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Make More Room for God

Greetings Brother Knights and family members,

Happy Lent! I recall the words of Father Jim Rolph, former Chaplain at Powers Catholic High School and current Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lansing: "we don't sacrifice for the sake of sacrificing; we should sacrifice in order to make more room for God." In a similar vein, Father Richard Veras writes "there is a temptation to see Lent as a time of self-improvement, during which my focus is on myself. However, my sin shows me that my hope can never be in myself."

With that in mind, I recommend the Parish Lenten Activities article in this Crusader which lists some of the activities available from our four parishes this Lenten season. I would also point you to the Columbia magazine (Jan/Feb issue) article, "Lent, the McGivney Way" by the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, who connects our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity to Lent.

This month, I want to continue to recognize the long-time members of Knights of Columbus. Current Council 695 members recognized as Honorary members are listed on page 4. The criteria for Honorary Life and Honorary classification is described in the companion story. Many of the honorees are active in council programs throughout the year. Thank you for continuing to serve your parish and community in the Knights of Columbus.

It is with sadness that we also recognize the passing of four council brothers since the beginning of the year. Details and condolences are on page 5. May they rest

in Peace.

The Columbus Crusader editorial team needs your input. Crusader Editor George Jaksa, in an article on page 4, asks for comments from readers. He provides a series of questions. Please mail or email your thoughts and comments. The Crusader serves both Council #695 and Assembly #510. Is it meeting the needs of both groups?

In researching ideas about Lent for this article, I was moved to refer to the book Rediscover Catholicism by bestselling Catholic author Matthew Kelly, which I had read several years ago. He noted Michaelangelo's observation: "The great danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." That seems like a message our society should take to heart. By the way, I highly recommend any of the books by Matthew Kelly, especially the one noted here.

In conclusion, to quote Father Veras again: "Let our focus be not on ourselves, but on Jesus. Let us turn toward Jesus Christ and beg for a renewed experience of His presence." Best wishes to brother Knights and families on a productive and happy Lent.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike McCarthy, Grand Knight
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March 2023

Calendar of Events

- 2 Fourth Degree Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Second Sunday of Lent
- 12 Third Sunday of Lent
- 14 Council 695 Meeting, St. John Vianney School, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Feast of St. Patrick
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent
- 20 Feast of St. Joseph
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
- 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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March as Knights during Lent

March is the month in honor of St. Joseph and the start to Lent. This month we see colors of violet and purple worn by our priests. These colors are a symbol of penance, mortification and a remorseful heart.

Take a moment for self-control through fasting. Don't forget to pray for the new catechumens who will convert to Catholicism this year at Easter Vigil. Remember the people that have gone before us, a visit to the cemetery or mausoleum can help beautify your soul. Almsgiving is the final sacrifice for this season.

The need is high to invite, recruit and enroll new members. Our next exemplification is April 29th at St. Gerald in Lansing. Please help us recruit to make our goal of 12 for this year. Please ask any 3rd degree members to join and finish their journey in our wonderful assembly. If you have a candidate in mind and are reluctant to ask, let me or any other officer know so we can assist.

We will be hosting our annual US flag retirement in June, please participate and bring worn flags so we can retire them properly. Our golf tournament committee will be starting soon, please help with sponsorships and volunteer at the golf course. More information on both will be coming.

There is talk that the Knights will be helping with evangelization at our parishes. Stay tuned for more information as it comes. We are Catholic men; in some way we are asked to be evangelists. Fear is one of the biggest obstacles preventing people from evangelizing. Fear not, Our Lord was dealt with more harshly than we could ever image. There will be training amongst the councils and I was told it will include the assemblies. The easiest way to evangelize is to make friends and eventually spread the Gospel. We should have an open and cordial relationship with our pastors, our parishes and then out to the community. Note, the Knights Charter Constitution and Laws implicitly write: "the purposes' of which said corporation is formed, always consistent with Catholic values and doctrine, through common worship, charitable works, meetings and rites of initiation to form it's members in Catholic faith and virtue to unite members in their Catholic Identity and the practice of their Catholic faith." We as Catholic men, have evangelized by hosting: rosaries after masses, Divine Merceries during the week, Into the Breach sessions and even Stations of the Cross with families and fellow parishioners. What ideas do you have to increase our efforts? Bring your ideas to our next meeting on March 2nd.

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

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March Birthdays

- 1 Willie J Barton
- 1 Oliver J La Fontaine
- 6 Dr Robert Ddamulira
- 6 Terry M Naderhoff
- 8 Gary R Deitering
- 9 Jonathan M Gildner
- 11 Vincent R Etue
- 16 Joseph K Sullivan
- 20 Thomas J Brooks
- 20 Christopher J Kerperien
- 20 Daniel P Kerperien
- 21 Welton Wright
- 23 Richard N Kelley
- 27 Gregory A Frixen
- 28 Rev Thomas Firestone

Anniversaries

- 4 David & Joene McAuliffe
- 10 David & Diane Wolbert
- 14 Walter & Janet Ducharme
- 14 John & Sandra McNicol

Recognizing our Honorary Members

Honorary Members	Years of Service
EDWARD BRUFF	41
BRIAN BUR	41
JOEL CUTTITTA	31
CRAIG DAMON	35
GARY DEITERING	31
LANCE DICAIRE	26
DANIEL DUCHARME	43
MATHEW FARIS	33
RICHARD FOLTS	32
MATTHEW GEORGE	47
FREDERICK KAY	42
JAMES NEUMANN	42
PAUL PLUNKEY	48
MARK RANVILLE	35
STEVEN SIMMS	27
THOMAS SKELLETT	41
MARK WILLIAMS	40

Last month we recognized 61 Honorary Life Members of Council 695. This month, we are recognizing seventeen members classified as Honorary Members. These seventeen members have provided over 635 years of service to the Knights of Columbus.

The criteria for Honorary Life classification:

Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, shall be designated as **honorary life** members.

The criteria for Honorary classification: Members who have attained the actual age of 65 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years shall be designated as **honorary** members.

Thank you for your dedication and service to the Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Note: Honorary Life members are exempt from dues, per capita charges and assessments. Honorary members are exempt from general council charges, but pay a dues amount equal to Supreme Council and State Council levies. Members are free to make donations to support council works, even if no dues are assessed.

Crusader Needs Your Input

As you read in the Grand Knight's column in the February issue of The Columbus Crusader, a committee of council members is looking into possible changes in The Columbus Crusader newsletter which has been serving Msgr Dunigan Council 695 for more the 84 years.

A four-member committee comprised of Grand Knight Michael McCarthy, Past Grand Knight and current Faithful Navigator of Fourth Degree Assembly 0510 Faithful Navigator Jack Tylus, Financial Secretary Joseph Goergen and Crusader Editor George Jaksa has been studying ways to make The Crusader more relevant and financially self-sustaining but does not want to make its recommendations to the council officers without your suggestions.

- Do you read at least part of it? All of it? None of it? Do you look forward to receiving it?
- Would you like to see it published more often, less often or leave it as it is?
- Are you satisfied with its content or like to read something different? Explain your suggestions.
- Are you satisfied with its format and if changed what would you like to see?

Do you own a business or know someone who is? If so, contact Financial Secretary Goergen at 810-235-6333 and leave message.

Currently more than 250 Crusaders are mailed each month, primarily for council members and members of Assembly 510 So take a piece of paper and jot down your thoughts and mail them to The Columbus Crusader, Knights of Columbus Council 695, 2415 Bagley St., Flint, MI 48504. Or, send an email to gk695@mikofc.org. Thank you.

Tootsie Roll Drive to Raise Funds for the Mentally Impaired

April 1 and 2 at St. John Vianney, St. Mary, St. Matthew, and St. Pius X after all Masses

Donations also accepted by mail to council office.

Parish Lenten Activities

The theme of the fraternal year from State Deputy Chris Kolomjec is Faith and Family. Knights are also asked to be active members of our parishes. This Lent, we can support a number of programs in our local parishes that will help us grow in Faith and support our Families. Please see the list below and attend when you can. Don't be limited by your parish affiliation.

Monday evenings: Join a community screening of The Chosen every Monday at 6:30 pm in the St. John Vianney Parish Center. Father Matthew and Sister Dorcee will lead discussion after viewing one or two episodes. This is a highly acclaimed series (now in season three) about the life and ministry of Jesus. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday evenings: Knights of Columbus offers Into the Breach led by council member Jack Tylus every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m in the St. Pius X. This study group for men only explores the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today.

Wednesday evenings: No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion study group 7:00-8:30pm Wednesdays in March at St. Matthew. Study guide required. Contact amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org for details.

Thursday afternoons: Adoration from 2:00-3:00 pm at St. Mary Flint Mission Church. First Thursday every month there is Eucharistic Procession at 2:00 pm.

Friday evenings: Lenten soup suppers at St. Pius X starting February 24 - March 31 at 5:30 pm. The meal will be served in the Bishop Povish Community Room. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 pm. Contact Jack or Val at 810-635-7053.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent will be at 12:45 pm (after the 12:10 pm Mass) at St. Matthew church.

Please see the Parish Bulletins for more information about these and other programs being offered during Lent. Vivat Jesus!

Rest in Peace

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Born: January 3, 1927
Died: January 26, 2023
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