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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

### **Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Building a bridge back to Faith)**

Welcome to 2021 and with this New Year comes new changes for us as Council, the sale of our building, the move of our Council meetings to Saints John and Andrews and a fresh slate to get back to the basics of what the Knights was founded on, which are the Principles of Charity, unity and fraternity, but at the forefront is our Faith and it's our job to build the bridge back to that Faith.

I would like to lay out my mission over the next couple months as mentioned at our last Council Meeting:

- Grow membership
- Targeted list of the charities and organizations we plan on working with and on for 2021
- Increase monthly meeting participation by our Brother Knights
- Bring back some social events like the Clergy appreciation dinner (once things are back to some sort of normal based on COVID)
- Expand fundraising efforts
- Fill the following open positions within the Council
  - Membership Director
  - Program Director
  - Church Director
  - Council Director
  - Recorder (Officer)
  - Advocate (Officer)

“Building a bridge back to faith” there is a great series found on the Supreme Council site called “INTO THE BREACH”, I highly recommend if you have some free time check the videos out.

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis.  
Watch all episodes below.

STUDY GUIDE

JOIN US TODAY

As we move into this new year I ask you to please join me, become active in the Council, attend our meetings and if time permits volunteer for one of the open Director or Officer positions, the success of the Council falls on us all and with that success we can do major good within our community and within our parish family.

God Bless and Happy New Year

Chris Ryan, Grand Knight Council 206

UPCOMING EVENTS	OUR COUNCIL OFFICERS
<p><b>Jan. 1</b> - New Years Day</p> <p><b>Jan. 12</b> - Monthly Business Meeting 7:00 pm at Sts. John &amp; Andrew</p> <p><b>Jan. 10</b> - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</p> <p><b>Feb. 9</b> - Monthly Business Meeting. Dinner at 6:00 pm, Rosary 6:30, and start of Meeting 7:00</p> <p><b>Feb. 17</b> - Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>CHAPLAIN: Fr. COREY VAN KUREN            GRAND KNIGHT: CHRIS RYAN, PGK            DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: ANTHONY MARTONE            CHANCELLOR: SCOTT AVERY, PGK            RECORDER:            FINANCIAL SECRETARY: CHRIS WELCH            TREASURER: CHARLIE SCARANTINO, PGK            ADVOCATE:            WARDEN:            INSIDE GUARD: CHUCK DETTLING            OUTSIDE GUARD: MYRON KRAJNYK            LECTURER: DAVID WY SOCKI            TRUSTEES:            FOR 1 YRS – BOB HANTSCH, PGK            FOR 2 YRS – STEPHEN HURCHLA, PGK            FOR 3 YRS – MIKE MURPHY, PGK</p> <p>LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: DEBBIE PETROSKY            DISTRICT DEPUTY (DISTRICT 78): ROBERT HANTSCH, PGK            INSURANCE AGENT: JOHN HOOLICK            570-654-3390</p>



<b>Rev Wilbur J Votraw 01-01</b>	<b>James R Lynch 01-21</b>
<b>Dr Douglas J Taber 01-03</b>	<b>Ronald A Gili 01-23</b>
<b>Terrence E Heslin 01-07</b>	<b>William H Newland 01-23</b>
<b>Joseph J Johnson 01-11</b>	<b>Paul C Carman 01-24</b>
<b>Patrick J Reilly 01-12</b>	<b>Thomas P Sivak 01-26</b>
<b>John A Crouch 01-15</b>	<b>Robert T Connerton 01-28</b>
<b>Michael T Simeck 01-15</b>	<b>Gerardo J Tagliaferri 01-28</b>
<b>Ryan W Andrew 01-17</b>	<b>Frank G Stento 01-29</b>

**Council Meeting Ride Sharing**

Please plan on attending our monthly Council meetings. If you need a ride to our monthly Council meeting please reach out to me 607-237-4395 and we will make arrangements for one our our Brother Knights to pick you up and drop you back home after the meeting.

**Growing Membership**

Calling all Fathers, Grandfathers and Uncles, do you have a son, grandson, great grandson or nephew that is not a Knight yet, now is a great time to pass your legacy along, we are looking for new members, if you know someone please let me know 607-237-4395.

**Dinner and Conversation:**

Starting with our Feb Council meeting we will go back to having dinner prior to the meeting along with refreshments after. Stay tuned for details.

## **Lent and the Rosary**

For the Lent season we will be saying the Rosary before our Council Meeting starts..

**Feb 9th** - Dinner 6:00 pm, Rosary 6:30 and start of Meeting 7:00

**March 9th** - Dinner 6:00 pm, Rosary 6:30 and start Meeting 7:00



Council 206 Business Meeting 1/12/21

### **Back to basics – back to mission**

#### **January Updates:**

A big thanks to all those that helped move our items out of the hall and into storage

Again, focus for the next couple months will be Driving Membership, here is what is being done thus far.

- Running Membership Drive information in the bulletin for St. Pats, St Mary's/Paul, St James, and St Thomas along with St John and Andrew.
- Flyer will be handed out at the Binghamton Theology on Tap session which starts back up in March, this program is geared towards the young catholic adults
- Article will run in a publication sponsored by Theology on Tap

Other targeted marketing:

- Men organizations within the parishes we support, example holy name society
- Set up meetings with each of the parish pastors and find out best way to communicate to their parishioners

### **New Items**

Open to the floor for ideas.

Inviting Monsignor to our next meeting and presenting him with the donation check.

How do we get more of our current members to attend our monthly meetings?

Charities to support in 2021 (we will continue with Coats for Kids, Thanksgiving Turkeys and Senior home Christmas gifts along with the Seminarian program. But what others can we look at?)

“Rediscover the Beauty of Praying the Rosary”

Back in May Pope Francis invited all Knights to join in rediscovering the beauty of praying the Rosary. How many of you still have the Rosary that was given to you when you made your “First Degree” and how many still resist the decades? I must admit I strayed away from praying the rosary but over the last couple months have started up again and truly find solace in the time I set aside to recite each of the decades. We have Rosaries and Prayer cards so if you need one please let me know and I will get it to you.

**Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge – Starting this month at our monthly meetings we will review and discuss 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.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

**Follow-up items:**

Fundraising ideas

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We have numerous Community Chair positions open, moving forward we need to fill them

- Membership Director
- Program Director
- Church Director
- Council Director
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## Events

- clergy appreciation dinner
- Springtime family event/picnic
- Golf Tournament

## Meetings

- Guest Speakers – would like to start having a guest speaker at each of our monthly meetings

## **In closing here is Jan Supreme Chaplin's Challenge**

### **JANUARY 2021**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Gospel for Jan. 3, Mt 2:10-11)

It's quite a magnificent scene: Intellectuals from a faraway land, not even of the Jewish faith, travel to pay homage to the newborn king. Their gifts acknowledge the child's kingship and foreshadow the sacrifice he was to make. They are also a sign of what a gift this newborn king is to the entire world. We must also recognize every child as a gift to the world, created in the image of God himself. May we recommit ourselves with renewed vigor to protect and cherish the life and dignity of every human person.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

I challenge you to take a concrete, tangible action to support the cause for life in your community, by donating money or supplies to a pregnancy resource center, praying outside an abortion facility or joining your parish's pro-life group. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program or, if possible, the March for Life program.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you see the image of God in every child, in every person, or do you sometimes look at others as objects to be used? What does taking action to defend life show you about how individuals can impact the world? What more can you do to support the cause for life, whether the contribution is great or small or consists of prayer or work?