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Grand Knight's Message

Edward V. Ruhnke, Jr.

Brother Knights,

What is Heaven like? A wonderful place you could never have imagined. Remember your awe at a beautiful sunset? Your love of butterflies, hummingbirds, fishing, hunting, your favorite dog and his/her wonderful love for you? Your admiration of a teacher/professor who was so much smarter than you? Well, who created all of these? Who made them all for you to show His goodness? Mountains, prairies, snow, flowers, rivers, seas, oceans, clouds, rain, rocks and minerals, precious and semi-precious stones, diamonds and pearls that fascinate you. The love of your spouse; where did it come from? Was it your charming ways, your money, your gifts, your pleasing personality, or your skills at cooking BBQ? Maybe she saw potential in your crude attempts to woo her. She saw a lump of coal she could work on and turn you into a good man, husband and father, someone much better than you were before. She, of course, needed no work, for she was perfect when you found her, wasn't she? God's graces are working on you right this moment as you are reading these words. They are making you serve her more dearly, love her more deeply, long to see God in her, in your parents (they're a gift, too, you know), to grow in appreciation of your children, even if they cause you grief and trouble. Didn't God put up with you quite often when you did not deserve it?

St. Alphonsus Ligouri meditated a lot on the sufferings of Christ during His passion. He thanked God for not letting him die in a state of sin and sending him straight to hell, which he had so richly deserved. If a great saint prayed like this, isn't it wise to imitate his sense of appreciation and gratitude? When you obey the Commandments, see needs and fill them, love God first in all things, and love your neighbor as yourself, what is your reward for a life well lived? Perfect contentment and peace, for you see God as He is, and you realize He is all you ever wanted. God is the magnet that pulled you toward Him all the days of your life as you lived it. The Triune source of all creation you enjoyed. The love that created that feeble shadow of real love in your spouse, parents, children, friends, and even your dear dog. There is no night and day in Heaven. God is the light of Heaven. No hunger or thirst. No boredom. No desire to be better, and no search for accolades.

No one cares more for you in Heaven than Mary. Her love and prayers for you all of your life have come to fruition. Everyone in Heaven is so happy. They want God's will to be done perfectly. And what exactly is God's will? That all should come to repentance, love Him, and successfully earn their way to Heaven through imitation of His dear Son.

The Catholic Church we all know and love tells us that there are certain individuals in Heaven. We call them *saints*. Dead people are blessed, beatified, then canonized. All actions, deeds, letters are examined and friends interviewed. A medically impossible event occurs, and doctors verify it because we prayed for a person we thought to intervene with God Himself

to interfere in human events. Did it really happen? Did your [my] prayers to a potential saint do the trick? How else to explain the miracle? The Church decides and tells us he/she is for sure up there and waiting to hear from us. He/she wants to help us. Our founder, Fr. McGivney, is in that limbo of waiting to be declared a saint. We don't have to wait for an official declaration, do we? Don't we pray for and to our deceased parents? They wait for our prayers, and they long to help us, to whisper in God's ear to, "Please bless...." So is Fr. McGivney. Give him a chance. He's like Mary and your patron saint, never sleeping and always ready to help you. Ask him.

I, as Grand Knight, had an interesting visit on the phone with John Hinojosa, the Diocesan Deputy for our Council and 120+ more Councils. If this virus fear is making you feel isolated, fearful, unsure, despairing, missing the friendship and fellowship we used to have, well, you are not alone. Over 100,000 of your fellow Knights all over Texas are sad and depressed too. Everyone misses the meetings, the Bingos, the Corporate Communion, fundraisers, dinners, etc. Even work days on Saturdays are starting to look good, for even they are missed too.

Please join us on a Zoom conference call on Monday, July 13th, 2020, when we will vote on our new officers. The same 2019 slate of Officers is ready and willing to serve you, the loyal members, for another one year term even if you feel that 2020 is already messed up as far as our activities program is concerned. Routine maintenance concerns for our property still exist, and they must be continually addressed.

At 7 p.m. next Monday please join your fellow Knights at a Zoom meeting ID 638 597 5941. Our password is 2szn HZ. We will all see you there!!!

Council meeting is July 13 - Meeting starts at 7 p.m.
Northside Columbus Club meeting - July 15 at 7 p.m.

No workday in July

2nd Monthly Council Meeting cancelled.
Please pray the Pro-Life Rosary at home.

Northside Columbus Club

Floyd Rekieta, Secretary

**THE NSCC WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON
JULY 13 at 7 PM**

This meeting will be to give a financial statement to it's membership and elect 5 men to the NSCC Board.

Please attend this meeting, so we meet our quorum of attendees to hold a voting meeting.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Deacon Will Hunter

Nameless, faceless, thankless service

Have you ever met a human who did not want some type of recognition for the work they do while here on earth? Have you ever met a human who did not want to be placed among the pantheon of people who have been immortalized by those who they have worked for or served in any capacity? Well, let me introduce you to someone who has trained, taught, mentored, guided, healed and outright praised countless men and women who few if any know them or their names, Christ Jesus.

The Lord has built his church here on earth on the men, women and children who shall forever remain nameless and faceless to us. To be sure, there are many men, women and children whose names we know and whose faces we recognize that have worked tirelessly for the church of Christ here on earth and their contributions are not to be diminished in any way. But just stop and ask yourself, could I be one of the nameless and faceless heralds for the Lord in this day and age?

Today, everyone has a Facebook page, an Instagram handle or Twitter handle so everyone can see and hear what they are doing in their lives. This is even true for those who work for the Lord in the capacity of clerics and religious. Everyone has something to say or do and they want the world to hear it and know about it including the Lord. Fortunately for all of us, the Lord does not need social media to know what we are doing and what our intentions are for our actions.

The Lord has complete access to the one social media that others can only guess about, our hearts. If you peruse the bible, you will find countless and I do mean countless men, women and children who have never had a name, we have never been able to recognize them because they did the work of the Lord and were sent on their way without likes, hash tags or tweets. They have no memorials named after them. They have no saint names to offer up or compelling stories that reverberate throughout generation after generation. No, none of that, all they have is the knowledge of knowing they were a servant of the Lord. How many of us today could stand to work for the Lord that way?

The woman at the well in John's gospel (4: 6-10), does anyone remember her name, does anyone know her work for the Lord past her conversation with him? What about the demoniac in the cemetery (Mark 5: 1-20), what is his name, what is his ethnicity, what religion does he belong to? What about Jairus' daughter in Mark's gospel (5:21-43), does anyone know her name, what about the work she did for the Lord after he brought her back to life? These are just a few examples of individuals who served the Lord and never became recognizable after their encounter with the Lord.

You might say those are individuals in the bible that we know by their actions and their chance meeting with the Lord. How about the countless nameless and faceless martyrs, who were burned, maimed, fed to wild animals and completely dehumanized for no other reason than to proclaim the Lord as their God? How many of us could suffer the fate of the nameless and faceless martyrs for the Lord in this day and age without wanting to be recognized for it via social media?

Serving the Lord requires one component, a heart that has been given to the Lord freely for him to do with as he pleases. This is what separates nameless and faceless heralds of the Lord for all others. They have no other desire than to serve the Lord according to his divine and perfect will.

Do homage to the nameless and faceless servants of the Lord today by listening to the voice of the Lord and do something, say something to someone who will never recognize you or your act of kindness, but will give praise to the Lord for it. Do not become like the modern day Pharisees who hide behind their religious titles and only do what they do so they can be praised by the people who fall for their empty actions of kindness.

Do your acts of kindness so that only the Lord will know that you have done it for his sake and for the sake of his people. It is his recognition alone that will bring healing to your heart and your spirit peace. Desire to remain nameless and faceless in your service to the Lord so that you are forgotten by man but remembered by the Lord.

KC Council 2917 meeting is this Monday July 13 at 7 PM.

Remember to wear your mask and keep social distance if planning to attend. Hall will not be open till 6:30 PM. There will not be a meal served. If you don't want to attend the meeting in person, please join us for a virtual meeting.

Brothers if you haven't attended a meeting in a while, we invite you to attend via Zoom.

To join the Zoom meeting click on the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6385975941?pwd=RFNiVW43VTdaT0hQbnpEVjFPMkhzQT09>

You will need to enter the meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 638 597 5941

Password: 2sznHZ

The Zoom app needs to be acquired prior to the meeting.

If anyone has any questions on how to use this, please don't think twice about calling me.

Tony Zuccarini 713-688-0617

Pro-Life Program Director

Floyd Supercinski

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants



Saturday, July 18

Mass 8:15 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church

6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston

Followed by a Rosary Procession from
Holy Ghost Church parking lot at 6921 Chetwood
to Planned Parenthood on Bellaire Blvd.

If you cannot attend, please pray for the conversion of hearts.

For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/pro-life>

Program Director

John Buck

All council events and programs are still on hold until the hall is able to reopen. As we begin to resume council events, we will inform you of the new dates. If you have paid for a ticket to the council event that has been postponed, please keep this ticket as it will be good for the new date we set.

When we resume activity at the hall, there will be modifications to our activities. Like all other businesses, we will have to follow procedures on hand sanitation, gathering restrictions, and social distancing to minimize the spread of the coronavirus COVID 19.

Everyone, married and single Knights, we are experiencing some very new and different times. Over the many years of Council 2917 history, we have kept our council growth and "council family" together through social activities, but now we do not have live meetings, we do not have our prayer meetings, we do not have our fundraisers and more. We may still have limited business life within the council, but all social life at Council 2917 is on hold, indefinitely. To keep our great council alive and active, we need to try different approaches to "coming together." One approach is to become a "virtual council," another is to have informal, small groups of people coming together for short meetings. This new way to meet and keep active our "council family" will not be forever, just for the time that we are battling this pandemic.

Virtual meetings—what is this and what can we do? I know that we are an older council, but age does not limit us to what we can do with the computer. Most of you are pretty savvy with your computer and for those that feel uncomfortable with the computer, once you try meeting this way, you will become more comfortable each time you use it. How do you meet "virtually"? One member will need to set up a virtual meeting format, "the host" and the host will invite others to this meeting. There are many different companies promoting their service, the host can pick the company that they prefer. What can you do at this meeting, how long does it last and how many can come together at this meeting?

- ZOOM is one virtual meeting choice and I believe that ZOOM is still offering 30-40 minute free sessions at this time.
- What can we do at this meeting? There are many things you can do. You can play games, pray the rosary, just have a chat session, etc.
- How many can join in a virtual meeting? You can have any number that you want, but I suggest not more than 12.

Congratulations to

- David Cornelius, Knight of the Month for May.
- Bennie & Kathy Bronikowski, Family of the Month for May.

Correction: There was an error in listing the Knight of the month for January. **Congratulations to Kenneth Bollom, Knight of the Month for January.**

Live meetings—remember that we need to practice "social distancing" — 6' minimum space between each other and a face covering. When we do meet live, remember that the social distancing requirements protects others from you, so if you do choose to meet live, respect others by keeping your distance and covering up. Where do we meet? I have heard of people meeting in parking lots, parks, anywhere you can drive to park in a circle and everyone stays in the car or pull out a chair to sit in a circle. We do have to find a safe place to meet though and where might this be? Ask your pastor if you could meet in the parish parking lot, you could even have these informal parking lot meetings at the hall. If you do meet informally on the hall parking grounds, please inform me beforehand just to let me know that you are meeting.

We all love our social interaction and by using one of these forms of meeting we can resume some sort of "council family" activity until we are able to resume our regular council activities. Remember to call on your council family, check up on their health and see if they have any needs.

Stay in touch with one another and stay safe.

Northside Columbus Club

Meeting Place of Bishop Odin Council 2917

On July 13, at 7 PM the NSCC will have a special meeting to report the NSCC financial statement to their membership and elect 5 men to the board of directors. We did not have enough members present last month to have our election, so the election will need to be in July. Please attend this meeting however it may be held—in person or virtual.

The hall is still closed and with the rise in virus cases and hospitalization of virus patients, we are not sure when we will resume activities at the hall. Our regular hall and grounds maintenance continues though, so if you can help us, please call to let me know what you can do and when you can help.

Thank you to our volunteers who came to the June work day: Vic Virgadamo, Paul Heidbreder, Bennie Bronikowski, Don Christen, Kenneth Bollom, Edward Runke, Jr., Nick Navarro, John Buck and Lydia Clifton. Thank you to our lawn mowers: Richard Pavlas and James Urbanovski.

When the hall is reopened, food serving will be different and entering the hall will be different, please abide by these changes.

When you come to the hall to work or for activities, please do not come if you have any symptoms of the virus and before entering please put on and wear a mask while you are there, obey the 6' social distancing space and wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.

We are receiving hall rental requests for next year, but we still need you, our best advertiser to continue advertising the hall for rentals.

John Buck, NSCC President



Next workday is August 15

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Mark A. Diaz	July 1
Alfred J. Moore	July 1
John C. Roffall	July 1
John E. Jankowski	July 2
Stanley C. Bordovsky	July 3
Rev. Pemberton Randall	July 4
Jimmie B. Kainer	July 6
Marion A. Tomczak	July 6
Carter O. Rodarte	July 8
Kenneth G. Borski	July 11
Paul Martinez	July 11
Chadwick W. Owens	July 13
Marion J. Kuharski	July 14
Michael E. Fisher	July 15
Leonard Kasowski	July 17
Blake Pellerin	July 17
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Rodney J. Borski	July 19
Sam C. Kwiatkowski	July 24
Gregory D. Berens	July 26
Jerome Gorney	July 26
Kenneth A. Kainer	July 27
Jose J. Limas	July 30
Richard L. Pavlas	July 31

LADIES AUXILIARY

Lydia Clifton, President

Greetings Ladies,

I pray that everyone is in good health during this difficult time. Often, we feel ourselves on a runaway roller coaster ride in which we are unable to get off and we fall into the trap of self doubt. We may feel that Jesus Christ Our Lord has forgotten or abandoned us. That is a human trait and fault. We are not the only ones that feel that way. St. Thomas the Apostle did too. St. Thomas wanted proof that the one before him was indeed Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until St. Thomas actually saw and touched Our Lord's wounds he did not believe. Then Jesus said to him, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed..." John 20:29

During the struggles our nation is facing let us remember St. Thomas the Apostle whose life teaches us to trust in everything the Lord has promised us. His feast day is July 3.

I spoke with Delores Tobola and we were in agreement that since there is a spike in Covid cases, we are not going to have a meeting this month. We took into consideration the fact that most of our members are in the elderly category and it is suggested that they stay home and we do not have any pending business we need to discuss at this time. If we need to relay any information, we can do so by having our callers call you. Please stay safe. I know some of us are bored, but our health is more important during this pandemic.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/ladies-auxiliary>

Upcoming Events

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/calendar>

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| July 13 | Council meeting at 7 p.m. |
| July 15 | Northside Columbus Club Meeting |
| July 27 | Pro-Life Rosary (pray the rosary at home) |

Tentative schedule for August

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| Aug. 5 | Council Officers' Meeting |
| Aug. 10 | Council meeting at 7 p.m. |
| Aug. 15 | Feast of the Assumption (<i>holy day of obligation</i>) |
| Aug. 15 | Council Work Day |
| Aug. 19 | Northside Columbus Club Meeting |
| Aug. 24 | Pro-Life Rosary |

Please pray for our sick:

- Brother Felipe Ramirez
- Brother John Hernandez
- Brother Frank Garcia
- Brother Eugene Hyman
- Carolyn Pechacek
- Pansy Miller, wife of Brother Robert
- All religious in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston who are ill with Covid 19, especially Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza and retired Auxiliary Bishop Vincent Rizzotto



Names on our "Sick Prayer List" will appear in our newsletter for 3 months, after which they will be removed unless notification is received to have the name remain.

Please contact Brother Floyd Supercinski, Chancellor, at 713-861-6725 if you would like to add anyone or have the name remain on our prayer list. You can always read the prayer list on our website as well.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/sick-distressed>

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