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Knights of Columbus Newsletter

Our Lady of Joy Parish

April — May — June 2020



Assembly
3280

From the Grand Knight



My Brother Knights,
The swan is a gorgeous creature, often seen in the wild cruising elegantly with its proud head held high. I've never heard one sing, despite the fact that thousands of swan songs are written each year.

Well, it's my turn to compose this traditional tune. Mine started twenty-five plus months ago when I assumed the role of Grand Knight a little prematurely. My job was apparent; keep the ship afloat and on course. Fortunately there was a good crew aboard and I thank you all for your help and guidance.

We set about redefining the Council's mission. Actually it was more of a refining than a redefining. We still had our good works to fulfill and we concentrated more on our Parish's needs while not forgetting those of our local charities. Meanwhile, our crew of Knights fine-tuned their group skills as they carried out their various activities. All the while, keeping cognizant of the fact that this is an organization of good Catholic men.

This took all of our time and effort, not leaving much energy for the recruitment of new members. Therefore, this need persists and carries over into the future. We must recruit new members. Their arrival will bolster our enthusiasm and energy. But finding these men should be done carefully, deliberately and gradually, so that we maintain the unique culture of our Council. Otherwise, we could end up where we were several years ago. This means that we

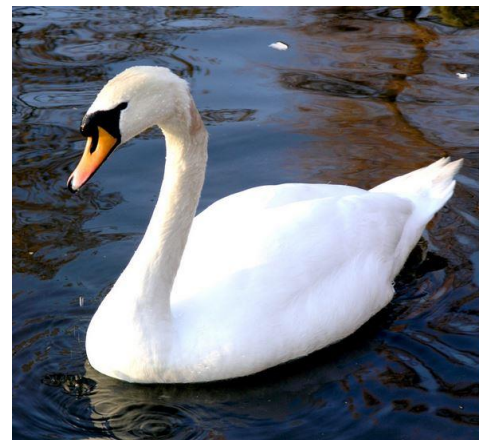
should seek out quality, not quantity, when we recruit.

Looking back, the Council can be proud of where we stand today. Like the swan, we can cruise with our heads held high. If you are happy about something, thank the officer or chairman that made it possible. If you are unhappy about something, volunteer for that effort and help to make it better! It's not a matter of having the time. We all have it. It's simply a matter of managing our time so that we can get everything done that we desire. Avoid the old lexicons of "I'm too old" or "I've already done my part". Remember that keeping busy is the secret to staying young!

Gentlemen, it's been a privilege to serve you. I thank you for the opportunity and more importantly, I thank you for your help. God Bless you all and Vivat Jesus,

Ted Dimon, Retiring GK

P.S. Special thanks to Fr. McGivney!



From the Faithful Navigator



We will continue to monitor impacts of the Coronavirus on our near term scheduled events and activities. We hope to resume regular in-person meetings and activities soon!

Congratulations to the new Assembly 3280 officers for Fraternal Year 2020-2021! We are still in need of a Scribe, so if anyone would like to become more involved, please contact any one of the officers. We encourage all of our 1st - 3rd Degree Knights to attend the next available 4th Degree exemplification in the Phoenix Metro area.

We also hope to resume planning for the "Remembering the Forgotten" dinner for this fall, sometime near Veterans Day weekend. We do have a speaker, Col USAF (Ret) Thomas Kirk, who may still be available and willing to do it once a new date has been determined.

Exemplification packets and registration forms will be available on the 4th Degree website once exemplifications have been scheduled again. The website is:

<https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>

Please check the website for additional information.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Mark LeVally, Faithful Navigator



Info for Veterans

Br. George Florentine has shared some info of interest to veterans that he received from Col Charles H Gallina USMC/Ret, who is the Knights of Columbus Liaison to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

VA Expands Telehealth Care

VA expanded its telehealth sessions by 1000% since March to continue serving Veterans during the pandemic. Yes, 1000%. That's more than 9 million telehealth appointments, including over 1 million mental health appointments! VA will continue to expand its telehealth capability to reach even more Veterans. Learn more about accessing VA's telehealth services at:

<https://telehealth.va.gov/>

"Annie" Keeps Veterans Current on COVID

VA's Text Messaging App

"Hey Annie, what's the latest with COVID?" Annie will let you know. Annie is VA's text messaging program that sends health information and self-care reminders. Annie's Coronavirus Precaution texts provide general information, tips on precautions, and assessing and monitoring symptoms. Check her out here:

https://connectedcare.va.gov/sites/default/files/HOP-270-Annie-COVID-19-Protocol-One-Pager-1.2_508.pdf

Officers from Fraternal Year 2019-2020

The officers who served us in the fraternal year just ended are listed below. Many thanks to all of them for their service – those who are continuing for another year, those who have accepted a different office, and those who have decided to retire.

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Advocate	Miles Masog
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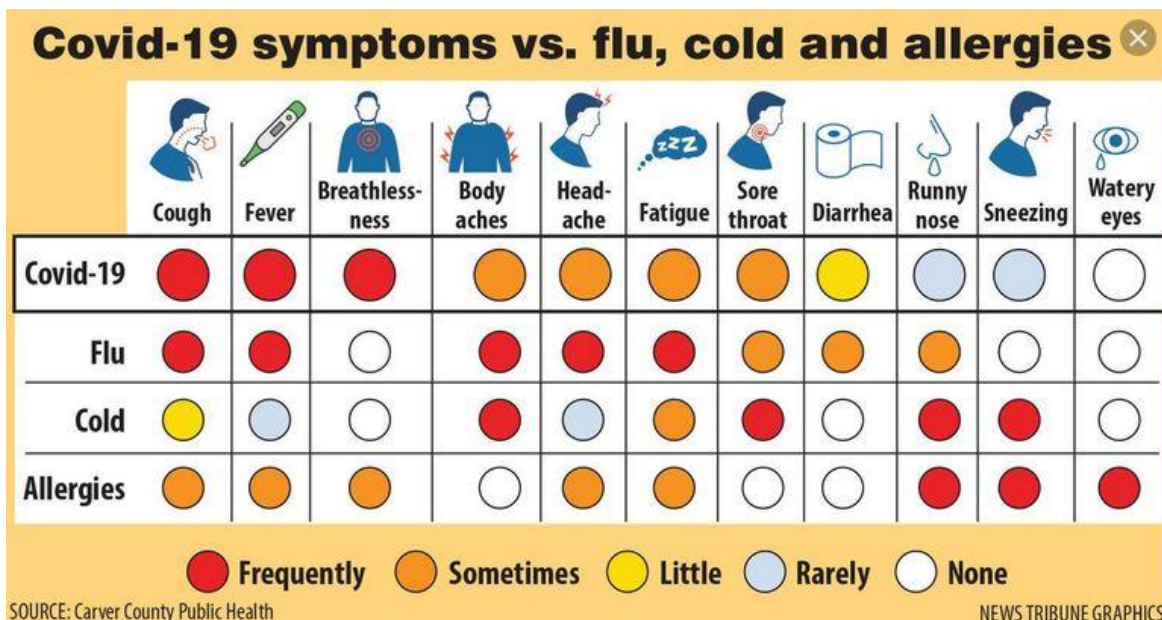
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Blood Drive News

Another big thank-you is in order to Br. Tom Nitta, our long-time Blood Drive Chairman. Tom managed to arrange a drive on Palm Sunday, April 5th during these extremely difficult times with two bloodmobiles in the parking lot at Our Lady of Joy! Thanks to all donors as well! Here is feedback that was sent to Tom from Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services).

We ended up collecting 21 units of blood yesterday. Here is the breakdown:

Whole Blood Procedures: 19

Plasma Procedure: 1 (each donation counts as 2 units): 2

Deferrals: 2 (people who tried but were not able to donate at this time)

Thank you, Tom for being an ambassador for the patients of Arizona by hosting this drive and encouraging others to give during this time of uncertainty. Hopefully no one waited too long to get on the bus and donate. Social

distancing is practiced even when donating blood. Our next drive is August 2nd, and we will see where we are with the pandemic and go from there.

In the current environment, when so many blood drives are being cancelled, please know we are especially grateful to you and your organization for keeping your blood drive open. Even in these uncertain times, one thing remains constant, the need for blood by hospital patients.

Your efforts and the support of Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church are greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward assuring a strong blood supply, and ultimately saving lives.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hall

Donor Recruitment Representative
Vitalant



Remote Meetings

When we attended our meetings in January and February, the world as we have known it for most of our lives was pretty much normal. At the time of our March meeting on the 12th, we had held our first two Lenten fish dinners with great participation by the parish, setting new attendance records. But a few stories about a strange new disease in faraway China began to circulate. It was serious enough that our State Council issued a directive to cancel activities scheduled for the following week. We had our third and final fish dinner on the next night with a smaller number of diners. Who could have ever predicted what has happened since. Although we have not been able to meet in person, remote assembly and council meetings have been held in April, May and June, with even our annual elections being conducted at those meetings. When you receive invitations to these meetings via email, consider participating. We can try to keep our organization strong during this difficult time by gathering together, even if not in person. These photos are from the May assembly and council Zoom meetings.



From Our Field Agent



Brothers,

For starters, I want to begin with many thanks and much gratitude for the opportunity to serve the council as your trusted Field Agent for so many years, it's been a great honor to serve.

For our retiring officers, thank you for your service and commitment to fulfilling the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

For our incoming officers, thank you for accepting the challenge of continuing the commitment of charity, unity, and fraternity that our founder "soon to be" Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney envisioned.

We've arrived at the end of the current fraternal year and are quickly approaching the next already!

In some ways, what a relief that is! The first half of this year has been one surprise after another to say the least. Who knew that 2020 would blur our lives in so many ways? So much for 20/20 vision!

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It will 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 happen."

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. I know you are too.

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 a faith-based Catholic company who establishes 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's 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. Be well and stay safe!

Fraternally yours,

Wes Casaus Sr., FICF, FSCP

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The Story of Father McGivney (Part 4 of 6)



William Geary, one of the Order's charter members, said that at the first council meeting in 1882 he "was acclaimed as founder by 24 men with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving, recognizing that without his optimism, his will to succeed, his counsel and advice they would have failed."

Father McGivney had suggested Sons of Columbus as a name for the Order. This would bind Catholicism and Americanism together through the faith and bold vision of the New World's discoverer. The word "knights" replaced "sons" because the key members of the organizing group who were Irish-born Civil War veterans felt it would help to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty.

In a first-ever public reference to the Order on Feb. 8, 1882, the New Haven **Morning Journal and Courier** said the Knights of Columbus' initial meeting had been held the night before.

On March 29, the Connecticut Legislature granted a charter to the Knights of Columbus, formally establishing it as a legal corporation. The Order's principles in 1882 were "Unity and Charity." "Fraternity" and "Patriotism" were added later. Each of these ideals played a major role in ceremonials from the beginning. The Columbus-linked themes, say historian Christopher J. Kauffman, "reverberated with pride in the American promise of liberty, equality and opportunity."

In April of 1882, Father McGivney, with the permission of Bishop McMahon, wrote to all pastors of the Diocese of Hartford. The Order's primary objective, he wrote, was to dissuade Catholics from joining secret societies by providing them better advantages at time of death or sickness. He urged each pastor to exert influence "in the formation of a Council in your parish." Father McGivney personally installed the first officers of San Salvador Council No. 1 in New Haven, in May of 1882.



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Useful Websites

Knights of Columbus Supreme

www.kofc.org

K of C at Our Lady of Joy

www.azkoc11116.org

K of C Arizona State Council

www.kofc-az.org

Our Lady of Joy Parish

www.oloj.org

www.facebook.com/OLOJCarefree

Diocese of Phoenix

www.dphx.org

Catholic News Agency

www.catholicnewsagency.com

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

A Note from the Editor



None of us would have believed what has happened to our lives, our community, our state, our nation and the whole world in the last four months if someone had predicted it. Unfortunately, the additional web-

sites listed below are probably still useful.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Jim Schuttenberg

U.S. Government Coronavirus Website

www.coronavirus.gov

Johns Hopkins COVID-19 World Map

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

AZ Department of Health Services

<https://azdhs.gov>