



# COUNCIL COMPASS

## Immaculate Heart Council #3604

### Grand Knight's Message

Welcome brother Knights to the new Columbian year!

First, we owe many thanks to PGK Darrel for keeping the council train on the tracks for the past two years. He has been ubiquitous in the church which makes it very impressive that he was also able to stay on top of everything Knight related. I know I will be asking him many questions as the year progresses.

Being in the same restrictive environment as we ended last year continues to limit our ability to physically gather and in turn, may affect some of our traditional fundraising activities. It compels us to explore new ideas for fundraising and consider having service projects that would require nothing more than 'sweat equity'. Sort of a getting back to basics.

As for traditional events, the kitchen has been reserved for September 20<sup>th</sup> in hopes of still having our annual chicken-a-go-go drive through dinner. This take-out only meal is certainly feasible but demand for the event has to be considered before making a solid monetary commitment. We will be discussing this at our next officer's meeting and I will update its status when there's more info.

For new events, David Nagle will be chairing a committee to 'brainstorm' ideas for new directions the council can take. He will be reaching out to brothers to form this committee very soon if he hasn't done so already. If you have a great idea you'd like to throw into the mix feel free to text it to me so I can pass it on to David (but tell me who you are because I don't have all of your phone numbers!).

There are also a few things I would like to try this year for our council's spiritual/fraternal development.

First, a Knights reconciliation night, probably in place of a regular business meeting, preceded or followed by a simple soup dinner in our room. Yes, I am aware there will soon be First Friday Adorations (tentatively scheduled to resume

September 4<sup>th</sup>) but ours would be exclusively brothers going to reconciliation as a fraternity with no other distractions.

Second is a single day retreat at our church led by an inspirational speaker. They have annual staff retreats at Sacred Heart Church where they explore our faith, pray together and get to know co-workers better by having team challenges and other activities. With a catered lunch the entire event is 6-7 hours, and keeping it local makes it easily accessible for everyone.

A final idea that brother Les suggested is having a family day. Knights, their wives, significant others, children, grandchildren, you get the idea. He proposed a park somewhere so we all can share conversation, food, and fun. In general just a relaxing afternoon in the park with friends.

All of these things are of course dependent on our ability to gather which is right now still in flux. Outside of being personally mindful of our health there is not much we can do to affect our government's decisions about imposing mandates restricting freedoms that we are used to having. However, we do have a powerful tool in prayer. We are reminded of who to direct these prayers to by two celebrations that occur this month; the transfiguration of the Lord, and the assumption of Mary. When Jesus is transfigured on the mountain shining with bright light it shows us that He is the true connection between us and the eternal Kingdom of God. Similarly, Mary's assumption into heavenly glory due to her intimate association with Christ shows us she can be a powerful intercessor on our behalf through prayer. So say a rosary this month with intentions for better times ahead.

*Keith Druen - Grand Knight*

**Brothers celebrating Birthdays this month:**

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| Mark Duncan    | 07 |
| David Nagle    | 16 |
| Albert Padilla | 17 |
| Bradley Reisz  | 21 |
| Gary Baptista  | 30 |
| Joe Lilly      | 30 |

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Aug 06 Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus.
- Aug 13 Chapter Zoom Meeting 7pm.
- Aug 15 Assumption of Our Lady.
- Aug 15 Officers Mtg. via Zoom at 9:00 AM.
- Aug 20 Business meeting via at 7:00 PM.

Pictured Below: Officers being sworn in on July 19 at a special mass in Mary's Garden. From left: Darrel D., Keith D., Tom H., Les B., David N., Tom M.

Fr. Kondayya, blessing the Jewels.

Bottom L: DD Lou Gervais; R: Chapter Pres. Lolly Gomez.

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**ONLINE MEETNGS**

We will continue to attend meetings virtually via Zoom.

Grand Knight Keith Druen will host the Officers

Meeting on Saturday, August 15 at 9:00 AM.

and the regular Business meeting on

Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 PM.

Login information will be emailed by

Deputy Grand Knight Jaeson Amarillas.

Make sure to keep an eye on you inbox for login credentials.

Those who do not have email access, please call Jaeson for your login information to join the meeting by regular phone call.

Jaeson: (209) 918-4422



**ONLINE MEMBERSHIP**

If you know of a Catholic man 18 years or older looking to join our brotherhood, let them know that if they join by August 5, 2020, their first year's membership dues will be waived.

Contact GK Keith Druen with their names to join the Knights during this special offer.

# District Deputy Report

August 2020

Worthy Brothers,

I am honored and privileged to serve as your District Deputy this Columbian Year. The last time that I was appointed a District Deputy was back in 2018 in the Northern California District 2. That District one of the largest geographical area covering 125 miles between the Corning Council at the west and Susanville Council at the north eastern end. Our District 53 is less than 1/3 of that area.

With the impact of the COVID-19 and the limitations-imposed traveling to our meetings is now at the speed of light with phenomenal gas millage. WOW! This pandemic has its effects that will be with us for an extended period of time and unfortunately will have some lasting effects as well. With that being said it is really important for each of us to focus and adapt our methods on not what we can't do but what we can do and stay safe while we continuing to benefit those we serve. Supreme has introduced us to "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program that offers both advise and activities for councils to focus on while our traditional programs have been interrupted. The booklet is available on our Chapter & District websites or you can download it here:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind-program.pdf>

Our Pastors needs us more than ever and is of the greatest importance. They are confronted with a moving target nearly daily. They are forced to decide whether Mass will be held indoors or outdoors (if at all). They are required to limit the number of attendees and record the names of those who attend. Talk about technology, here a Pastor had to overnight become proficient with technology to livestream Masses all while facing diminished resources of both church staff, operations, and contributions. In the meantime, funerals, baptisms, and weddings have been deferred awaiting the return of regular services. We need to make every effort to reach out, assist and help whenever and however you can.

Most of our councils are meeting "Virtually" using the Zoom that we have contracted the year. Just contact me whenever you want to schedule a Zoom meeting. It is of utmost importance to continue to engage as a council and plan out the year ahead. Officers need to be elected, budgets need to be established and approved along with fundraiser within the constraints placed upon us. This is not the time for councils to go dormant, but rather to think outside the box while continuing to meet the needs of our Pastor, parish, parishioners, and community. Recruiting is equally important as, more than ever, Catholic men are needed to join us in service.

This past month I had the honor and privilege to install the Officers of the Immaculate Heart Council 3604. The ceremony was intergraded with a full mass celebrated by Rev. Kondayya Mocherla, the chaplain. The Mass was held outside in "Mary's Garden". A short (1:25 minutes) video clip was produces and published on their Council Homepage: <https://kofcchap6ca.org/council-3604/> or here is the direct link: <https://youtu.be/p5dm1WYlseI>

**Be Bold! Be proud of who you are and what you are!**

May God protect you and your families and maintain your Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical health,

Lou Gervais District Deputy 53 (DD-53)