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Happy Mother's Day!

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

By Bill Nahorn III



Dear Brothers,

I pray that this month's Newsletter finds all of you healthy and safe. I have to admit that more than a month of quarantine is a lot to take. Keep thinking that

at my age (as with other brothers) it is a much better choice to "shelter in place" than to risk an illness. My daily prayers are for you and your families' health. This too shall pass.

Our current plight may appear to be difficult to continue on without that rainbow in the distance. We miss our friends, meeting for a Starbucks, golfing, going to games, and continuing our 'normal' daily activities. I feel we are in a better place than maybe our collective children. Many with children of their own needing to juggle schooling our grandchildren, caring for and entertaining children at home, making sure that there is peace and quiet for their on-line work. Brothers we are in this together.

We need to pray, to thank our Lord for all His gifts that are received daily. As with WWII, polio and other demons of the past, we will work our way through this with the help of our Lord.

Protect yourself, keep social distance, shelter in place the best that you are able to, and PRAY. Pray for all of us and our world family. **Pray the Rosary daily!**

On a lighter note, you may attend a daily Mass and Sunday Mass via the Internet. Log on to Facebook and search for 'Presentation Church'.

I would like you to know that your Council is alive and well. We are making plans for our reasonable return to normalcy.

Peace,
Vivat Jesus!
Bill Nahorn III

SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S COLUMN

By Deacon Dr. Benjamin Joe, PharmD



A Time of Reflection

This is now post 40 days of "Shelter in place." I hope everyone is doing as well as can be and are safe and healthy. Many of us are

probably suffering from some cabin fever, but it is better to have this than to be sick and possibly be in a hospital. As a hospital pharmacist, I deal with patients on some level and pray that there would not be any or many patients suffering from this COVID-19 virus.

You may wonder why I mention the number 40. The number 40 was used quite frequently in both the Old and New Testaments in the Bible. The Israelites were captives in Egypt for 40 years. They were later in the desert for 40 years after their exodus from Egypt. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights during the flood. Jonah preached to Nineveh for 40 days. Elijah fast-

ed for 40 days on Mount Horeb. Jesus was in the desert for 40 days when He was tempted by the devil.

The number 40 refers to a test, probation, or trial. It is a complete period, not an exact amount of time. It is a time that transitions to another period of time. During this period, a great event or transition took place – something extraordinary and definitive.

Regardless of how you feel about the number 40, we are in a period of test, trial, change, and examination. Who would have guessed a few months ago that we would be in this situation today? Who would have known that we would be required to stay indoors to keep ourselves safe from others and from ourselves? Nonessential entities would be closed or shutdown. No sports or any other events. No social gatherings but social distancing and 6 feet apart from another person. Businesses would be closed. No Masses, school, church services, weddings, graduations, or funerals. Shortage supplies of toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and sanitizers. Stores out of milk, bread, eggs, meat, etc. Hospitals and health care workers with low supplies of masks, gloves, sanitizers, and PPE (personal protective equipment).

Lent was supposed to be a time of reflection of oneself but I find myself reflecting more of what was going on in the world. As I am thinking about the pandemic, I feel like I am a part of a movie or a show and this is not reality. But it is real and not a dream. I know and understand the medical part of it but what about the spiritual part of this?

Where is God in all of this? God is in the midst of it all. He is present in the suffering, the curing, the sick, the lost, the “shelter in place,” the closure of businesses, the shutdown of sports and events, the shortages of supplies and necessities, and everything else involving this pandemic. Why has He not stopped this COVID-19 spread? Probably for the same reason why it rained day and night during the big flood, why Jesus was allowed to be tempted in the desert, and why the Israelites were in the desert for a long time. God has a greater plan for all this in Scripture. So too I trust that God has a greater plan out for our current crisis. Time and life have slowed the last almost 2 months. Maybe this is what we need. A time of slowness in the fast lane of life. A time to be at home with the family and a return to family structure and function. A time of humility to know that, regardless of who we are, we are all vul-

nerable. The virus affects us all. A time to reflect on life on what is really important. And, above all, a time to return to our Heavenly Father. We have put aside God or put Him on the backburner in our fast and “me first” lives. Maybe it is time for us to acknowledge God and to say we need Him. It is a good time to become prodigal sons and daughters of our Father.

In prayer, let us humbly ask for God’s love and mercy on the whole world and for an end to this pandemic.

United in prayer, faith, hope, and love,
—Deacon Ben

PRAYER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

By His Holiness, Pope Francis I

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

CORONAVIRUS EMAIL FROM SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON

Editor's Note: This email was received Thursday night, April 30, 2020. It is reprinted here for members who do not have email.

Dear Brother Knight,

As the world reels from the coronavirus crisis, the Knights of Columbus continues to serve: providing the charitable, spiritual and financial resources relied on by so many.

Early action at the Supreme Council headquarters meant that we began working remotely in mid-March, ensuring the health and safety of our workforce, and the continuity of our business operations with minimal disruption. Our employees are putting the “home” in “home office,” as they continue their work with the utmost commitment and excellence.

The Order’s agency force has also embraced working virtually. Agents continue to meet and advise members about their insurance and financial needs, but now they do so online through secure Skype appointments. The financial services and products we offer are important in normal circumstances; they are vital during this pandemic.

The Knights of Columbus remains financially strong. On April 6, Standard and Poor’s ranked life insurers on their ability to weather the coronavirus storm. Of hundreds of life insurers in North America, the Knights of Columbus was one of only six to earn the top ranking.

Responding to the pandemic, in March we launched a new initiative — “Leave No Neighbor Behind” — and councils worldwide are already implementing it, providing critical support in neighborhoods and parishes, donating blood, and ensuring that no one is forgotten. The Supreme Council has also launched a multimillion-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada, and we are providing a financial lifeline for dioceses as well.

These efforts complement the countless ways that brother Knights are helping the sick, the hungry and others in need. Our charitable work in North America is so significant that the White House has asked for regular updates on our relief efforts.

During this pandemic we have also adapted from in-person meetings to having councils conduct essential business remotely. The Supreme Council has also provided a platform to allow every jurisdiction to hold a virtual state convention. The means of connecting has changed, but our proud tradition of faith in action has not.

Our actions have been a powerful witness, and a recent degree ceremony, held online, produced the largest number of new members from a single event in our Order’s history. The Supreme Council is hosting our new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity online every Thursday. In addition,

our eMembership option continues to provide a quick and easy way for men to join our brotherhood.

The Knights of Columbus has risen to meet every challenge we have faced since 1882. In fact, COVID-19 is the third pandemic in our Order’s history. As we have always done before, we will prevail and do immense good during this time. Not only will the Order come through this crisis; we will make a decisive difference in ensuring that our parishes, communities and countries do the same.

May Venerable Father Michael McGivney and Our Lady of Guadalupe guide and guard you in the days ahead. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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EVENTS FOR MAY 2020
ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS CANCELLED!