



Utah State Update



State Deputy's Message

Dear Brothers,

Thank you again to everyone who attended the Organizational meeting. We had an excellent turn out with approximately 80 members in attendance. I have received very positive feedback and it appeared to me that everyone was onboard with the message of change, to adapt and grow, and do things differently. The key now is to take what was discussed and act on it.

During the meeting I kept saying, and have continued to say to State Officers and District Deputies, ***"what are we going to do different?"*** In order to do things differently we need to know two things: ***(1) the history; and (2) is it important.***

The first part is relatively simple, we look at what we have been doing. Have our programs been successful, has participation gone down? Have we been able to recruit and add more men to our order or are men not interested in what we are doing? Have we made it appealing to join and shared our "why"? There's a correlation here between programs and membership growth. Looking at the growth of the State Council over the last couple of years I think you will agree we need to do things differently. Yes, there are a couple of councils that have been succeeding but if you ask those councils I think they would agree there is always room for improvement.

The second part of what we need to know, ***is it important?*** This is a more difficult reflection for me, it requires taking a hard look at ourselves and asking ***do we care?*** Do we care if the Knights in Utah are fading away? Do we think the Knights of Columbus are important enough to put in the time and effort it takes? I'm reminded of the old second degree where it states "it is easier not to be a Knight." It takes effort and we as human beings only put effort into the things we care about.

Being a Knight is important to me, I care. If you care too, then we need to recruit, we only recruited 1 new member the whole month of July; in order to attain our goal we need 17 per month. Supreme cares and that is why they are making it easier and easier for you to bring men in. We have Online Membership and we have Online Degrees that can now be done "on demand." Supreme, the State Officers, the District Deputies all care and are putting in the effort, will you join us?

The action items or challenge this month are: (1) Submit your forms that are due and needed. We are in a competition in the western territory for the "Best of the West" and I want everyone to know how great Utah is by finishing first with our forms. (2) Engage with your pastors. This is different than simply talking with your pastors, find out what they or your parish needs and be the group to provide that. I have asked the District Deputies to follow up with the Grand Knights and my goal is to have 100% participation from councils that have spoken with their pastors and attempted to engage. (3) Fill out your council plan/goal sheet, by doing that you'll know where you want to go as a council and that'll be the first step in being a success. This is a carry over from last month as most councils haven't attempted it yet. Send them to your District Deputy and get their input, again I've asked them to follow up with the Grand Knights. Feel free to send it to me and I'll give you my input, I'd love to see what you're thinking and doing as well as get feedback on that council goal sheet.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

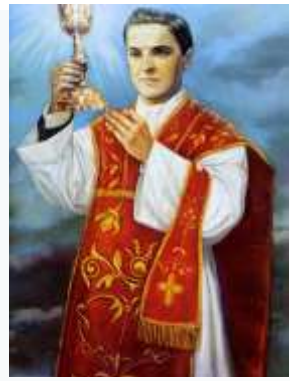
Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



Pray for Vocations

Honoring the Legacy of Father McGivney

*****Editors Note: This is the second in a series of articles on Fr. McGivney's life shared from www.fathermcgivney.org. Over the next few months we'll continue to share additional articles in preparation for his beatification.***



PARISH PRIEST

Father McGivney was assigned as curate (assistant) of St. Mary's Church, the first Catholic parish in the busy port city of New Haven. There he faced challenges related to a priest shortage, parish debt, illnesses, and hostility toward Catholics. The church became a lightning rod for anti-Catholic derision, expressed in a New York Times headline, "How an Aristocratic Avenue Was Blemished by a Roman Church Edifice." Against this backdrop, Father McGivney navigated relationships with non-Catholics gracefully, while striving to prevent the culture's hostility from eroding the faith of his people.

Sought out for his wise counsel, and instrumental in a number of conversions to Catholicism, Father McGivney had a gift for touching hearts and leading souls to God.

In a notable case that gained widespread press coverage, he ministered to James (Chip) Smith, a 21-year-old Catholic who was on death row for shooting and killing a police officer while drunk. Father McGivney visited him daily to offer guidance, prayer and Mass in the city jail over many months. This had a profound effect. The young man's change of heart was so marked that local newspapers hailed Father McGivney's ministry.

After Mass on execution day, the priest's grief was profound. Smith comforted him, saying, "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now." Father McGivney walked with him to the end, leading him in prayer and blessing him at the scaffold.

'A Man of the People'

With a priestly heart, he accompanied those of all ages and walks of life in their suffering and uncertainty, and found practical ways to address their needs. While his first concern was always the faith of his flock, he was attuned to familial, social, financial, civic and societal issues as well. His strong, serene demeanor spoke both of God's law and mercy, and people were naturally drawn to his reserved yet welcoming manner. Intent on building a dynamic parish for his hard-working and largely poor flock, he staged parish plays, outings and fairs, and he revitalized a group dedicated to overcoming alcoholism within his community.

According to one of his contemporaries, Father McGivney's "life was an open book, whose pages all might read, and the influences that radiated from his active, energetic and zealous personality, brought many a poor wanderer to the house of God, back to the faith of his childhood, and to the sacred tribunal of penance, where with faith, contrition and humility, he became reconciled to his Heavenly Father. Father McGivney was nothing, if not active. His energy was restless, ever seeking new outlets, and to this disposition are we indebted for the existence of the Knights of Columbus."

In an article titled "The Personality of Father McGivney," a fellow priest described his demeanor in almost mystical terms: "It was a 'priest's face' and that explains everything. It was a face of wonderful repose. There was nothing harsh in that countenance although there was everything that was strong." In a similar vein, a layman wrote of Father McGivney's steady and reassuring voice attracted even some non-Catholics to the church to hear him preach.

A man of strategic vision, Father McGivney worked closely with the city's leading Catholic men, whom he gathered in the basement of St. Mary's Church to explore the idea of a Catholic fraternal benefit society. The new Order would help men keep their faith; would make the case that one could be both a good Catholic and a good American citizen; and would financially help families who had lost a breadwinner to stay together, thereby not only enabling their temporal well-being but also helping them avoid a disbanding that could erode their faith as well.

In the words of one parishioner, "He was a man of the people. He was zealous of the people's welfare, and all the kindness of his priestly soul asserted itself more strongly in his unceasing efforts for the betterment of their condition."

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Having created a thriving parish community, when Father McGivney was transferred from St. Mary's Parish in New Haven to become pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston, the grief among his parishioners was palpable. A journalist covering his last Mass at St. Mary's described the scene: "Never, it seemed, was a congregation so affected by the parting address of a clergyman as the great audience which filled St. Mary's yesterday. Some of those present wept aloud and others sobbed audibly."

FOUNDER

Decades ahead of his time, Father McGivney had a keen sense of the layman's unique vocation, needs and potential contributions, and he drew his people into the life and activities of the parish. This respect for the laity led Father McGivney to found the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization for Catholic men, in 1882.

The young priest designed a way to strengthen the Catholic faith of men and their families while providing financial protection when they suffered the death of the breadwinner. He well knew that keeping families together assisted both temporal and spiritual needs. At the time, without means of financial support, families were often split up, threatening both the integrity of the family and — depending on the destination of the various family members — their faith as well. His new fraternity was designed to provide Catholic men with an alternative to anti-Catholic secret societies that offered social and employment advancement but drew them away from the faith.

Father McGivney proposed that the new group be named for Christopher Columbus. Universally esteemed at the time as the heroic discoverer of the New World, Columbus would highlight the deep roots of Catholics in America — and the long history of Catholic evangelization in this hemisphere.



On March 29 – a day celebrated annually as Founder's Day – the Connecticut legislature granted a charter establishing the Knights of Columbus as a legal corporation.

The name "Knights" appealed to the Civil War veterans in the group who saw the noble principles of knighthood in the Order's protection of the faith, family finances and the civil and religious rights of Catholics. A charter member wrote that Father McGivney was "acclaimed as founder by 24 men with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving; recognizing that without his optimism, his will to succeed, his counsel and advice, they would have failed."

In a letter to priests of his diocese, Father McGivney said that his first goal in founding the Knights of Columbus was "to prevent people from entering Secret Societies, by offering the same, if not better, advantages to our members." His second purpose was "to unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent

burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members."

The Order's original principles were unity and charity. "Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn," Father McGivney wrote. Principles of fraternity and patriotism were added later. Knights were led by their founder to take on the many challenges facing Catholic family life — poverty, early death, secret societies, anti-Catholicism — with the flexibility to take on other duties in the future. With a vision for growth, he asked the pastors in Connecticut to kindly help "in the formation of a council in your parish."

As an indication of the respect the first Knights had for Father McGivney's leadership, they moved to elect him head of the new Order. However, the humble priest insisted that a layman should lead the lay organization. James T. Mullen, a Civil War veteran, was elected the first supreme knight and Father McGivney took up the office of supreme secretary. Two years later, when operations were on a sound footing, Father McGivney resigned his executive post to become supreme chaplain, explaining that his first obligation to the Order was to serve as a priest.

State Treasurer's Message

Brother Knights,

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Utah State Treasurer. I would like for you to know that I have already hit the books. I am connected and conducted all of the business required for me to become a signer. Yes, there is still much for me to learn. I am happy to help if you have any questions or concerns. I will have more to report as I become more familiar with my new position.



For the Good of the Order

For Men and Women in Uniform

We pray for the protection of our family members and friends serving in the Armed Forces and as first responders.

Please include these members and their families in the Good of the Order portion of your monthly council meetings.

If you are aware of a Brother Knight that should be included in this list, please forward his information to the

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Membership Director's Report

Brother Knights,

I have been appointed as the Utah State Membership Director. I am pleased to have this assignment. Yes, it will be challenging for all of us to grow our Brotherhood this year. We will need to find and take a new approach to continue what Father McGivney started.

The State Team would like to share a success story with you. Congratulations to district 6. DD Mike Middlemiss and the 5214 Spanish team advanced a single Brother Knight to the third degree. It took place at St. Jude Maronite Church in Taylorsville on Saturday 7/11/20. The Honoree was Father Joubran BouMerhi.

New Ways to Answer the Call

Do you have candidates or prospects who've expressed interest in joining your council prior to the pandemic shutting things down? Now is the time to invite them to attend one of the many online exemplifications being conducted by the Supreme Council.

If your parish continues to send out regular emails, ask your Priest to include some of the spiritual resources the Knights have available. When men see the practical, spiritual assistance you're providing to them and their families, they will also see the value in your council and join.

The Into the Breach video series can be shared with men and then remote sessions held for fruitful discussion. These events should be open to all men in the parish. Invite Catholic men who are not members to join your council.

Now, more than ever, people need human interaction. Reach out to people in your parish who might be alone or might need additional assistance. If they're not Knights and they're eligible, invite them to join and let them be a part of your fraternity. This human connection might help them get through this tough time.

Engage Your Members

Council and member participation in the Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative is of critical importance to assist brother, parish, and community. Members are still encouraged to socialize even if it is digitally.

Host a video conference available to all members of the council

Avoid talking about business and charity

Check-in with one another, socialize

Personally invite members of the council you haven't heard from in a while, especially men outside of council leadership

Brothers, I have given you a "why" the Knights are important, a few "hows" to grow, and some "whats" to keep your current members engaged. You can modify these ideas to fit your own council.

Vivat Jesus,

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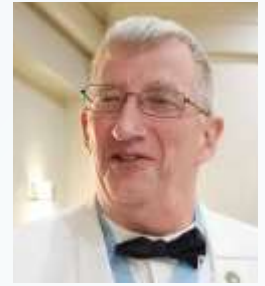
- 8/1 Service Program Personnel Report Due
- 8/4 -8/6 138th Supreme Convention
- 8/12 Venerable Michael McGivney's Birthday
- 8/14 Venerable Michael McGivney's Memorial
- 8/14 Family of the Month Due
- 8/15 Council Audits Due
- 8/16 Golf Tournament - Council 14399
- 8/17 Order Church Drive Kits for October
- 8/24 Council budget & Fraternal Benefit Trg.
- 8/27 KofC Webcast: Programs: Planning for Success
- 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9/10 The Bishop's Dinner 2020 (Virtual)
- 9/11 World Day of Prayer for Peace
- 9/14 Family of the Month Due



For a complete listing of events visit:

My Brother Knights,

Hard to believe that July has passed so quickly; yes, we are off and running. I sincerely hope that your councils and brother knights are adjusting to new methods to keep your councils viable and active during this period. If you can't meet in person, please use on line platforms to conduct virtual meetings as this will bring back brothers you haven't seen for a while. Engage with your pastor, jointly identify with him items where he needs assistance. It is key to remain involved in our parishes during this challenging period as we adapt to sustain an active Knights' presence.



Now to administrative items. On 24Jul20, I completed and sent out to the leaders group my initial draft on the FY20-21 State Directory. Yes, the directory has some holes in it as Supreme and I am still awaiting submission on 7 Councils and 2 Assembly Officers Chosen Reports. For the 30 Councils and 8 Assemblies who have submitted this report on time a sincere thank you. For any of you who did not receive the draft directory send me a note, I will send you a copy for your review and input.



As we approach the end of this month, the Service Personnel Program Report (formerly 365) is due on August 1st. Based on Supremes' 23 July report, there are 18 councils who have already submitted this report – again thanks for your timeliness. The Service Program Personnel Report lists 14 positions, but only 5 directors are required (Program (PD), Community (CD), Family (FD), Membership, and Retention) to acquire submission credit. This report is critical to attain council safe environment (SE) compliance. Last year we finished at over 85% SE compliant. I would strongly encourage you to appoint last years director (if they will continue on) who completed the training and background checks – this will save you a few headaches. If appointing new PD, CD and FD positions, please converse with these men prior to appointment and acquire a commitment for training and background check completion.

I hope that you received the emails (and attached instructions) that I sent to you regarding filing of the officer's report and service personnel reports. Besides reflecting who is past due, I have been strongly encouraging folks to file using the Council Administration dropdown in Member Management. Yes, this may be new to some of you,

even those of you that already submitted hard form copy. However, this will save you time in the long run, plus using the Council Administration provides direct and real time input into the Supreme database. Again, if any of you need these instructions send me a note.

Please start working your council and assembly audit reports as these are due on August 15th. The reason I remind you now is for planning purposes considering that you need to acquire 4 signatures on the form before submitting. Considering social distancing and the pandemic, this is something you have not had to deal with in the past. Thanks to the 3 councils who already submitted this report.



Lastly, as a note of interest, we completed last year with 26 councils submitting the SP7 Columbian Award. Supreme has not published the awards listing as of the time of this writing, but I anticipate that the listing will be published within the next two months. Thanks to those who submitted.

Again thanks for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at 801-541-7770, utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com or kellywbill@msn.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Vivat Jesus

Bill Kelly
State Secretary



Program Director's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

It is an honor to be addressing you as the new State Warden and Program Director. To begin this fiscal year I would like to put an emphasis on several major points that were made during the most recent Org Meeting in regards to our activities in this challenging time of pandemic.

First of all, don't panic. We are a brotherhood of strong capable Catholic Gentlemen all looking to serve our parish and communities. We will all be in contact with each other and find ways to help each other. If you feel stuck or like you've hit a roadblock, reach out. Email/text/call one of your fellow council members, your DD, me directly, or any one of us in the state council.

Secondly, virtual interaction will be the easiest way to reach your goals. Don't get me wrong, nothing will replace the physical council meetings and face to face events, but until it is safe for all of us to meet again in person, virtual and online programs will be a great way to keep your council active and involved.

Here are a few programs that can be done online, or by gathering some of your council in a virtual meeting, or with some emails/phone calls and minimal physical interaction.

- Spiritual reflection
- Marian Prayer Program
- Into the Breach (Video Series)
- Holy Hour (if your parish has a live stream service)
- Rosary
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Leave No Neighbor Behind
- Novena For Life
- Christian Refugee Relief
- Ultrasound Initiative
- Pregnancy Center Support
- Silver Rose Prayer Service



<p>FAITH</p> <p>RSVP</p> <p>Into the Breach</p> <p>Marian Icon Prayer Program</p> <p>Building the Domestic Church Kiosk</p> <p>Rosary Program</p> <p><u>Spiritual Reflection Program New</u></p> <p>Holy Hour <u>New</u></p> <p>Sacramental Gifts <u>New</u></p>	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p>Coats for Kids</p> <p>Global Wheelchair Mission</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Disaster Preparedness</p> <p>Free Throw Championship</p> <p>Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest</p> <p>Soccer Challenge</p> <p><u>Helping Hands New</u></p>
<p>FAMILY</p> <p>Food for Families</p> <p>Family of the Month/Year</p> <p>Keep Christ in Christmas</p> <p>Family Fully Alive</p> <p>Family Week</p> <p><u>Consecration to the Holy Family</u></p> <p>Family Prayer Night <u>New</u></p> <p><u>Good Friday Family Promotion New</u></p>	<p>LIFE</p> <p>Marches for Life</p> <p>Special Olympics</p> <p>Ultrasound Program</p> <p>Christian Refugee Relief</p> <p>Silver Rose</p> <p>Mass for People with Special Needs <u>New</u></p> <p>Pregnancy Center Support <u>New</u></p> <p><u>Novena for Life New</u></p>

If you have any questions about how to initiate any of these programs for your council, please feel free to reach out. As we go forward through the year I will focus on offering more pointers and concrete examples of how each of these programs can work for you.

Keep doing the Lord's work.

Vivat Jesus!

Alex Tarazon

State Warden, Program Director

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Assembly 3501, St. John Paul II, Cedar City FN Lawrence Delgado

The Silver Rose was hosted in Cedar City from June 22nd-24th.

Silver Rose 2020 Path through Utah

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Council Hosts</u>
Jun 7-9	Ogden	6010, 16127,4399
Jun 10-12	Magna / Tooele	9731, 6739
Jun. 16-15	Salt Lake	602
Jun 16-18	So. Jordan	7961
Jun. 19-21	Provo	1136
Jun 22-24	Cedar city	11246
Jun 25-26	St. George	10733



Donate to Carmelite Sisters



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Support the Carmelite Sisters!
Without Masses, their altar bread business doesn't have many orders during this time of pandemic.

Remember, the main financial support of the monastery is the Annual Fair, which is normally held on the third Sunday in September, was **canceled for 2020** due to the pandemic. KUTV2 report.

For their assorted home-made Candy and Jam
<https://www.carmelslc.org/home-made-candy-and-iam-by-the-carmelite-nuns/>

Donate through PayPal on their website homepage
<https://www.carmelslc.org/>

Donate through the Knights of Columbus
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/UTKofC/SupportTheCarmeliteSisters>



August 24, 2020 7:00– 8:00 PM–GoTo Meeting

*Training will be conducted by Gene Trombetti, FIC - KofC Agent and Jerry Angus - State Trainer.
Come learn how to produce a Council Budget and about Fraternal Benefits.*



Register for this training session using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5ykSJg5rEslc8Cj4ZapKBgiWNY0Zxj1jLYtsmvnsEPGDg/viewform>

“TO WHAT DEGREE”

Fourth Degree News and Views



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Brother Knights,

We are in this together;

The Fourth-Degree in Utah is moving forward with small activities within the community. We are united as ever, leaving no brother behind, and pulling together to help those less fortunate. I understand we are all trying to get together in our parish and help out where you can. For those of you that can get out and help by Ushering, Church sanitation, or anything else the Church needs, we thank you. Please remember to wear a KofC Council or Fourth-Degree shirt so that the public knows we are Knights, and we are here for them.

Thank you to all the volunteers helping the VA Hospitals and homes. Thank you to those of you out cleaning Veteran graves; to those of you visible in the community, we thank you. If you have not yet volunteered and done your part, please consider helping out; we can use your help.

4th- Degree District Project No. 1

(July - September 2020) (American Patriot Service Corp):

apscnp.org



“Sir Knight is more than a title...it’s an honor.”



Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606, 9561

Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

Serving Councils: 777, 5347, 6010, 9849, 12959, 14399

Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663, 6147, 7401

Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

Serving Councils: 6966, 11479, 12181, 13297, 13646, 14239

Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

St. John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assy. # 3586

Serving Councils: 602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006

Msgr John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140

Congress has set aside HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars of funding for eligible wartime Veterans & their Surviving Spouses. Veterans (age 65 years and older) and their Surviving Spouses may qualify for a tax-free VA pension called Aid & Attendance. The VA helps Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the Veterans Pension benefit. Our mission is to help them understand and apply for the VA pension and health care benefits they may be entitled to. We are dedicated to serving our Veterans and their Surviving Spouses. Receive up to \$2,846 monthly with the Aid & Attendance Benefit.

Honor Guards

Honor Guards are permitted at the request and permission of the Pastor and Faithful Navigator; Honor Guard members need to follow all Utah State and County guidelines. We can not bend the rules. Only BLACK masks are allowed within the Honor Guard formation (NO LOGOS). Tuxedos are not permitted or should be mixed with the Fourth-Degree Uniform. If you choose to host an Unofficial Honor Guard in Tuxedo, please do so within your Assembly.

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications:

CANCELED until January 2021

God bless you, and God Bless America!

Viva Christo Rey!!!

Frank Carmona
Utah District Master
John H. Reddin Province



Instructions for the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the month will be available in a number of places:

- kofc.org/challenge
- Columbia
- Knightline
- Chaplain's Report
- Knights of Columbus social media
- Monthly email to Grand Knight and Chaplain

To conduct the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, during a Knights of Columbus meeting (ideally during the Chaplain's Message or the Grand Knight's Report) or other gathering:

1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and perhaps a brief prayer.

Example Opening Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. We thank you for guiding our lives and pray that we may have the courage exemplified by Venerable Fr. McGivney to live our faith to the fullest through our council, our families and in society. May our words today give glory to your Sacred Heart and if we struggled this past month in living our faith, help us to never stop turning to you and always try again.*

2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge from the previous month.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/july-2020.html>

3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live last month's challenge. Every month has a number of Questions for Reflection that may help facilitate discussion. Don't worry about what order the men speak in or if there is silence in between men speaking. Not everyone has to speak and it is not a problem if the discussion is brief. Men are welcome to comment on others' contribution to the discourse.

4) When finished, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month.

5) End by asking if there are any intentions and close with prayer and the Sign of the Cross.

Example Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time together with our brothers. We ask you to have mercy on all those people and intentions we prayed for. Give us the perseverance to live next month's challenge and to remember that we are united with our brother Knights around the world in doing so.*

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

WHAT IS THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE?

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.



This Month's Challenge

August 2020

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” (Gospel for Aug 23, Mt 16:18)

That's quite a promise! Christ established Peter as the head of his Church on earth, with his teaching authority and the guarantee that hell itself would not defeat it. How we practice our faith in word and deed influences the moral and spiritual formation of others — our family, friends, fellow parishioners and neighbors. With the help of God's grace, fathers have a sacred role to protect their families from the devil's assaults. May we all take seriously this responsibility to be a “rock” of the Catholic faith in our domestic churches, parishes and communities.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to join with others — family, friends, brother Knights — in praying the rosary for the intention of remaining steadfast in the faith. Second, I challenge you to encourage members of your parish to stand firm in the faith by starting or promoting the Faith in Action Building the Domestic Church Kiosk program at your church.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you regularly lead your family in prayer by saying grace before meals, reciting the rosary, reading Scripture or practicing other devotions? Do you openly discuss the Catholic faith so that your children know and understand the faith and its truth, goodness and beauty? Do you pray for your wife and children that God may protect them from the attacks of the devil?

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The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that ***"there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."***

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. We are struck by the resilience of the **permanent things** - our **faith, our fraternity, our families**. We're sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the *Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative*, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of Councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

We continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And we know you are too.

That's why, for us, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

We would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or its been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, we can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

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