

**June 2020**

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Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Highest degree of Knighthood.*

Meetings- 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.  
of the month @ St  
Michael's Catholic  
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### **Faithful Navigator's Message**

Greetings Sir Brother Knights,

Hope this finds you and your family going well.

1. We checked with the Priest at St. Michael's Church, where we have our meetings. His recommendation was that we wait until July for an Assembly meeting.

Also, the Supreme Council has NOT allowed any LIVE meetings. Thursday's, June 11th, Stockton Record newspaper headline, "SJ Sees Surge in Virus Cases." I do not know what to think when I see people walking around stores without a face mask. If a member of your family becomes ill, then we will question where did the illness come from? At present, the churches are opening for a limited number of people. They require that everyone wear a face mask. This coronavirus is so DANGEROUS, because it cannot be seen. So please keep up your guard and masks.

2. Congratulations to new Sir Knights: Cletun Nwigwe, Council # 4041; Manuel Guerrero, Council #4784 and Howard Self, Council #4041.

3. The Master of Central District has informed us that a 4th Degree Virtual Patriotic Exemplification will take place July 11, 2020 at 2 PM. There will be online registration for an attendance list to be sent out. Please contact your G.K. and F.S. to fill out form 4's. A \$50 fee is to be sent to Assembly Comptroller, Thomas Stein. He will send in forms and money to complete registration. Fee is to cover the cost of Baldric and pin. Once we start LIVE meetings, the ceremony of Knighting will take place.

4. It has been requested that Color Corp wear black masks at Funeral services.

That's about all for now. Pray and Trust in God.  
-Vivat Jesus, Tomas Hernandez , FN

### **Father Day Humor**

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask.

"I work for 7 Up!"

### **Christ's Unconditional Love**

In anticipation for this Holy Day, Pope Francis spoke out to encourage all Catholics to discover the riches hidden in Christ's Sacred Heart.

June 19th we will celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Do not be afraid to

present to him all the intentions of our suffering humanity, its fears, its miseries. May this Heart, full of love for men, give everyone hope and trust," Pope Francis expressed. "I invite you to discover the riches that are hidden in the Heart of Jesus, to learn to love your neighbor."

In his livestream broadcast, the Holy Father reminded us how the saints serve as "bridges" between God and His people. With prayers and their intercessions we are made closer to the Lord. Turning to Moses, Pope Francis explained that he is an excellent Biblical model of what intercessory prayer should look like. "Moses belonged among those who are poor in spirit, who live by making trust in God the viaticum of their journey," he said. "Moses urges us to pray with the same ardor of Jesus, to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all of its frailties, it always belongs to God." "Scripture usually depicts him with his hands outstretched towards God, as if to form a bridge between heaven and earth with his own person. Even in the most difficult moments, even on the day when the people repudiate God and him as a guide and make themselves a golden calf, Moses does not feel like putting his people aside."

Pope Francis noted that Moses didn't just pray for himself, that he prayed for others too, making him "the great intercessor of God's people." "We too must realize that we are never before God only as individuals, but also as members of the Church and children of the one human family. This should also become visible in the way we pray for one another," the pope continued. "Entrusted by God to transmit the Law to his people, founder of divine worship, mediator of the highest mysteries, he will not for this reason cease to maintain close bonds of solidarity with his people, especially in the hour of temptation and sin. He was always attached to his people. Moses never forgets his people."

Taking his weekly catechesis a step further, Pope Francis used Moses as an example for all pastors to follow. He explained that Moses "does not sell out his people to advance his career. He does not climb the ladder, he is an intercessor."

"Pastors are the bridges between the people, to whom they belong, and God, to whom they belong by vocation. This is why they are called 'pontifex,' bridges," shared Pope Francis. "And

today, too, Jesus is the 'pontifex.' He is the bridge between us and the Father. And Jesus intercedes for us, He shows the Father the wounds that are the price of our salvation, and He intercedes."

### **Help Needed**

With many of our local parishes opening to some degree, help is needed in making masses happen and beginning to begin services back. There are many ways you can help, no matter your situation. For example:

- If you're physically able and have the time, you can volunteer to assist at a your parish as an usher, cleaner, welcome minister, etc. Some parishes have age requirements, so call your local parish office.
- If you are unable to physically help out at masses due to health or age restrictions, you can still help by continuing to make your weekly or monthly offering. Mail or drop of your donation, or use the online donation system that most parishes have. Financial donations are way down, but utilities and other financial obligations have continued for your parish.
- Support your parish spiritually by prayer. Offer up a daily rosary for your parish, offer up a Divine Chaplet for the end of the pandemic or other worthy cause. Pray that our leaders at every level have the guidance to make the right decisions.
- Know any 3rd degree Knights? Tell them about the patriotic degree of our order. We need to get names in ASAP to your G.K.

### **A little more humor...**

Q: What car did the wise men drive in to see Jesus?

A: Honda Accord. The bible says the wise men all came in one accord.

Q: At what time of day was Adam created?

A: A little before Eve.