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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers as we pass through the merry month of May, signs of renewal abound. There is of course the transition of the natural world associated with spring. Normally, since this occurs every year, we can become blind to the beauty and wonder of the world transitioning from the bareness of winter to the vivid greens and colorful blossoms in only a few short weeks. But less so this year, since not only is nature opening up, but our church and our nation are starting to stir after a "winter" lasting over a year. Every day brings news of a thaw. In-person baseball, Broadway, travel, and more, are all starting to bloom.

In the liturgical cycle, this too is a time of renewal. We are in the Easter season which celebrates the greatest renewal and redemption of all, and approaching Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, inspiring the actions that led to the spread of the Good News to all the world.

We can also see renewal also in smaller things. In the Knights of Columbus, the ascension of a new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. In our district, our Worthy District Deputy, Peter Lehr, has been honored by the 126th New York State Council Conference to be Adminis-

Grand Knight's Message (continued)

Restaurant.

Finally the Knightlight itself is undergoing renewal, as Ron Roth has joined Rich Garland in preparing this newsletter for our members.

I invite all our brothers to congratulate Patrick, Peter and Ron on their new roles, and if you have aspirations to be an ink-stained drudge yourself, please consider submitting an article for publication.

Vivat Jesu

Easter with the Knights



While the Council was unable to hold the traditional Easter Bunny breakfast this year, our Council did not remain inactive, as PKG & FS Ron Buell and his family helped entertain the children of the parish by holding a socially distanced photo op at our Council Hall Easter morning.

Exemplification Ceremony



Thursday March 25th our Degree team presided over an Exemplification Ceremony at St Anthony of Padua Church in East Northport. This was the first in-person exemplification to be held in our district since the health crisis, and our team performed outstandingly, to the point where the team has received an invitation to take its show on the road, and hold an Exemplification May 19th.

As most of you are aware, the Exemplification Ceremony remains a solemn and serious one, but has been updated to be more accurate with our times. Specifically while in the past there three separate ceremonies for the first three degrees of Knighthood, now all the lessons for the first three degrees are presented in one Exemplification, leaving only the Fourth (Patriotic) degree as a separate ceremony. Another departure from the past is that spouses or guests are welcome at the ceremony, although in order to be able to reduce the number of people present and allow social distancing we ask that each individual undergoing Exemplification limit themselves to one or two guests.

If you are not yet a Third Degree Knight, please consider taking this opportunity to become a full Third Degree Knight. St. Regis Council is at 2850 Pond Rd, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY and the ceremony will start at 7:30.



Knights of Columbus 2021 Annual Food Drive



On the weekend of April 17th & 18th we held our ninth annual food drive at the council hall, and once again hit the jackpot. Through the generosity of the Kings Park and surrounding communities, a parade of donors filled tables with varieties of soups, pasta, cereals, juices, paper goods, etc. Twenty –three members plus two community minded teenagers transported the food in Joe Tekverk’s vintage truck to the St. Vincent de Paul Society pantry to the delight of the welcoming staff. The weekend yielded over \$5,000 in food, cash and gift cards for local families in need.

Like the clothing drive, the annual food drive had its roots in the “Program Special Incentive in Honor of Pope Francis” initiated by the Supreme Knight in 2013. All councils throughout North America were challenged to conduct hands-on service programs with the opportunity for the winning council to win an all-expense paid trip to Rome for the Grand Knight and Program Director and their wives. While not selected for Rome, our council was indeed a winner in several respects by setting the seeds for many of today’s Faith in Action programs.

Bob Normandin

**Father Seyfried Council #821
Program Schedule – May to June 2021**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
5/10	General Meeting	8:00pm	Council	GK
5/17	Hour of Reflection	7:00pm	Church	Fr. Patrick
5/19	Exemplification	7:30pm	St. Regis Council	Charlie Herbert
5/22	May Crowning at the Parish		St. Josephs Church	CDA
5/22	Dinner to Honor Joe Lupo	6:30pm	Council	Jack Devine
6/26	End of Columbian Nick Fetherston		Year Picnic	12:30pm CYO Fields

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blasts announcing new events.



for latest info, and look for email and text

Knights Present Spiritual Reflection

The Faith in Action committee under the direction of Bob Normandin planned and presented for the men of St. Joseph Parish and its members a morning of Spiritual Reflection. Spiritual Reflection is one of the programs suggested for Faith enrichment under the umbrella of Faith in Action. The day was developed by Fr. Patrick Osei-Poku and Len Moss. The morning program centered on St Joseph (this is the year of St. Joseph) and was offered on the Saturday prior to March 19, St. Joseph day.

Our program included St Joseph prayers, songs, the Rosary, Fr. Patrick's reflection on St. Joseph, quiet time for personal prayer and small group sharing on the fruits of their prayer. The use of multiple sensors allows each individual to be touched by God as they are open to receive God's love. The group sharing lets each hear how God has touched another and by articulating their experience it enhances their experience.


This was a first-time project of our Council and the 30 plus attendees found it to be a very worthwhile time spent . This day was not possible without the help of our committee including Rich Steimle, Nick Fetherston, John Fallon and Jack Devine





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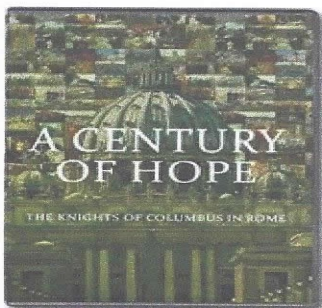


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Ahead of the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1, this issue of Knightline features a reflection by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori about finding meaning in daily work. In addition, check out a new documentary film highlighting the Order's century of service in Rome, and sign up to watch the latest episode of KnightCast.

St. Joseph the Worker

Some studies suggest that though people are working more, they are enjoying it less. Revisit this Columbia column from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori about finding meaning in our daily work by following the example of St. Joseph, especially during this year dedicated to him. [READ MORE](#)

**A Century of Hope: The Knights of Columbus in Rome**

For more than a century, the Knights of Columbus has maintained a strong presence in the Eternal City. From the construction of sports centers for Rome's youth in the 1920s to support of Vatican communications and restorations of sacred art and architecture, the Order has built many bridges with both the Holy See and the people of Rome.

Learn more about this relationship in a new documentary produced by the Knights. [WATCH NOW](#)

The Knights in Rome

KnightCast Episode 3 Premieres This Thursday at 8 p.m. EDT

In this episode, we'll explore:

- What evangelization is and how to embrace it.
- How to keep your children Catholic.
- Why Knights at the University of Notre Dame were inspired to consecrate themselves to St. Joseph.

[WATCH A PREVIEW](#)

To watch the full April 29 episode, [sign up here](#).

Tell others about Knightline

Forward this newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that through June 30 they can become a member for free online using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** at kofc.org/join. You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing knightline@kofc.org.

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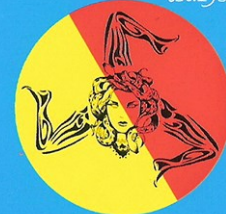
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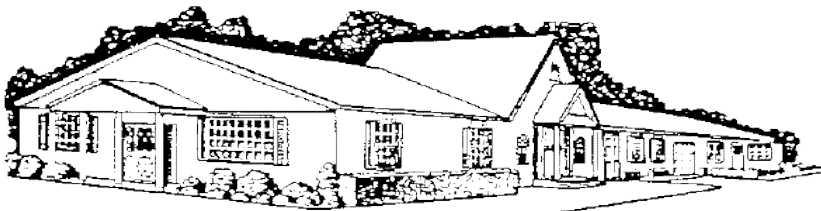
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