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Message from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

March is here and Spring is just several weeks away. Alleluia! It's been cold, and we've had a lot more snow than last year. But things are warming up! It is that time of the year for **Cash Bonanza Sweepstakes**. This is a very important project for the Council. All the proceeds from the sweepstakes are used exclusively to fund charitable causes.

I hope and pray many of you experienced the Men's conference from this past weekend! Our next project is **Food for Families**. We are working alongside the St Vincent DePaul society to collect food to be donated to a Catholic Food Pantry. We have selected the Pantry on the South Side, Fr. Vince has 3 Parishes, St Mary's, St Leo's and St Ladislav. I have communicated with Deacon Roger, from St Mary's and there is a great need for the surrounding community. We are looking to schedule the drive the weekend of March 20 & 21st. There will be more communication regarding their needs.

Additionally we are scheduling our Measure up collection May 1. We are in need of volunteers to help with the collection. Many hands make light work. If we could muster 20 or so Brothers we could have small shifts of an hour or so.

That hour goes by fast!
Remember as a Knight you are



supporting Special Olympics, what could be a greater cause, then assisting those that need assistance the most!

We are discussing hosting another Degree this spring possibly in late April or May. The Exemplification only takes about 30-40 minutes. If you are a First or Second Degree I invite you to consider attending, you can experience the Second & Third Degrees right here in your home Parish. Your Families are invited to attend. What an awesome opportunity to advance yourself as a Knight and have your family watching as well.

Finally, I would like to announce our Council has submitted a request to host the Silver Rose here June 29. This would follow the Tuesday Mass and include a prayer service.

Brother Knights, I can't begin to express my gratitude to your service. In an especially trying time, our Council has stood out. We have worked exceptionally hard this past year to overcome many obstacles due to social distancing and many of the challenges that have come with COVID. We have been able to hold our meetings. We have supported the Parish in many facets, the SPICE Program here at OLP, the Boy Scouts, moving furniture for the school, keeping up the grounds, cleaning the church after Masses, to mention only a few. I am so proud of the Council and how much it has done for the Parish and community. We must continue to be committed to the Unity in which we have been so successful.

This past year we have experienced things I would never have imagined. No Sunday Mass and no Eucharist for nearly 3 months. Settling to just watching Mass on TV

those 3 months. I admit I thought I would never take the Eucharist for granted. However, I realized more than I wanted to believe of myself. I pray I will never take for granted the Eucharist again. I never imagined us not holding meetings in person. These are just a few of the obstacles we have had to learn to adapt to.

In some ways I felt God was speaking to us through this pandemic, "Just be still and know I am." He has reminded us of what is truly of importance. He taught us what we really need and what we can do without. Sometimes it takes a lot for God to get our attention. I thank God for all His goodness. I thank him for the many beautiful people He has placed in my life. I thank God for Fr McGivney, who had the courage and foresight to organize the Knights of Columbus. I thank God for men of your caliber who have influenced me, taught me, who have helped me to grow and who have shared their faith and love for God and our fellow man. I thank this group of men from Our Lady of Peace who welcomed me with open arms, who have made me feel a part of the council from the beginning, who have placed their trust and faith in God in electing me to lead our council. I count myself very blessed to be a part of such an amazing group of Brother Knights.

**Vivat Jesus,
Dave Heilman, Grand Knight**

**St. Darerca
of Ireland
"Mother of
Saints"
Fifth
Century
March 22**



Local traditions identify one of St. Patrick's holy sisters as "Darerca," who may have been among those kidnapped and taken into slavery earlier in the siblings' life. It is said that Darerca became the mother of many children (some traditions say 17 children total); most of them were boys.

These boys eventually became influential in establishing the Church in Ireland as they became bishops throughout the country. Furthermore, many of these bishops are regarded as saints, such as Saint Mel of Ardagh, Saint Rioc of Inisboffin, Saint Muinis of Forgney, and Saint Maelchu. St. Darerca is patroness of Valentia Island, the westernmost point of County Kerry. Her feast day is celebrated on **March 22**.



"If we deprive the weakest among us of the right to life, how can we effectively guarantee respect for every other right?"

Pope Francis, 2021

**A cause you can
really get behind.**



DIAPER DRIVE

The Women's Care Center of Columbus and the Pregnancy Decision Health Center need your help! The Knights of Columbus are hosting a diaper drive to benefit these organizations helping women who choose life over abortion. Diapers in sizes 3 and 4 are in greatest need. Please place diapers in the basket in the gathering space.



Star Council Award!

On February 7, 2021, District Deputy **Richard Wade** presented the **Star Council Award** to the Council after the Rosary Service. Accepting the award were Grand Knight **Dave Heilman** and Deputy Grand Knight **Steve Gauntner**. You can see the award in the Knights display case.



Thanks to Bob Brehm for the photographs.

**Your 2021
Dues is Due!**



**Financial
Secretary
Greg Taylor**

reminds everyone that your annual dues for the year **2021** was due

December 31, 2020. Paying your dues promptly will decrease postage and processing costs for our council.

Announcements!

Brothers, Please Join Us!



Please try to attend the monthly meetings. We do need your ideas to help us grow. **Please join us at the monthly meeting and share your ideas.** Due to Covid, the General Meetings are currently being held on **Zoom**, the third Tuesday of each month at **7:00 PM. Mark your calendar or log the dates in your smarty phone!** The dates for future OLP Council meetings are:

Our Next Virtual Meeting!

Tuesday, March 16th – via **Zoom** – Watch for the email invite that will be sent to all members!



Please pray for the sick and deceased members of our Council and for any members of the OLP Parish community who may be ill.

Please pray for our retired priests and religious. They need our prayers and support.

Pray the Rosary for an end to the evil that is abortion.

Editor's Desk



The deadline for submitting items for the newsletter is the **3rd of each month**. Let me know if there is something you wish publicized. You can reach me by email at FCoolavin@aol.com or by phone at **614-268-4166**.

Wanted – New Members

The Grand Knight has asked each member to bring in one new member this year! Ask a friend to join The Knights of Columbus!



On line registration for new members is now available at www.KofC.org.

Help us continue to grow our Council. **We currently have 90 members.** If you need recruiting information, please contact Trustee **Bob Brehm** at bbrehm5859@gmail.com

Family Fully Alive Booklet

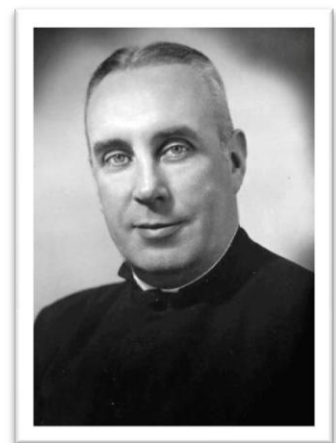


The Supreme Council has published a booklet called “**Family Fully Alive.**” The booklet is to assist all families in building the Domestic Church. You can download the complete booklet from the KofC National website at the following link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully->

[alive/10162-family-fully-alive-booklet.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully-)

Our Parish History Founding Pastor – Father George H. Foley

The founding pastor of Our Lady of Peace was **Father George H. Foley** (1905-1965). Last year I provided a brief biography and photo of him for the newsletter. The picture of Father Foley in that article was not the best. I have recently obtained a much better photo of him below:



**Happy
St. Patrick's Day,
March 17, 2021**

