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Monthly Newsletter

September 2024

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

- Monday, Sept 2nd – Labor Day Holiday
 Wednesday, Sept 4th – Officer's Meeting—Zoom, 7:30 PM
 Wednesday, Sept 11th – Full Council Meeting (HYBRID), 7:30 PM
 ZOOM and in person @ QofA Guadalupe Center
 Tuesday, Sept 10th – Christ House (Alexandria, VA)
 Sat/Sun, Sept 14th/15th – Council "Greeters" All MALL MASSES at Queen of Apostles
 Sat/Sun, Sept 21st/22nd – All MALL MASSES at Queen of Apostles
 Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales AND
 The Queen of Apostles' Parish Ministries Fair
 Sun, Sept 29th – Corporate Communion, 10:00 AM Mass @ Queen of Apostles
 TBD in Sept (we hope) – Soccer Free Kick Competition, Queen of Apostles School

Grand Knight's Message

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the Brother Knights of the Council who joined us on Friday, August 16th to assist with setting up the festival and contributed in various ways throughout the event on Saturday, August 17th. Your support and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication.

I am counting on all of you to bring the same enthusiasm to the activities of the next several months. In September, we will be having the soccer challenge. We will need some volunteers to assist with the activity on the field. Additionally, we will begin selling the Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and soliciting funds for Coats for Kids this month. We will need all hands-on deck on the weekend of September 21-22 for KCIC, Coats for Kids, and to support the Parish's Ministries Fair! Please sign up for whichever Mass time will work better for you and your family. I encourage you to involve your family members in the solicitation process for funds for Coats for Kids. You can cover one entrance with your family members using the color buckets to collect the donations. Both activities will continue until December. From October through December, we would like to sell the Christmas Cards and ask for donations two weekends a month.

Just a friendly reminder about the upcoming Council picnic. You and your family are expected to attend. If you have any games or fun activities for the kids, please

plan to bring them or organize the activities. The picnic will be held outside at the back of the church.

Fraternally yours,
 Patrick Okoronkwo, GK, PFN, FDD

Knight(s) of the Month

The selection of the Knight of the Month was very difficult because there were so many deserving Brother Knights. Ultimately, the honor goes to Danny Restivo, who worked alongside Richard Sacra. These two Brothers collaborated to ensure there were enough French fries at the festival. Danny has selected food services as his primary project as a Knight of Columbus member. He leads the Christ Church program, which takes place on the second Tuesday of every other month and helps feed about three to four hundred people. This program is very close to his heart. Danny displayed this passion in handling the French fries as well. He attended the festival with his wife, who also performed. Please join me in congratulating Danny Restivo as the Knight of the Month for September.

Family of the Month

The family of Richard and Nady Wentworth was selected as the Knights's Family of the Month for September.

Richard and Nady met as college freshmen at the University of New Mexico in 2009. At that time, Nady

was a baptized Catholic but was not practicing, while Richard was raised Methodist but was also not practicing. Prompted by a series of small miracles, Richard began to study RCIA at Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque, NM, in 2010 and invited Nady to join. They studied diligently together for two years until Richard was baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2012.

In 2014, they moved to Virginia, where Richard pursued a teaching career and Nady pursued law school. In 2017, they got married at San Martin de Porres Church in Homestead, FL. Their daughter, Margaret Belén, was born in 2020, and she was baptized at Queen of Apostles on July 15, 2023, with Hans and Michaela Crist as her godparents. Richard currently teaches fourth grade at Queen of Apostles School, and Nady works at a nonprofit representing undocumented tenants in eviction court. Maggie will start pre-kindergarten at St. Gabriel's this fall.

The Wentworth's are grateful to their families and their parish community for the continued support that enables them to live in faith. Nady serves as a lector at the Queen of Apostles parish.

Please join me in congratulating the Wentworth family as the Family Knights of the Month for September.

Queen of Apostles Parish Festival

What an event! More than 20 booths, international food, live entertainment—from several soloists (including our



very own, Lady Meredith, wife of Worthy Trustee, Danny Restivo) to a Mariachi band—moon bounce and kids' activities, there was something for everyone! And of course, our brother Knights turned out in

force to man the refreshment trailer, serve untold orders of french fries, and do all kinds of good deeds throughout the festival! God bless all the volunteers and especially our Knights, who made the festival an unprecedented success!

HELP (REQUIRED) WANTED!



Saturday/Sunday, Sept 21st/22nd – Our second big weekend of the fraternal year! That weekend we be will collecting donations for the all-important Coats for Kids Drive

and we hope to be selling our Keep Christ in Christmas, Christmas Cards AND Supporting the Parish Ministries Fair! We have FOUR sets of doors to cover! That is at least FOUR Knights per Mass...not counting setting up our tent and taking everything down after the 1:30 PM Sunday Hispanic Mass. Hot dog cooking will most likely also be a thing! Your help will be greatly appreciated!! *Please mark your calendars now.*

**Newsletter Editor – FOUND
Content Creator(s) – The Need Continues**

The Lord does hear our prayers (and the pleading of the Editor and Worthy Grand Knight). Ms. Emily Amaya, daughter of Brother Sebastian Amaya, has agreed to become the latest editor of The Knightly News! Thank you, Ms. Emily and God Bless you! While Ms. Amaya will undoubtedly excel as the editor, all those (and others) that produce content, PLEASE do so! Everything is due to Ms. Emily by COB on the 20th of the preceding month of the newsletter! She can be reached at amayaemily237@gmail.com Respect her time and efforts and be on time with your contributions! Thank you!!

Lecturer Reflections

What it means to be close to Jesus



The ways of God are not our ways. We conceive this according to our own way of thinking: that is, in a very human way, especially in the beginning. We imagine that it is a life

that always tends upward, in which a person continually ascends and never falls back. We think that each day our faults should keep vanishing and that our soul should continue to be purified without cease. And indeed our soul does continue to be purified more and more each day, but this purification is one of faith; it is not a tangible purification that we can perceive as in the case of our findings in the particular examination of conscience, when we note, for example, that yesterday

we had eight faults, today six, tomorrow four, and the day after none.

We think that the spiritual life is one of ever-growing fervor, in which we feel ourselves more enthusiastic, more closely united to our Lord, each day. We imagine the spiritual life to be a way of light, without eclipses, not one with different from what occurs with the days of nature; first there is the softness of the aurora, then the dawn filled with its hopes, next comes the sun filling the earth little by little with its heat and its light until the fullness of noonday is at hand. This is how we picture the spiritual life. Temptations? Assuredly they will come, but they will be as spiritual diversions to break the monotony of life; and naturally they will be temptations that will always be overcome.

But the ways of God are not our ways. It is true that it goes upward, but by our lowering ourselves. It is true that it purifies the soul, but in the midst of temptations and falls. It is true that its light increases, yet the light is one that is overshadowed with darkness. Therefore, that the light may increase, the darkness must envelop us; that the purification may continue, the most painful temptations must besiege us; and that true fervor may take root in the soul, sensible fervor must frequently forsake us. Thus, in the midst of darkness, of helplessness, of struggles, of temptations, of falls, we continue going upward; yet we do not notice that we are ascending until we arrive at the goal of our aspirations. *Servant of God Luis M. Martinez*

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month



It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. A recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he

[Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Blessed Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it.

No one wants to buy life insurance, BUT everyone should want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

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Birthdays



Rev. Joseph M Rampino	09-02
Arthur S Leahy	09-04
Rev Paul A Berghout	09-06
Deacon Richard C Caporiccio	09-09
PGK Craig J Delaney	09-09
Thomas W Pairo	09-09
Kevin F Becks	09-12
Richard Hoey	09-21
Almond J Smith	09-27

Reminder

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MAY THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS BE PRAISED AND HONORED BY ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MAY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RULE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS UNTIL WE ATTAIN TO EVERLASTING LIFE! AMEN! ST. JOSEPH AND ST. DOMINIC, ORA PRO NOBIS!

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