



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## Rerum Novarum (Of New Things)

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### May 2020

### **GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTES**

*By Matt Coleman, Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

It has been said that April goes 'out like a lamb,' but I'd suggest that "lamb" was under quarantine this year!

A dynamic month of restrictions and new processes is behind us, and I expect May to be very much the same. In my workplace, I expect to embrace the term 'social distance' for quite some time, as well as to have awareness of my daily temperature at a level never deemed necessary before. I'm also seeing a greater amount of flexibility and adaptation within the Knights of Columbus than ever in an organization so rich in history and tradition.

This month, we will execute elections in an online poll format; following the meeting of the nominating committee, I'll send to the membership a simple form to fill out that will collect and tally the votes.

Of much greater long-term significance, are the online exemplifications that are now offered by the Supreme Council. I strenuously encourage all of you to pass along any contacts that you have that would find interest in joining the Knights. The virtual exemplification is performed very well and is a real asset to us at the local level for as long as in-person meetings aren't possible. I'm happy to visit with anyone about this option that has interest.

Finally, I'd like to emphasize the importance of staying safe as the statewide safer at home restrictions loosen over the coming month. I am experiencing first-hand the level to which this pandemic can affect us, physically, psychologically and spiritually, and I'm overwhelmingly convinced that those of us who err on the side of extreme caution will find the smoothest route through the turmoil for ourselves and our families. My prayers are with you all and I'm confident we're on a path to better days.

-Vivat Jesus



### **CHARITY IN THIS TIME OF NEED**

The John and Frances Ice soup kitchen and food pantry at Sacred Heart continue to minister to those in need during this trying time. It is open every Saturday and Sunday for drive-thru service. Donations and volunteers are needed.

### **COUNCIL NOTES**

- To reduce the potential spread of the COVID virus, all council activities scheduled through this Spring will be cancelled or conducted virtually.
- At this time we are still planning to raise and lower the flags at the cemetery on Memorial Day, weather and virus permitting. Matt will make the call on that as we get closer in.
- Council officer elections will be conducted during the month of May. Matt has sent out an e-mail soliciting input. If you are interested in serving as an officer for the 2020-2021 fraternal year, please contact Matt Coleman.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification scheduled for April 18 in Topeka has been postponed. New date to be announced.
- This year the council will make its fifth donation of \$1000 for the stained glass window in the Adoration Chapel.
- The Knights of Columbus 119<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention will be held in a virtual format April 30 through May 3. Grand Knight Coleman and Financial Secretary Haag will represent Leo council.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

- Richard and Cathy Wright celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May.

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MAY**

Robert Hutchins

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Steve and Amy Harmon



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Apr 30	State convention through May 3
May 24	8:00 Mass for deceased Knights
May 25	Memorial Day flags
June 27	5:30 Mass for deceased Knights