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Opportunities to Grow

Greetings Brother Knights and family members,

Do you like to read? Do you read? No, I'm not talking about The Crusader, though I hope you do take the time to read the articles each month. I mean, in general, do you read material for information, inspiration, motivation, entertainment, and education? The written word is a powerful tool that helps us understand ourselves, our world, our God. I recommend the March 2023 Columbia magazine column by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori where he writes about Patient Endurance and Lent. Try it, you'll like it.

I hope that in some way, whether large or small, you've had a Lent that has provided a renewed experience of Christ's presence. With Holy Week upon us, we make final preparation for the celebration of His Resurrection. Please join in the services and programs our parishes are providing. Vivat Jesus!

This month's Crusader is the shorter, four-page style that was piloted in November. We'll do this a few times during the year to reduce the costs of bringing you Council and Assembly news each month. The Patron list will reappear in next month's six-page issue. Also, we are still accepting answers to the questions posed in last month's Crusader. We appreciate your feedback.

Inside this issue you will find the column from Assembly #510 Faithful Navigator Jack Tylus. Even if you are not a 4th degree member, be sure to read Jack's report. Also, there is an article highlighting the many decisions made at the March

Council 695 meeting. And, as a special treat, continuing the theme of remembering our history, see the photo of the Grand Knight from 25 years ago.

Finally, we have a great opportunity to achieve Star Council status for 2022-2023. This requires Council 695 to achieve a target of bringing in 10 new members this fraternal year. We project achieving that sometime in May, but we always are seeking new members. We are hosting an exemplification ceremony on April 23 at St. Matthew. The second challenging requirement is to receive credit for two Fraternal Benefits Seminars. Many of you received an email from me listing the upcoming seminars. Please register and attend. We may host a watch party for the April 26 event. Insurance Agent Randy Laue will join our council meeting on June 13 to help us get the second benefit event completed.

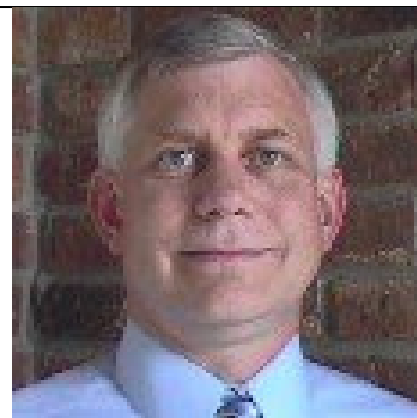
April is the time we take nominations for council officers. I'd love to see new faces step up to help with some of the open positions as either officers or program directors. For most, the time commitment is a couple hours a month. Contact me if you have questions or interest.

Best wishes to you and your family as we move from Happy Lent to Happy Easter.

Rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Vivat Jesus!

Mike McCarthy, Grand Knight



April 2023

Calendar of Events

- 1 Angel's Outreach Easter Program, SJV Gym - Noon
- 2 Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord
- 6 No Assembly 510 Meeting
- 6 Holy Thursday
- 7 Good Friday - fast/abstinence
- 8 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 11 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting. 7:30 p.m. St John Vianney
- 13 State Council Raffle - 8pm
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
- 29 St. Catherine of Siena (Memorial)

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March as Knights during Lent

Our exemplification will be at St. Gerald in Lansing on Saturday April 29th.. This provides us an excellent opportunity to encourage our new members into the 4th degree this year. If you have not asked your fellow 3rd degree members to join, please ask, ASAP! Again, our goal is 12 for this time. Lets make it or even exceed the goal. Thank you in advance gentlemen for your hard work with this matter! Please contact any of our officers for additional information.

Our major events for the rest of the year: Remember to ask at your parish, neighbors or friends to provide you with worn or tattered flags so we can properly retire them in June. Our golf tournament committee will meet and confirm the location, seek sponsorships and volunteers for the golf fund raiser that will take place after July, 2023. Finally, the Veterans Appreciation Dinner in November will form their committee to get make arrangements for this annual event. Your support and participation for these and all our events is appreciated.

While I was at the Stations of the Cross one snowy Friday evening in March, the sixth station hit a nerve. The sixth Station is the one where Veronica came to our Lord's assistance by offering a cloth to wipe the blood and sweat off his face. Her faith had to be tremendous for her to do such an act of kindness for Christ. In everyday of our lives a little bit of help or understanding goes a long way. So, when someone needs support in some way and could use some help, take time to assist. As Knights and Catholic gentlemen, it is our privilege and honor to provide aid.

The Paschal candle has a long history of carrying large symbolism and meaning at Easter time. During the Easter Vigil the candle represents the light of Christ's resurrection and conquering death and darkness. It is lit during baptism, portraying new life with Christ. Gentlemen, be the "Pascal candle" in today's world and society - not just during the 50 days of Easter, but throughout the year. The assembly officers are wishing everyone a blessed and joyous Easter! Alleluia to ALL!

Our next meeting will be on May 4th at the Holy Redeemer Life Center at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Blessed Michael J McGivney and
Monsignor Patrick R Dunigan, pray for us!

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April Birthdays

- 1 Michael J McCarthy
- 6 Rev Iosevo Ratuvere
- 8 Clark R Switalski
- 11 Paul J Drevon
- 11 Douglas M Proconier
- 12 Robert C Johnson
- 13 Kenneth J Pelletier
- 14 Patrick J Goodall
- 14 Justin D Rohner
- 21 Matthew M George
- 23 Rev Timoci R Kolodisi
- 24 Gordon Harman
- 25 Laurence E Macdonald
- 27 Randall A Josey
- 27 Thomas D Rathsack
- 29 Mark A Plunkey

Anniversaries

- 5 Donald & Karon Thibedeau
- 11 William & Marlene Krebs
- 19 Matthew & Maryanne George

*Alleluia!
He is Risen.*

March Madness - No - Just Knights at Work

Members and Officers attending the March 14 council meeting were very busy doing the business of the council. The following items of new business were approved unanimously:

- K of C Council 695 bulletin ad at St. Mary/St. John Vianney - \$365
- Donation to Angel's Outreach Easter Party run by council member Deacon Tony Verdun and Susan Verdun - \$200. This annual event provides Easter baskets to children in the local Flint neighborhoods. The event is held at the SJV gym.
- Renewal of Trac-fone service for one-year at a cost of \$113.58. This provides telephone and voicemail service for our 810-235-6333 council phone. This service has saved the council \$2500 over five years versus the old landline.
- Donation of funds raised for the Flint Ultrasound Initiative: \$1500 to Luke Project 52 Clinic. This clinic was one of the two clinics that received a new 3D ultrasound machine in the 2021-2022 project. Council 695 has funds remaining because a 3rd ultrasound machine was not deployed. The Luke Project 52 Clinic and the Flint Pregnancy Help Center rely on donations to provide free pregnancy, prenatal and counseling services. Council has previously donated \$500 to Heartbeat of Flint. Additional donations will be made over the next two months to clinics and groups that support women and their babies. Council applies for matching funds from Supreme through the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. To date, a \$100 match was received for Heartbeat.
- Donations to St. Mary Flint and St. Luke N.E.W Life Center food pantries - \$500 each, with plans to pass-on any matching Food for Families rebate received from Supreme.

The semi-annual MI (Tootsie Roll) drive is happening this weekend - April 1st and 2nd. Outside Guard Dennis Rodgers has organized volunteers to collect donations after all Masses in Catholic Community of Flint parishes. A committee will evaluate the feasibility of poker night fundraisers. Watch for details about the Memorial Day Mass next month.



To the left: Greg Frixen, Treasurer, presents a check for \$200 from Council 695 to Deacon Tony Verdun to support the Angel's Outreach Easter Party for children. The event takes place April 1 at St. John Vianney.



To the right: Robert Ringlein served as Grand Knight of Council #695 in Flint 25 years ago, from 1996-1998. He joined the Knights as 3rd degree on 11/03/1963. He joined Assembly #510 in April 1996. PGK Ringlein passed away in October 2005.

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