



The Messenger

St. JOACHIM COUNCIL 14247 August Newsletter Vol. 1.1

August 2021 Grand Knight Notes

Brother Knights:

This is our first Newsletter in quite a while. I pray that everyone is in good health and doing as well as possible with the Virus. Needless to say, all of council activities have been put on hold as we attempt to reestablish our council routine. We have been able to continue to maintain our administrative responsibilities and have set the new Officers for the 2021 year.

We have provided support for our Brothers who are in need and have been able to do this because of our past efforts with fundraising. As of this writing no Brother has the virus and we continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of all our Brothers and their families. There are no Degree ceremonies in the near future.

We have restarted our Officer and Council meetings. Officer meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 in the parish hall. The Council meeting is on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the parish hall beginning at 7:00 pm

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Brother Chuck Holman and the council officers for their effort during this past pandemic year. Needless to say it has been a year of problems as we put our council on HOLD

And finally, I am sure everyone has met Father Raju our new Parish Priest. With Father Sam's retirement we are fortunate to have as he serves the St Joachim parish.

History of the Knights

Growth of the Knights of Columbus

On Oct. 2, 1881, a small group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought strength in solidarity,

and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith. These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one who's had brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. They were Knights of Columbus.

The Order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need. The Supreme Council is the governing body of the Knights of Columbus and is responsible for the development of the organization as a whole. Supreme Council duties include establishing the Order in new regions and setting up regional authorities, defining and advancing its values and goals, undertaking organization – wide initiatives, promoting awareness of the Knights' mission worldwide, and protecting the families of members through its extensive insurance program. Members working in local, or subordinate councils, however, carry on the majority of the Knights' beneficial work.

Proud To Be a Knight

We are planning a Breakfast for the 22nd of Aug beginning at 9:30 am. We hope starting at this time will allow the 11:30 mass participants time to enjoy a free Breakfast. This Breakfast is for Father Raju our new Parish Priest. Father comes from St Patrick's in Ripon and is a Fourth Degree Knight. Father has already attended a Council Meeting and will be the Council Chaplain. Please continue to support our Parish with attendance at Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass it is available on the Internet at 9:15 on Sunday morning.

This breakfast will be free to the parish in addition to the breakfast we and the "Daughters of Isabella" will hold a membership drive and we will be taking donations to support our Diocesan Seminarians. As we progress with the calendar year and as we determine the effects of COVID we will be planning for our Traditional Fundraising Dinners. As of this writing we have a tentative date for the Crab Feed in January 2022. We will discuss the feasibility of holding the Octoberfest with future Officer and Council meeting.

Please continue with your financial donations as the Parish continues with the daily activities as Father Raju provides for the Spiritual, emotional and often time financial needs of our parishioners

Prayers for the Sick and Infirm

St Francis de Salles wrote, "the prayer of the sick person is his patience and his acceptance of this sickness for the love of Christ. Make sickness itself a prayer, for there is none more powerful, save martyrdom!" May the souls of all of the faithful who have departed rest in peace with the Lord. Brother if you know of any parishioner who needs our prayers, please provide us with their names and we will offer them up with our prayers.

Please keep Brother John Traphagen, Brother Bud Raynor and his wife Lee and Brother Larry Vergano in your prayers. If you know of other Brothers who are in distress, please contact me Al Liberato at 209-639-4559 and I will make sure they are put in the Parish Prayer Chain.

Thank you for all your efforts in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; God Bless,