Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Our Families

We Pray that today's families may be accompanied with love respect and guidance.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis









State Deputy's Message

Dear Brothers, what an amazing time to be a Knight of Columbus. As discussed at the Organizational Meeting, we need to look at the challenges we face as opportunities. Opportunities to change and adapt, to grow, and to come out of these challenges stronger than before.

Here is one example of what I mean; not being able to meet in person is a huge challenge. So much of what we do as Knights of Columbus requires us to meet in person... but why? Businesses all over the world are discovering a vast majority of the day-to-day business can be done remotely. My wife works in marketing for commercial real estate and she shared an interesting article with me that said the market in New York City indicates a shift in business plans for companies; rent for businesses is going to drop because there will be less demand for space. Companies are finding they don't need to pay the high price of rent in New York City and can save money by having employees work remotely.

How does that relate to us Knights here in Utah? While in-person meetings will still be our standard and probably the best way for us to operate, we are finding we can take care of council business remotely. What about wintertime when we would cancel a meeting because of bad weather? Now you can hold a virtual meeting while still taking care of what needs to happen every month and keep your brothers safe. Plus, what an opportunity to have more attend the meeting because they can't drive or have to stay home with the family. When we can meet in person again, we can do "hybrid" meetings where we still meet in person but live stream our meetings that way more can attend. Imagine having a state meeting where we have 10-15 of our brothers from Cedar City and St George attending... but they didn't have to travel 4 ½ hours to be there for it. This would be amazing, and this is what I mean by taking the challenges we face and turning them into an opportunity.

Here are the things I hoped you would take away from the Organizational Meeting:

- How find a way, turn the challenges into opportunities.
- What What can you do differently this year? How can you adapt or change for the better?
- Why Find the "why." Find the reason you and others joined the Knights and build upon that for your programs and activities. Then find the "why" for men to join. Offer that "why", offer the gift of membership.

The action items or challenge I give you this month is to submit your Chosen Officer report form 185 if you haven't done so already. Submit your Service Program Personnel report form 365. Fill out your council plan/goal sheet, by doing that you'll know where you want to go as a council and that'll be the first step in being a success.

Vivat Jesus!

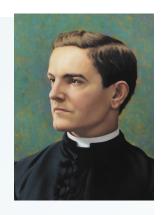
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Nick Nielson Utah State Deputy



Honoring the Legacy of Father McGivney

**Editors Note: This is the first in a series of articles on Fr. McGivney's life shared from www.fathermcgivney.org. Over the next few months we'll continue to share additional articles in preparation for his beatification.



A MODEL FOR TODAY

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.

Just as those in need sought Father McGivney's help in life, understanding that he was a "Good Samaritan" figure, more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and many others around the world, continue to seek out Father McGivney as a heavenly helper in times of need today. His heroic virtue has been recognized by the Vatican, which in 2008 named him a Venerable Servant of God. We now await an approved miracle through his intercession for him to reach the next step in the sainthood process.

Those who knew him best in life saw in him both a "genial" countenance and a man with an "iron will" to achieve the good. In sum, his founding of the Knights of Columbus "attests to the love in which he held his brother man."

In the Words of His Contemporaries Ten years after the death of Father McGivney, in June 1900, hundreds of Knights of Columbus from Brooklyn, N.Y., and all parts of Connecticut staged a pilgrimage to his hometown of Waterbury, Conn. They celebrated his life and his enduring legacy through the Order he founded. Here are excerpts from the orations of two priests who knew him well.

Father Slocum, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Waterbury: "Father McGivney, though a man of unassuming character, was possessed of an indomitable will, by which, aided by the grace of God, he was able to face unkind and unjust criticism from all directions in his great effort to found a society for the benefit of young men and the glory of the church." "His idea was to found an organization that would direct young men to work in harmony on lines laid out that would conform to the teaching and the practice of the Church." "So long as the society follows in the pathway marked out by Father McGivney it is bound to prove a power and blessing in the world."

Father O'Donnell, Historian, Diocese of Hartford: Father McGivney lived "a life unselfishly given to the service of others, a life spent in the promotion of his neighbors' welfare, a life redolent of deeds whose motive was the social, moral, intellectual and religious improvement of his fellows. ... Coincident with his spiritual labors, he wrought also for the temporal welfare of his brethren ..." "Genial, approachable, of kindly disposition, cheerful under reverses, profoundly sympathetic with those upon whom had fallen the heavy hand of affliction, a man of strict probity and sterling integrity in his business transactions. He was charitable to a fault, if I may so speak. The poor found in him a Good Samaritan, and were frequent recipients of his bounty." "I have a vivid remembrance of the days that preceded the foundation of the order. I have personal recollections of the anxiety that preyed upon Father McGivney as he resolutely sought the realization of his heart's desire. I know something of the obstacles he encountered and surmounted before the Knights became a reality. I witnessed the revision of this article and of that section of the organized law of the order, until he was satisfied that it met all needed requirements." "Before the altar all are equal. The beggar if such there be, kneels by the side of the possessor of wealth, and the man of dark skin occupies the same pew with his white brother. And this spirit pervades the Knights of Columbus; and so should it ever be." Father McGivney's "life was an open book, whose pages all might read, and the influences that radiated from his active, energetic and zealous personality, brought many a poor wanderer to the house of God, back to the faith of his childhood, and to the sacred tribunal of penance, where with faith, contrition and humility, he became reconciled to his Heavenly Father. Father McGivney was nothing, if not active. His energy was restless, ever seeking new outlets, and to this disposition are we indebted for the existence of the Knights of Columbus."

EARLY YEARS



Michael Joseph McGivney was born in Waterbury, Conn., on August 12, 1852, the first child of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney. His parents came to the United States in the great 19th-century wave of Irish immigration and were married in Waterbury. Patrick was a molder in the heat and noxious fumes of a brass mill. Mary gave birth to 13 children, six of whom died young, leaving Michael with four living sisters and two brothers. Life was not easy, especially for Catholic immigrant



families who often faced prejudice, social exclusion, and financial and social disadvantages. Young Michael thus experienced from an early age grief, anti-Catholic bigotry and poverty. But his faith sustained him. At home and in church, he learned and embraced love, faith, fortitude,

prayer and putting love of God above any earthly rewards.

Michael attended the public schools of Waterbury's working-class neighborhoods. A good student, he was noted for "Excellent deportment and proficiency in his studies." At age 13, shortly after the Civil War, he graduated three years early and began work in the spoon-making department of a brass factory to provide a few more dollars for his family.

SEMINARIAN



In 1868, 16-year-old Michael left home to pursue God's call to the priesthood. His formation as a seminarian was rich and diverse, spanning two countries, four seminaries and instruction by three religious orders — the charity-oriented Vincentians, the academically rigorous Jesuits, and the experienced formers of diocesan clergy, the Sulpicians.

Throughout his formation, his personal virtues, concern for others and use of Godgiven intellectual talents shone forth. At the College of St. Hyacinthe in Quebec, Canada, he received an award for his studious dedication. He also stood out academically at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and St. Mary's Seminary in Montreal.

In June 1873, tragedy struck with the death of his father, nearly upending 20-year-old Michael's vocation. He returned to Waterbury for the funeral, unsure whether he would need to leave seminary and return to factory work to support the family. By God's grace, the bishop of Hartford intervened. Seeing Michael's great priestly potential, he provided financial support for him to enter St. Mary's Seminary in

Baltimore. There, Michael was appointed sacristan, a responsibility that underscored his reputation for piety and orderliness. Holiness did not make him aloof, and he was remembered for his sense of humor — as well as for his enthusiasm for the relatively new game of baseball.

After four years of study, Michael was ordained by Archbishop (later Cardinal) James Gibbons on Dec. 22, 1877, in Baltimore's historic Cathedral of the Assumption, the nation's first cathedral. A few days later, with his widowed mother present, Father Michael J. McGivney celebrated his first public Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury, beginning his life as a priest — a busy and difficult vocation — which then had a life expectancy of only about 40 years.

Fear, Prudence, and Hope.



A lot of people are afraid right now. Some with cause. Some sort of with cause. And some without cause. Fear is like that. Our friends in AA have a saying (they have a lot of great sayings) "Fear= Future Events Appear Real". Some of our fears are well-

founded. Example: fear of juggling chainsaws. Some are sort of well-founded, like my fear of clowns. John Gacey anyone? Some are irrational. Fear of sharks; you have a greater chance of being hit by lightning that being bitten my a shark. COVID can be all three but many folks are letting fear of it govern their lives.

This is why we need prudence, the ability to disciple our lives with reason. **Prudence** helps us to realize what fears are and are not rational and how to take reasonable precautions for ourselves and others.



But in the face of any fear, we need to remember that we have **hope** which is the certainty of things that are unseen or yet to happen. For us as Catholics, hope is not a wish or a thing. It is the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we live and move and have our being. He has defeated the World, the Flesh, the Devil, and even

Death itself. He has promised us eternal life in His Father's kingdom and we can absolutely trust in Him. It is this fact that allows us to look even real fear in the face and remain joyful and confident. Jesus Christ is risen!

Blessings! Fr. Erik



For their assorted home-made Candy and Jam https://www.carmelslc.org/home-made-candy-and-jam-by-the-carmelite-nuns/

Donate through the Knights of Columbus https://www.cognitoforms.com/UTKofC/SupportTheCarmeliteSisters

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For the Good of the Order

For Men and Women in Uniform

We pray for the protection of our family members and friends serving in the Armed Forces and as first responders.

Please include these members and their families in the Good of the Order portion of your monthly council meetings.

If you are aware of a Brother Knight that should be included in this list, please forward his information to

editor: utahknights.update@gmail.com

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7/2	123-CUF, Virtual/English
	Supreme Council
	4:45/5:00 PM

7/2	123-CUF, Virtual/English
	Supreme Council
	7:45/8:00 PM

7/8	123-CUF, Virtual/Spanish
	Supreme Council
	6:45/7:00 PM

7/15	Patriotic , Clergy Only
	Exemplification

Cancelled

July 18	Catholic Day at	
	Lagoon (Cancelled)	

7/27	Delta Church Drive
	Council Planning Trg

8/1 Assembly Audit Due

8/1	Patriotic, 4th Degree
	St. Francis, Kearns

8/11	World Day of
	Prayer for Peac

8/15 Council Audits Due

For a complete listing of events visit:

www.utahknights.org

State Secretary's Corner

My Brother Knights,

I want to sincerely send my appreciation to you for your vote of confidence in selecting me to be your next State Secretary. We will have some challenging times in the months ahead, however I am confident that with your perseverance and dedication we will be able to continue the great works of our Founder, the Venerable Father J. McGivney.

Although we have seen a significant efflux in membership and decline in programs this past year, your council can start fresh with the new year. Thanks to those of you who turned in their SP7 Columbian award applications on time. As I write this note, we had 19 councils submit and at least three of you should quality for Star. Next, we need your council officers report (Form 185); if you have not turned those in, I desperately need them as these forms provides info on the leaders within your council and also provides them access to membership on line. Lastly, please get me your service program personnel report (Form 365).

Appreciate those of you who joined us for the Organizational Meeting on 27 June – that was a unique experience, but I believe it went very well. We covered a significant amount to information in 3 hours, and to the District Deputies who received additional information and instruction on Friday evening.



Because of this terrible pandemic, Supreme has continued a reduction of programs to quality for awards next year. For the Columbian award, you will need still need 4 points in each area, Faith, Family, Community and Life, however there are no mandatories and Supreme is planning on pushing out additional featured programs that will count as 2 points. They are still encouraging councils to look outside the box to develop their own programs that support your local Parish Community.

For Insurance next year, there will be no numerical quota. Councils will only need to complete two benefits seminars/webinars through the year to quality. These can be done at council, district, or state level, so get with your field agents as soon as you can to get these scheduled.

Finally, on membership, new members will be 5% versus 7% of your total membership base. Plan your degree ceremonial from now until next June so you have the best opportunity to achieve your goals. Put these 3 criteria along with safe environment training and forms submission and you are there.



Again thanks for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at 801-541-7770 or kellywbill@msn.com. I look forward to visiting with many of you in the future when the restrictions lift.

Vivat Jesus Bill Kelly State Secretary

JESUS NEEDS YOU, DON'T SAY NO!

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Program Report

State Program Updates see all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. http://utahknights.org/.

It has been my pleasure serving as your Warden and Program Director for the past two years. I thank you for electing me and your support. Thank you for your hard work and it was exciting learning Faith in Action together. Great job guys. I look forward to serving you as State Treasurer and Membership Director July 1.

Order-wide we are being reminded of a new program 'Leave No Neighbor Behind', we are invited to participate in the many ways you can step into the breach to serve others during this pandemic. Support your brothers, support your parish, support your community, feed the hungry, blood drives, etc

Lets not forget our Native American support program. Individuals: You can send checks to the address below and encourage your brother Knights to do the same thing or make an online donation at:

https://checkout.square.site/pay/757018ed63484a5f9a9a4b7d79618caa

Keep up the great work everyone.

Vivat Jesus,

Ryan Graveley State Warden, Program Director 801-835-0450 (statewarden@utahknights.org).



https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind-program.pdf

Brother Knights & Friends of Council 11246:

Hats off to all for putting your faith in action last month by contributing to our local Food for Families Program! Yesterday, your representatives had the pleasure of presenting the results of our May FFF drive, a \$2,500 check to our local food bank, Iron County Care & Share. This gift enables Care & Share to continue to distribute healthy food boxes and perishables to those most in need in our Cedar City area community even during these challenging times of Covid-19 Pandemic and social distancing.

Our Council continues to help our neighbor with needed food and supplies. In June, we joined with NavajoStrong.org to collect donations to assist isolated Navajo Reservation families impacted



L to R: Cris Simms C&S WH Mgr., Tom Hershman KoC FFF Mgr., Randy Rhoads KoC DGK, Harry Polland KoC Treasurer, David Webb KoC GK, Peggy Green C&S Exec Director, Naomi Ewen C&S Finance

by the Covid-19 Pandemic. You can participate in this effort by donating needed items or cash so we can purchase and deliver these basic supplies to the Navajo. We have established an online donation site to make contributing easy. Please consider helping by following this link:

knights-of-columbus-council-11246.square.site



Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna GK Anthony Moore

With connections to the families on the Navajo Reservation, the Knights from Council 9731 put together a drive to gather supplies to send to them. Their efforts were able to fill a 26' Uhaul truck that they delivered to the Reservation!



A Message from the State Family Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

Welcome to the beginning of the Utah Knights of Columbus fiscal year. The feeling should be similar to just coming out of Confession – We all get to start anew! My name is Tim Soran, St. Vincent's Council 13297. I will be serving as the Family Director for Utah through 2021, and I want to encourage all Utah Councils to continue to start at their July 2020 Business Meeting to keep your Family Programs rolling.

You may follow the link below to review Supreme's programs for fulfilling the "Faith In Action" – for the Family Category. I hope that most of you have submitted to Supreme by June 30^{th} , today, in order to qualify for the Columbian Award.



- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Food for Families
- Family of the month/year
- Keep Christ in Christmas (Poster or Essay)
- Family Fully alive
- Family week
- Family Prayer
- Good Friday Family Promotion

If any of your councils would like to share any of their unique family programs, please let me know about it! But moving forward for the next 3 months, I would encourage EVERY COUNCIL to participate in selecting a Family of the Month for each month. Here is the link to the Supreme Reporting Form. Just fill it out and send it in. Every month, Supreme selects families for special recognition, including sending a special gift for the family. So, at your next Virtual Council Meeting, please take nominations (via voice or email) select a winner, and submit.

http://kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/family-of-the-month-year/10668-family-of-the-month-form.pdf



SUPREME has Chosen **The Anthony Arnason Family**, as their UTAH FAMILY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. Anthony and his family are members of the **St. Thomas More Parish, and Council 11479**. Congratulations.

Also, please email me your Council's selection for each month, so that I may compare it to the one issued from Supreme. My continued prayers for you and your families over the next few months of our social distancing,

Timothy Soran, Jr

Utah State Family Director



Utah Knights of Columbus



Let's start the year off with a BBQ, the council that recruits the most members based on percentage in July, Aug, and Sept will win a BBQ from the State





July 27, 2020 7:00-8:00 PM-GoTo Meeting

Training will be conducted by Ray Lopez - Regional Growth Director and Jerry Angus - State Trainer.

Come learn how to hold a Delta Church Drive and plan out your council calendar.



Register for this training session using this link: https://forms.gle/ug8fAMt87pxzcAoK9



District MasterFrancisco "Frank" Carmona utahdistmaster@gmail.com 801.493.9779

"TO WHAT DEGREE"

Fourth Degree News and Views

I would like to take a moment of your time and thank all the Faithful Navigators, District Marshals, Color Corps Commanders, Honor Guard Members, Former Masters, FVSMs, PSDs, State Council Members, and most importantly my Brother Knights for the love and support you have shown me; thank you for your support and your advice.

The Utah District is a healthy district, coming along with its challenges and overcoming obstacles like every other district. The difference is we do it in style and smile while we take the hits. In the fall of 2018, we created one of four programs called "Socks for Heroes." Socks for Heroes was a project that concentrated on collecting winter socks from civilians to donate to our US Veterans. "SFH" could not be possible without the help of our Worthy District Marshals leading the charge. Some brother Knights doubted us, and some even made fun of us for trying a new project this massive. We had parishes get involved; even my child's school, Summit Academy in Draper UT participated. This program was hugely successful! Other districts across the United States adopted the project. In the State of Utah, we have many Veterans Homes and Hospitals from as far South as Saint George, and as far north as Logan, we managed to fill every one of those hospitals with winter socks for our Veterans. The Utah District has donated more than 13,000 pairs of winter socks to US Veterans across the state, and we hope to keep on doing it year after year.



"Sir Knight is more than a title...it's an honor."



Father Dominguez Assy. #1144 Serving Councils: 5214, 7961, 8350,

10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146 Serving Councils: 1136, 8606, 9561

Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

Serving Councils: 777, 5347, 6010, 9849, 12959, 14399

Carbon Assy. # 1570Serving Councils: 2611, 5663, 6147,

Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393 Serving Council: 10733

Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy.

Serving Councils: 6966, 11479, 12181, 13297, 13646, 14239

Padre Pio Assy. #2636 Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

St. John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assy.

Serving Councils: 602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006

Msgr John J. Sullivan Assy. # **3758** Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140 The Second program we introduced was **American Patriot Service Corp) apscnp.org.** This program allowed us to locate lost widows and families of Veterans and inform them on how to have pending benefits that they might not know existed. Congress has set aside HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars of funding for eligible wartime Veterans & their Surviving Spouses. Veterans (age 65 years and older) and their Surviving Spouses may qualify for a tax-free VA pension called Aid & Attendance. The VA helps Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the Veterans Pension benefit. Our mission is to help them understand and apply for the VA pension and health care benefits they may be entitled to. We are dedicated to serving our Veterans and their Surviving Spouses. Receive up to \$2,846 monthly with

What Does APSC Do?

the Aid & Attendance Benefit.

The mission of American Patriot Service Corp. is to serve our military veterans and their families by helping veterans and their surviving spouses apply for pension and health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

How Can They Help?

Your membership and donations are much appreciated. With your help, we can generate tens of thousands of dollars for a typical veteran or surviving spouse over the balance of his/her life.

Eligibility & Qualification

VA offers two broad categories of Pension benefit programs:

Veterans Pension: Tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income wartime Veterans Survivors Pension: Tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried Surviving Spouse and unmarried child (ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service. Veterans and survivors who are eligible for Pension benefits and are housebound or require the aid and attendance of another person may be available to receive additional monetary amounts. If you are 65 and older_or inquiring for a loved one who is 65 and older, please fill out the form and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

4th Degree continued...

Eligibility

The Veteran must have served at least 90-days of active military service, one day of which was during a period of war(dates below) The Veteran must have received a discharge other than "dishonorable." This is documented by providing a certified copy of the DD Form 214 (report of separation).

The claimant must be a Veteran who qualifies under items 1 and 2 above, or be the Surviving Spouse of a qualifying Veteran and was married to the Veteran at his/her death and has not remarried.

The Veteran must have served during these wartime dates:

WWII - 12/07/1941 - 12/31/1946 Korea - 06/27/1950 - 01/31/1955

Vietnam - 08/05/1964 - 07/07/1975 (*February 28, 1961 - August 4, 1964, in theater)

Qualifications

- 1. The Veteran or Surviving Spouse must meet the eligibility requirements referred to above.
- 2. The Veteran or Surviving Spouse must require the aid and attendance of another person.
- 3. Meet the financial need requirements: this refers to income, assets, un-reimbursed medical costs, etc.

In the Third Project, we created a scholarship program. The Utah District would like to give away a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving graduating or college student at the next state convention. We accomplish this in 2020, and we hope to do it again. With the leadership of our FVSM Chuck Dover Jr. and the District Marshals in 2021, we plan on giving away at least two \$1000.00 scholarships. Please stay tuned for more information.

The final District of Utah project concentrated on our first-responders and the distress children they encounter. In 2019 and 2020, The Utah District collected and donated over 5000 stuffed animals to various police, fire, and EMP high crime agencies around the state. With the leadership of District Marshal Richard Vigor, Stacey Yeager, PFN Richard Hall, and PSD Andy Airriess, this event was possible. It was there tenacious and his ability to communicate with various agencies, churches, GKS, FNS, PSDs, and the State Council that the Utah District was successful with our new project. Even Covid-19 has not stopped them from collecting. We spent over two (2) weeks distributing all the plush animals to the high crime agencies. Receiving recognition from the top Cop in the city was a great accomplishment, but knowing one of our collected plush animals was in those police cars, fire trucks, or ambulance made this project a success. This year I am proud to say that Utah District has continued to do an excellent job promoting our Order and the Patriotic Degree.

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications:

No. 1 Clergy Only Patriotic Exemplification

Date: July 15, 2020

Location: Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Address: 4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT 84118

Contact: Andy Airriess (PSD) Email: aairriess@msn.com

No. 2 Salt Lake City

Date: August 01, 2020

Location: Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church Address: 1375 Spring Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Contact: FN Robert Masse, Jr. PSD Email: rmasser@comcast.net

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. –John 1:9

God bless you, and God Bless America!

Viva Christo Rev!!!

Frank Carmona
Utah District Master



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Exemplification

Your opportunity to join the ranks and be knighted into the Patriotic Degree.



Saturday, August 1, 2020 St Francis Xavier Catholic Church 4501 W 5215 S. Kearns, UT 84118

Interested in joining our ranks contact:
Faithful Navigator Bob Masse Jr.
(801) 910-7885 or rmassejr@comcast.net
for more information. God bless you!

Please invite your wife/partner to observe the Exemplification and Knighting ceremony with you.



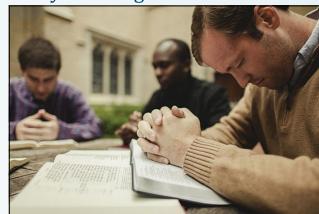
Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

WHAT IS THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE?

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and

issues a challenge for men to live for the month.



The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

This Month's Challenge

June2020

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Gospel for May 3, Jn 10:9-10)

We've all gone through times when it seems like we're just keeping our head above water, or moments when we feel overwhelmed by life. So what does Jesus mean when he says that he came in order that we might have life "more abundantly"? Some think that Jesus is offering a "prosperity gospel" that awards the faithful with happiness, good health and financial success. Yet Christ experienced suffering, as do his followers, so an "abundant life" must mean something else. Whether a given day brings health and success, or trials and suffering, we experience all these things with Christ. By living our lives for Christ, he shows us the way to fullness of life.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to write down Psalm 27:1 — "The Lord is my light and my salvation" — put it up where you'll see it daily (on the fridge, on your mirror, etc.), and recite it regularly. Second, I challenge you to promote the cause of life by participating in the Faith in Action Ultrasound or Pregnancy Center Support programs or by making a donation to a pregnancy center.

Questions for Reflection:

What obstacles do you face in living with more abundance, generosity and magnanimity? Has reminding yourself that God is your light and salvation helped you to live more abundantly? How does supporting the pro-life cause help you, others and our society live more abundantly?

Instructions for the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the month will be available in a number of places:

- kofc.org/challenge
- Columbia
- Knightline
- Chaplain's Report
- Knights of Columbus social media
- Monthly email to Grand Knight and Chaplain

To conduct the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, during a Knights of Columbus meeting (ideally during the Chaplain's Message or the Grand Knight's Report) or other gathering:

1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and perhaps a brief prayer.

Example Opening Prayer: Come Holy Spirit. We thank you for guiding our lives and pray that we may have the courage exemplified by Venerable Fr. McGivney to live our faith to the fullest through our council, our families and in society. May our words today give glory to your Sacred Heart and if we struggled this past month in living our faith, help us to never stop turning to you and always try again.

- 2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge from the previous month
- 3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live last month's challenge. Every month has a number of Questions for Reflection that may help facilitate discussion. Don't worry about what order the men speak in or if there is silence in between men speaking. Not everyone has to speak and it is not a problem if the discussion is brief. Men are welcome to comment on others' contribution to the discourse.
- 4) When finished, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month.
- 5) End by asking if there are any intentions and close with prayer and the Sign of the Cross.

Example Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time together with our brothers. We ask you to have mercy on all those people and intentions we prayed for. Give us the perseverance to live next month's challenge and to remember that we are united with our brother Knights around the world in doing so.

A Little Humor

These are the only two meeting rooms we have left for your State Organizational Meeting



What if 2020 isn't cancelled?

What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for?

A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so scary, so raw — that it finally *forces* us to grow.

A year that screams so loud, finally awakening us from our ignorant slumber.

A year we finally accept the need for change.

Declare change. Work for change. Become the change.

A year we finally band together, instead of pushing each other further apart.

2020 isn't cancelled, but rather the most important year of them all.

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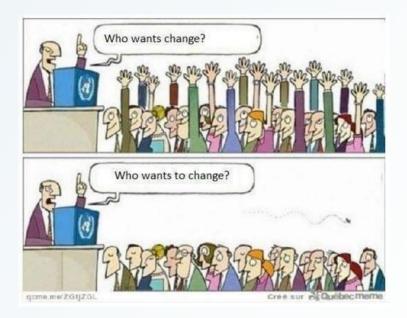


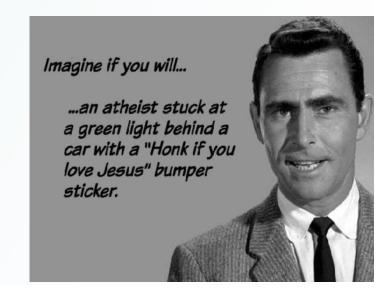
"I can't go out because of the virus" sounds weak, whiny and boring.

Try this instead:

"I've sworn an oath of solitude until the pestilence is purged from the lands."

That sounds more principled, valiant and heroic - and people might even think you are carrying a sword.





Council % of Membership Goal as of 6/25/2020

OUNC	IL	GRAND KNIGHT		% QUOTA
	6739	Thomas M Goonan	Tooele	250%
	7961	Michael Anglin	St Joseph the Worker	167%
	15741	Jose Palestino	Our Lady of Guadalupe	125%
	17140	Alex Aerts	Copperton	167%
	12264	Larry Martinez	St Patrick	150%
	15418	Dick Hall	St Ambrose	100%
	5214	George Jockisch	Kearns	86%
	9731	Anthony Moore	Magna	75%
	10304	Orlando Montoya Jr	Taylorsville	67%
	1136	Alex Tarazon	Provo/Orem	0%
	2611	John Flores	Helper	0%
	12959	Cory Meacham	Logan	0%
	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	Riverton	0%
	14399	Wilber Meier	South Ogden	0%
	6966	Mike Carmody	Blessed Sacrament	0%
	9561	Michael E Hacking	Payson	0%
	8606	Rogelio Castaneda Jr	American Fork	0%
	14764	Richard Green	St Catherine UofU	0%
	5502	Joe Nesi	Bountiful	0%
	10733	Louis Mandrigues	St George	0%
	16006	Unassigned	Sacred Heart	0%
	7401	Richard Babin	Vernal	0%
	5347	George D Fuller	Brigham City	0%
	11479	Larry Page	St Thomas More	0%
	6010	Dennis Martinez	Layton	0%
	11246	David Webb	Cedar City	0%
	1129	Robert Dieringer	Park City	0%
	6147	Tim Peczuh	Price	0%
		Michael Sweetland	St James/Ogden	0%
		Charlie Millard	Midvale	0%
		Richard Houghton	Hill AFB	0%
		Rene Contreras	Cathedral	0%
		Steven Thatcher	Draper	0%
		Jose Munoz	West Valley City	0%
		Gary A Cabana	St Vincent de Paul	0%
		Unassigned	Wendover	0%
	///	Jerry Bedel	St Joseph/Ogden	0%

District Deputies % of Membership Goal

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
4	Richard Vigor	0%
11	Frank Lesar	0%
8	Mark Meredith	0%
6	Jerry Angus	0%
5	Unassigned	0%
9	Brian Duncan	0%
2	Ray Salazar	0%
10	Peter Abercrombie	0%
3	Unassigned	0%
7	Art Grant	0%
1	Dan Castelli	0%

In the words of the Apostle Paul,

"Do not be overcome by evil, instead overcome evil with good"!

Romans 12:21

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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. We are struck by the resilience of the **permanent things**-our **faith**, **our fraternity**, **our families**. We're 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.

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

That's why, for us, 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.

We would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or its 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, we 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.

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