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## **COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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### **FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT**

Dear Brother Knights,

This time of year, we would normally be busy preparing for the annual Bar-B-Que. Nothing seems normal these days. It was a difficult decision that the Columbus Home Association and Council #583 had to make when the decision was made to cancel the 2020 Bar-B-Que. It was the correct thing to do under these circumstances, but it was one more thing we are all missing out on in 2020.

All is not lost due to the pandemic. If you come out to the club most weekday evenings, there is quite a bit of activity. The bag leagues are up and running as well as the softball and volleyball leagues. The sports bar is open on weekdays and the main bar is now open on weekends. The golf course has been active for several weeks now and it seems like whenever I go by, the driving range has several people practicing their drive.

So how do we move forward in this new environment? That is a good question. We are a charitable organization but it is difficult to be charitable when your biggest source of revenue has been cut off. The drive-thru dinners were a God-send with the revenue that was generated. A huge Thank You goes out to all the workers and to all of you who came by to pick-up a meal or two each Friday night. If nothing changes, I assume we will start the drive-thru Chicken Dinners in September.

We are looking for creative ideas for fund raisers. If you have any ideas, we would be happy to hear about them. Everything is in line to start up what we have been calling "The Big Raffle." It would be a weekly drawing that rolls over each week until we have a winner. Stay tuned for more information about this weekly event. It could be the event that helps us get over the hump in these slow times.

Just so I don't use the entire column talking about raising funds, I would like to mention recruitment. It is extremely easy now to get someone in the Knights. For several reasons, Supreme has went to on-line exemplifications for all Degrees. You can literally go on-line and listen to a one-hour presentation to become a Third Degree Knight. Fourth Degree exemplification takes two hours of your time. The presentations are put together very well. If you know of anyone interested in joining or moving up in the Degree program, please contact me or any of our officers for more information.

Congratulations and Thank You to all of our officers that were installed at this month's Council meeting. Some new faces and some familiar faces, but I think we have assembled a great team. Come to the next Council meeting on August 11 at 7:00 p.m. and see for yourself!

Let's pray that this pandemic passes with minimal illness. Enjoy these long summer days and stop by the Club for a cold beverage and good company when you can.

See you at the Club,

Grand Knight  
John Benz  
[jbenz@farmersnational.com](mailto:jbenz@farmersnational.com) 217-440-0875



#### **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

I hope everyone is well and wearing your masks when you are out shopping or just being out among people. Please be safe.

Next meeting will be held October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Pray for our members who are sick, in hospitals, nursing homes or shut-ins at home. Pray also for this coronavirus to end soon.

Keep our military men and women in your prayers also.

Congratulations to our new members, John Benz and Joe Newkirk.

Faithfully Yours,  
Terry Obert  
Faithful Navigator  
217-257-3161

#### **2020-2021 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICERS**

**July 1, 2020 — June 30, 2021**

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Inside Guard	Ed Zanger
Outside Guard	Matt Schulte
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Trustee (2)	Tom Grawe
Trustee (1)	Bernie VandenBoom

#### **DEAR MEMBERS**

##### **RE: Articles for the Knightly News**

With all the changes we are having to make, we are updating for the way we receive articles for the Knightly News. There will not be a bag at the Clubhouse for you to drop off your articles in. (The Clubhouse at this time is closed.) Please feel free to email your articles to us at [wolfqcy4@comcast.net](mailto:wolfqcy4@comcast.net)

If you have questions, please call us at 217-224-3070 and we will be happy to discuss things with you.

Thanks so much for helping us get the work out to the members of what is happening at the K. of C.

Jeff and Gina

## **Pastoral Reflections . . .**

### **To know Christ Jesus**

Dear Knights,

Do you remember the story of the “Tower of Babel?”

Following the great flood, the people of the earth decided to build a great city with a tower that reached high into the sky. In their arrogance they wanted to be able to climb to heaven! They wanted to be able to seize control and keep God in his place.

God responded and struck their tongues so that their speech was confused and they no longer understood each other, their one language becoming many. Not being able to communicate, their grand project failed.

I cannot help but wonder if there is a parallel between Babel and the world we have built today.

There is so much tension in the public discourse, and indeed among nations.

We have tried to change some of life’s most fundamental truths. Some have attempted to re-define the meaning of marriage and even human sexuality. We reject the sacredness of life before birth and we attempt to limit religious freedom. What has caused this Babel amongst us?

We are trying to build our vision of heaven on earth, a modern day utopia. But that effort always entails crushing the rights of others as we attempt to build our grand scheme. It implies disdain for God and His plan.

The fundamental and first commandment given by God to Moses was, “I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange Gods before me.” (Exodus 20: 3). This commandment is the foundation of all religion, and for that matter all human order. When we choose other paths or other gods, be that material things, power, glory, pleasure, success, political ideology or whatever, we disrupt the human community.

Some argue that this trend is a coordinated effort of a certain group. The late Andrew Breitbart makes that argument in his book, *Righteous Indignation, Excuse Me While I Save the World*. (This is an eye-opening book well worth reading!)

Whether Mr. Breitbart is correct or not, there is a more fundamental hand at work in the destruction of our society and our world, and that is Satan.

The greatest contribution any of us can make toward defeating this movement is to get our hearts right with God: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all else will come to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

—Fr. Don Blickhan



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*Time Wasted*

*So many times we hurry  
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when others feel so lonely  
and just need a simple prayer;*

*It's easy to say, "I love you,"  
and "hope you have a nice day,  
is there something I can do for you,  
I'll be glad to stop and pray."*

*But we get in such a rush  
to fill our lives with things,  
and never take a little time  
to feel the brush of angels' wings;*

*The Lord must feel such sorrow  
when we hurt the ones we love,  
so easily we could have told them,  
"you're my gift from heaven above."*

*Shirley McDonald*

*A Family Prayer*

Heavenly Father, thank you for the  
gift of our family.

Enlighten our hearts and minds that  
we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work,  
may we reflect the self-giving love which you,  
O Father, eternally show with your  
Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace  
that reigns in our home  
and in the faith we profess and live.  
May our family always be a place of generosity,  
understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage  
to be witnesses to your eternal design for  
the family; and grant that the  
Holy Family of Nazareth  
may always guide our path  
to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen.

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



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