden.

Next month's featured Faith in Ac-Councils are asked to create reflection together as a fraterchaplain, councils can attend a or perhaps organize their own Council 9487 virtual retreat based the Breach video series is an exif you want some details.



your Financial Secretary for all that they do do Financial Secretary AND District Waryear I would like to bring on another Dison it, and let me know if you are called to

> tion program is "Spiritual Reflection". annual opportunities for prayer and nity. Under the guidance of their retreat or day of reflection together event for the men of their parish. on the Knights of Columbus Into cellent example of this. Talk to me

I'm also asking each council to create a Round Table for each language that your parish holds Mass in. At my parish, Santiago de Compostela, we have Mass in English and Spanish. The council is an English-speaking council so it should be working to create a Spanish Round Table for the parish. Again, talk to me for more details and specifics.

Lastly, in March, Council #14335 in Ladera Ranch is holding a council exemplification as part of the revival of the council. The exemplification gavel will drop at 3 PM followed by a Mass dedicated to the Knights of Columbus at 4 PM and a reception after Mass. This is amazing progress for this council and our district.

As this pandemic appears to be winding down our parishes are opening, and we have work to do. We need to help our parish with Mass in any fashion that our pastor needs. We have programs to do. We need to be planning our officer slate for the next Columbian year. It's Lent! Pray, fast, and give alms. Let your Lent be Blessed and your Easter glorious!

Vivat Jesus!

FEBRUARY 2021 EVENTS













2021 - 2022 OFFICER RECRUITMENT

My Brothers,

It's that time of year again and we're formulating the slate of officers for the upcoming 2021-2022 Columbian year.

I want you to ask yourself:

Have you ever thought of serving your council as an officer? Your opportunity is now!

It's time to assemble a slate of officers for the next (2021-22) Columbian Year and the council needs you.

What are the qualifications?

You must be a third-degree Knight and a member of the council in good standing.

What will be required of you?

Why do it?

Interested?

Please contact either me or the Grand Knight.

Officers are expected to attend the "Council" meeting the first Wednesday of each month, plus the shorter "Officers Planning" meeting the third Wednesday of each month.

Some positions have other specific responsibilities. The overall time commitment for most is a few hours each month. Serving as an officer is a great experience -- a fun and rewarding way to be involved. Help your council continue to be the outstanding council it has always been.

Deputy Grand Knight Mike Sofka, <u>expk2wn@me.com</u> or you can call me (949)338-7237



Deputy Grand Knight Mike Sofka

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - MICHAEL BYRNE



by: Ricardo Teano - Retention Committee

Ricardo is proud to present our fascinating Knight of the Month. He was born and baptized in Beirut, Lebanon. He came to the United States in a slow boat, without knowing any words in English. He was confirmed in Tokyo, Japan. He is none other than our Brother Knight, Michael Byrne.

Michael has been a knight since 1990. He joined because his father and grandfather were knights in Boston. He is a 4th degree Sir Knight. Joining the ranks of the Knight of the Month is easy for Mike as he takes time to help in recycling as well as barn duty upkeep, as hospitality minister at the 8:30 AM Mass and with the food drives. He attended the Into The Breach seminar, sponsored by the CMF and our council. Mike is a veteran of the U.S.Navy.

Michael was born and raised Catholic and has been a parishioner since 1993. This fall, Mike and his wife Lisa will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on December

Michael Byrne

31. They have four children all of whom are baptized and raised Catholic.

Their daughter, Kelsey, is married and living in Boulder, Colorado, where she recently retired from a professional ballet career. She now teaches ballet and helps manage a restaurant. She attended Indiana University on a partial dance scholarship.

Mckensie dances professionally with the Los Angeles Ballet. She attended Butler University in Indiana on a partial dance scholarship.

Bridget graduated with honors from UCLA and is working as a barista at Starbucks while she figures out her life plan.

Seamus is graduating from the Orange County School of Arts and will be pursuing a Music/Classical Guitar major in college.

Mike thinks our council is top notch and can't wait to get back to normal pre-COVID.

Congratulations Mike as our fascinating Knight of the Month.

HOSPITALITY REQUEST

by: Ben Niewinski - Hospitality Committee

Thank you for everyone who helped on Ash Wednesday.

John Blaney and I will need some help for Holy Week, especially Holy Thursday (April 1st) through Easter Sunday (April 4th). I will talk about the schedule at the next meeting.

God bless you all and be safe.



Ben Niewinski







ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

Collection Barrels are available at the Church & Pavilion entrance for Non-Perishable Food Drop-Off 24/7

This month, the Knights of Columbus will have a special

"DRIVE THRU FOOD DROP-OFF" on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 8:30am -11am



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Hearty Soups Canned Chili Pasta Sauce Cereal Oatmeal Canned Fruits Canned Chicken Campbell's Gravy Macaroni & Cheese Breakfast, Protein &



Breakfast, Protein & Granola Bars Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee) 2 lb. bags of Rice or Beans Boxed Pasta Peanut Butter & Jelly Stewed Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce Creamed Soups



Lenten Men's Retreat

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Men's Fellowship invite all men of the Parish to watch and discuss the "Into the Breach" series.

Saturday March 6, 2021 9:00 am Parish Pavilion Episodes "Prayer" and "Suffering"



Father Martin will kick-off this in-person finale



2020 ID/Tootsie Roll Drive Update

by: Tom Sixsmith - I.D.Drive Comittee

Our 2020 Bill Breen annual Tootsie Roll Drive has been an amazing success this year, thanks mostly to generous support and outpouring of financial contributions from your fellow Knights.

Despite the pandemic and inability to raise funds at stores, we still managed to exceed last years contributions by more than 3%. With no revenue from the stores and church contributions down 60% due to reduced Sunday attendance, the increase over last year came from the Knight's contributing over 260% more than 2019, which also included the proceeds from the Brizio fundraising event.

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU for making this year's drive a huge success!

Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report



News Worthy Events :

to all those who are helping. We could not do this without you.

November was a good month. Our proceeds for January were \$1,356. We are going to start Monday morning recycling March 29. We will continue to use the same protocol wearing masks and gloves with 6-foot distancing. I

have sent out a survey to all who participate in Monday morning recycling as to there status on the vaccinations and I am getting a good response.



<u>Weekly Recycling a GREAT THANK YOU</u>: AI Gamarra assigns two people for each week during the month to stop by during the week to separate and bin the recyclables we receive. If you are interested to recycle during the week, please contact me (gnothhelfer@cox.net). We are having a great group of people helping on the drop off program and it is doing very well. A GRETA Thanks

Recycling is the major and very important program for our council to raise money and you are the key to this program. Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated. Be sure to drop off your recyclables anytime and spread the word to all that they can do the same. Let's keep our program HEALTHY. Be sure to ware your masks when others are there.

The two new drop off bins are working well and our customers are getting use to them.

Monday Morning Crew

Roger & Mo Boivin, Jay Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector & Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Ricardo Teano, Bud Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Dr. Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Janine Glenn, Bert Dubois, Tim Tunila, Domingo Roldan, Bob Birtja, Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Kevin Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, David Balen, Ed Enriquez, Roger & Therese Sonnenfeld, Norrie Olmo, Dennis de Rosia.

Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Mark Yubeta

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March Birthdays

01	Theresa Carta	19	Eugene Arriola
01	Marcia McCormack	19	Israel Connor
01	Lillian Vincent	20	Michael Hinshaw
03	Kat <mark>hleen K</mark> uri	21	Mike Martinez
05	Robin Bole	22	Paul Dyke
06	Teresa Gallegos	22	Paul Mondello
09	Thomas Hartline	23	Donald Blankenship
10	Brian Beach	24	Ruby Roldan
10	Fernando Murillo	25	Robert Nguyen
10	Richard Shiraishi	25	George Nothhelfer
12	Patty Lopez	25	Joseph Papac
13	Thomas Keddy	25	Michael Sofka
13	Alison Rainone	26	James McCarthy
14	Gloria Derosia	26	Dianne Surak
14	Virginia Osley Sr.	27	John Garcia
15	Rev. Efrain Flores	27	Melanie Grace Balba
15	Raymond Puzio	27	Laurie Mills
16	Marguerite Baumgartner	30	Douglas Culmer
16	Amy Quintilone	30	Robert Lieske
17	Tais Pacheco	30	Robert Morgan
18	Robert Kupfert	30	Robert Claproth

March Anniversaries

Joanne Ə John Cashman 01 Michelle Ə Tim Morissette 06 Judith Ə Jerry Clements 08 Rose Ə Douglas Culmer 08 Sarah Ə Robert Lieske 11 Peqqy Ə Stephen Grindrod 11

Lupita & Alberto Mojica Macias 15

Marie *Timothy Campion* 21

Belen & Ricardo Teano 21

Amanda & James Breen 22

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SDC/KOC Writers Ministry Corner

Damn COVID-19 By Patrick Wallock January 2021

No church no meetings damn COVID-19 no hugging of friends small Thanksgiving limited Christmas gatherings damn COVID-19. Why did this happen? Many people are wondering maybe it is Gods way of saying that we need to change our lifestyle. So many people thinking that a woman's body is hers and the taking the life of the baby inside is OKAY. Violence towards people who have not done anything against them. Some people have taken God out of the pledge of allegiance. There are others who have talked about removing In God We Trust from our money. When will the attack on God stop? We who believe in God must start voicing our concerns and use our voice and our vote to get the attention of the government to make our country one that the founding fathers dreamed of.

Lent 2021 By Patrick Wallock February 2021

Lent a time for people to reconsider their life 40 days no meat that's the way it used to be a lot of fasting now dispensations for those over 65 we don't have to fast as much unless we want to. 40 days and 40 nights it is a symbolic representation of Jesus time in in the desert praying, fasting asking for God's guidance for his upcoming ministry and he knows his eventual death on the cross. But then the miracle of God raising him from the dead gives all of us hope that some time we too will rise from the dead and share in the glory and magistrate of heaven for all eternity.

Ash Wednesday 2021

By Edwin W. Smith

It came from penance And from fasting From dust we came And dust everlasting.

A cross to remind us On our forehead But not this year Just dust on our head.

Blame the pandemic Blame what you want Just remember the reason For that baptismal font.

> Still we remember That we are dust and returning to dust We know is a must.

We know we have sinned And we must repent For that's what is needed If we want to ascend.

Ascend into heaven If we are forgiven For what we have done And why He has risen. Your glorious sky covered with pastel colors Your canvas is great

Melchor Perez



Reclaimed By Ruthanne Inscore

> It happens in meditation. You feel a breath of Heaven and know a sudden fullness, a leaning of the heart into peace reclaimed from eternity And in that moment, you will ask help me tomorrow to remember this. It is dear, this moment with God.

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