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Blessed Sacrament Seminole Council
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Special Dates:

Thursday, August 6th

Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, August 12

Officers Meeting 7:00pm

Saturday, August 15th

The Assumption of Our Lady

Monday, August 17th

Membership Meeting 7:00pm

Instillation of Officers Church

Saturday, August 22nd

The Queenship of Mary



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Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you and your families are doing well amid the pandemic. It certainly looks like it is unfortunately, going to be here for awhile longer. This forces us to adapt the way we conduct business for the beginning of our new Columbian Year, but with your ideas and help, we can make this year a successful one.

Our year will start with the Instillation of Officers on Monday the 17th. This will take place during our meeting to be held in the **church** where we can all socially distance properly. Please don't forget your masks.

We have been invited on the 26th to join in a virtual recitation of the Rosary with the Parish and School Community. Further information is listed later in the newsletter. This is a beautiful way of joining our parish in prayer. I hope you can make the time to "tune-in and join-in".

We are called by our Order to serve those who are in need. The "No Neighbor Left Behind" program has been in full swing for sometime now. I know that some of you are doing your part in assisting those in your neighborhood that need help, whether that is looking in on and helping the elderly or shut-ins, shopping for those who are homebound or just taking meals to those in need. There is no greater time than now to be a presence to those less fortunate, no matter what the situation. Remember the motto, "Where there is a need, there is a Knight". God bless you all.

---Mike P.

Chaplain's Inspiration:

My Dear Brother Knights,

Peace be with You Good Men of God.

I pray all of you and your families are healthy during this pandemic time of Covid-19. Please, God, we are all following the recommendations of the state officials and our Bishop to stay safe, especially wearing masks and respecting the 6-foot distance. I never thought I'd wash my hands so much. How about you? Our parish staff has gone to great lengths to keep us safe in the Church during services. I am very proud of them.

There is a lot of uncertainty in the world today during this horrible virus. One thing we can always be sure about is our Catholic faith. When Jesus made a promise to Peter that on the Rock of his faith, he would build his Church, he meant it, and he did it, and he is still doing it.

Jesus is still building His Church on that Rock of Peter's faith through people like you and me, who take their faith seriously and live it generously. When we pray every day and give our hearts to God, we can't help but give our hearts and resources to people in need.

One person can do so little, but many people with the conviction and love for God and neighbor can accomplish anything. Jesus promised Peter that the gates of hell would never prevail against His Church. Believe it, my friends, that the way we practice our faith in charity by what we say and what we do in everyday situations has a tremendous impact on the faith and lives of other people.

They won't tell you how your prayer before Mass influenced them and helped them experience God's presence; how your smile when you opened the door for an elderly man or woman struggling moved them to be kind themselves. They won't tell you how your acts of charity that you think nothing of made a tremendous difference in their lives.

I will finish with the story Father Henry told in his homily this last Sunday. A little boy, about 4 or 5 years old, was walking along the beach. There were thousands



Birthdays:

<i>Keith Smith</i>	8/14
<i>Roger Kenneally</i>	8/15
<i>Anthony Zielmanski</i>	8/20
<i>Robert Herb</i>	8/21
<i>Terry Loudermilk 99</i>	8/31

Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>Fr. Rick Pilger</i>	8/1/1979
<i>Robert Herb</i>	8/1/1980
<i>Thomas Rogers</i>	8/1/1990
<i>Christopher Licata</i>	8/27/2016
<i>Francesco Sclafani</i>	8/12/2017
<i>Darren Desautels</i>	8/4/2019

“Take a constant interest in the needs of God’s beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home”

—Romans 12:13

and thousands of starfish that washed up on the seashore. They were all dying.

A man was walking along and saw the boy picking up a starfish and throwing it in the water. Then he picked up another starfish and did the same. The man said to the youngster, "What in the world are you doing? You will never be able to throw all the starfish in the sea. What difference will it make to throw a couple back in the sea?"

The little boy bent down, picked up a third starfish, and just before he threw it in the water, he looked at the man and said, "It will make a difference for this one, and he tossed it in the sea."

I'm glad we belong to the Rock. I praise God that we are Knights of Columbus who, one by one, throw a dying starfish into the sea in the people we serve. Never underestimate my brothers the good that God can do in this world alone and together as men of God. You are what you are, and I am proud of you too.

Father Rick Pilger, I.C.

Prayer for Our Country:

Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.

--Thomas Jefferson

Insurance Agent's Report:

Brothers all,

Each August we look forward to the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. As you are likely aware, this yearly in person convention had to be switched to virtual like so many other events. Although this message has been prepared prior to the convention, here are some predictions.

Even in a pandemic we as an order have adapted both globally and locally to meet the needs of our Knights, their families and communities. The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities. The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered. We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarious Christi fund. Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

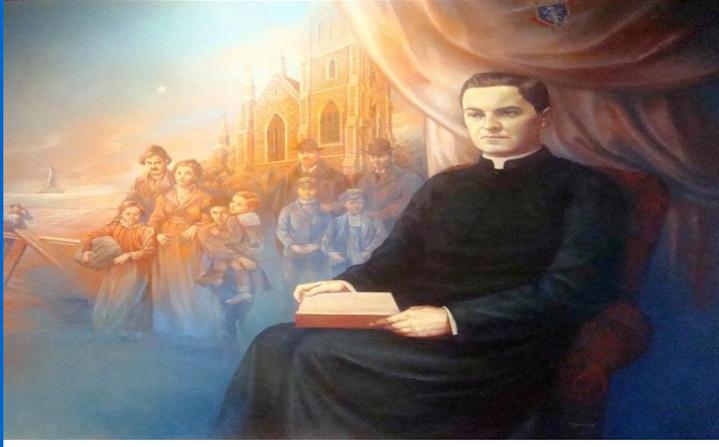
I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Donated more money to disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons. Placed more ultrasound machines in service to save lives. Given more support for religious freedom.

In response to the pandemic, we have instituted the "Leave no Neighbor Behind" program which councils have adopted worldwide providing critical support in neighborhoods and parishes. We have established special funding to help many churches and dioceses struggling amidst the lack of donations during the pandemic. We adapted as well in the field, quickly given new virtual tools to allow us agents to continue to help our brother Knights and their families with their insurance and retirement planning needs. And of course, the wonderful news that our Founder, Father Michael J McGivney will be beatified this October, which is one step closer to Sainthood!

This organization, started by that simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

Especially now, and we have adapted and continue to





help each other day in and day out, I could not be any more proud to be a Knight than I am now!

With all the accomplishments that come each year out of the convention, the reality is it all comes from all of you! In this council and all councils —you, my brother knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order. When you are volunteering at a tootsie roll drive, when you are visiting the sick, helping a brother knight or widow move, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families and being a part of this big family we all have!

God Bless and Stay safe,

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Prayer Intentions:

...For the end of the COVID pandemic

...For peace in our country

...The end to racism

...For Brother Francesco's dad

...For Brother Darren Desautels



Some Catholic Terminology:

Procession—The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant and late parishioners looking for seats.

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...For Brother Keith Smith

...For our Seminarians Mark and Stephen

...For the sanctity of all life

...For the leaders of our country

...For the intentions of our Holy Father

Parish Rosary:

Brothers, we have been invited to join in the Blessed Sacrament Family Rosary Walk sponsored by the Church and School. This will take place on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 pm. Due to the coronavirus, this will not be done 'in person'. The Rosary will be streamed on the Church Facebook page.

And in conclusion:

My good brothers, you have proven this past year that no task is too great and no need goes unattended. The year may be filled with uncertainty, but one thing is for sure, you will be there to answer the call when it comes no matter where it comes from and no matter what shape it takes. Your participation in the parish, community and school has made an easier path for those who called upon us. This is what we are called to do and you far exceed any expectations. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mike P.

