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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Eardley Adams



TEAZ Mission Statement KEEPING COUNCILS AND CLERGY CONNECTED

Worthy Brother Knights - now entering our 22nd month under the COVID-19 shroud.

On behalf of the TEAZ Board, I wish to extend my most sincere best wishes to you, your Family and your Council. A Happy New Year and may it be filled with much joy and with God's grace see an end to this Covid diseases. Remain vigilant and we will conquer this.

To the Grand Knights, District Deputies, Faithful Navigators and leaders in the TEAZ community. Please share this with your Chaplain, Officers and your membership.

Membership Dues for Fraternal year 2021 / **2022 by E Transfer** - Payment to TEAZ Now available: Councils and Assemblies may now pay their TEAZ Dues (Council Dues = \$50.00 / Assembly Dues = \$20.00.) using e Transfer. For additional information contact the Treasurer,

Brother Philippe Yeung at: 905-294-3187 or email at pmjyeung@gmail.com.

Cyber-Crime Alert - Earlier this week, the Supreme Advocate sent a memo to state leaders about suspicious emails being sent to Knights of Columbus members from bad actors who impersonate state deputies. Always be vigilant and remember to take measures to safeguard your and your member's personal information.

Pilgrim Icon Program - The St. Joseph Icon has arrived in jurisdictions across the world. Learn more about the new icon and how your council can host a prayer service by visiting kofc.org/pilgrimicon.

Attention: Grand Knights

- The Founder's Award and Star Council Award require councils to promote and participate in two fraternal benefit seminars. In order to ensure your council is properly credited, it is essential that you complete the Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form (#11077) and submit it to your General Agent in a timely manner after the seminar.
- If you are struggling to build a solid working relationship with your pastor, watch this <u>short video</u> (see the December 2021- Fraternal leadership Advisory (FLA)to access the subject links.
- Appoint a committee to work with the Financial Secretary on updating member contact information. It is essential that a council have a valid phone number and email address for every member on the roster. Use personal contacts, parish directories, internet searches, etc. to help gather the information.

Training and Webinar Link: Go to the bottom of the Fraternal Leader Advisory to the Important Links and find "Training and Webinars" and click on the words.

As we begin another year, let us pray for more peace, stronger relationships and better understanding to have a much happier life... With lots of blessings, we wish you a Happy New

- your TEAZ Team

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE Fr. Paul Magyar



Dear Brother Knights:

According to the gospel of Luke in chapter 2, during the time of Jesus' birth Caesar Augustus was the Roman Emperor. He ruled from 27 B.C to AD 14. He had a census decreed that all citizens of the

Roman

empire need to be registered. A citizen under the Roman empire needed to register their place of residence, number of people in your household and your occupation.

Judea at that time fit under the greater Syrian Roman province. The census was done in stages, first the enrolment phase and then the taxation. 6000 Pharisees from Judea opposed the census and taxation. King Herod Antipas was in good standing with the Roman empire so he modified the way the census was to be done in Judea. A person can register in their town of residence and therefore did not need to travel anywhere to fill out the census.

Joseph was from Bethlehem however he worked around Nazareth. Mary is from Nazareth, however since Joseph married her it was customary for the wife to move in where the husband lived. Joseph and Mary traveled down to Bethlehem to be registered for the census since that is where they intended to live.

After king Herod died his son Archelaus took over, however he was deposed in AD 6 and Publius Sulpicius Quirinius became governor of Syria under which the province of Judea was added for the purpose of the census. Under Quirinius the enrolment was completed and the taxation begun, thus the census took full effect.

Why is all this history so important? Precisely because the gospels demonstrate that the birth of Jesus the Son of God is not just a myth, that it took place in a particular geographical location, in a specific country, in a precise town, in a particular recordable historical time crucial to the roman empire, along with many important historical people present. There are many mythological narratives of gods becoming human and dying and resurrecting. However this is the one and only God who was born to us as a little child in actual recorded history. This is so precious and so fragile that you can only whisper it because it brings out tears of joy.

Praying for all of you Fr. Paul Magyar

IMPORTANT AND USEFUL LINKS FOR YOU:

https://cache.webcasts.com/content/citr003/1367879/content/583c787caaf6e83d930f542f586f8e88fedc6546/Best%20Practices%20for%20In-Person%20Exemplifications.pdf

- Beatification of Fr. McGivney kofc.org/beatification
- Video: Navigating the Beatification Webpage
- Video: Miracle Confirmed by the Vatican
 - Father McGivney Guild –

https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html

- Ceremonials Webpage kofc.org/ceremonials
- Past and Future Webinars kofc.org/webinar
- Success: Investing in Key Relationships
- Fraternal Leader Advisory Volume 14
- Past Fraternal Leader Advisories

STATE/SUPREME MATTERS

KnightCast Returns Jan. 4

KnightCast is free and available to everyone, so you can watch full episodes on demand anytime by visiting kofc.org/knightcast. We're also excited to announce you can now find clips of KnightCast, like this one, on Knights of Columbus social media channels, including YouTube, so it's easier than ever to watch and share.

A new episode of KnightCast will be available on Jan. 4, 2022. The episode will highlight Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's audience with Pope Francis. Jonathan Reyes will also interview Knights of Columbus Vice President of Public Policy Tim Saccoccia about the Supreme Court Case Dobbs v. Jackson and the impact the decision could have on the pro-life movement. You won't want to miss this!

Per Capita Billing

Councils should expect to receive the per capita billing by email in mid to late January. If not received by February 1st, then the GK or FS should inquire and contact the State office. Every GK and FS should be well aware of this annual billing, and it does not require the formality to pass it by the membership or Trustees at the January or February general meeting, Sec. 135 (4).

As per resolution #11 at the 2017 State convention, every Council will also be requested to pay a donation to the Ontario Provincial Squires program. The Provincial Squires Board agreed to reduce this donation from \$40 to \$20 per council again for 2022. As this is a youth program, council's have the option to pay this from their council's charity account. (source: State Treasurer Letter to GKs and FS, December 3, 2021)

Upcoming Deadlines

Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due Jan 31

Form 1295 Semi Annual Audit Report due Feb 15

FAITH IN ACTION

Despite the pandemic, councils found ways to put faith into action through many activities under the four pillars of Faith in Action. There were opportunities to help those in need, hold faith related events, family prayers. It is after all a season for giving.

However, due to time constraints, and there having received no activity reports from councils to share, we are unable to provide coverage on these activities in this bulletin. Hopefully we will have some of them in the next Bulletin.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember those who have died and have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, especially our family and council/assembly members for whom we now pray:

May they find in God's presence light, peace and happiness.

VATICAN MATTERS

What is the 2021 synod about?

The Catholic Church community's eyes are on the Synod 2021, which recently opened. The Synod is a convention of bishops to discuss matters of the church and seek advice from the Pope. Pope Francis formally opened the Synod of Bishops on Oct. 10 (local time) with a solemn Mass in St Peter's Basilica.Oct 18, 2021. In his homily, Pope Francis took the day's Gospel reading, recounting Jesus' encounter with a rich young man, as the starting point for a reflection on synodality: "Celebrating a Synod," he said, "means walking on the same road, together."

Following the example of Jesus, he emphasized three verbs that characterize the Synod: encounter, listen, and discern.

Encounter

In the Gospels, we often see Jesus on a journey, open to an encounter with those He meets along the way, present to them, and concerned about their questions. Like Jesus, the Pope said, "we too are called to become experts in the art of encounter." This involves an openness to God, taking time for prayer and adoration, and listening to what the Holy Spirit tells us. It also requires openness to others, as well as courage and "a willingness to allow ourselves to be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. Listen.

Listen

Pope Francis said that a true encounter only comes through listening to others, noting that Jesus listens not just with the ears, but with the heart. When we follow Jesus in listening with the heart, "people feel they are being heard, not judged; they feel free to recount their own experiences and their spiritual journey." The Pope invited us to ask ourselves if we are good at listening, if we allow others to express themselves. He said that the Holy Spirit is asking us to listen to the "questions, concerns, and hopes of every Church," and to the challenges and changes presented by the world around us."

"Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties," he pleaded. Instead, "Let us listen to one another."

Discern

Pope Francis insisted that "encounter and listening are not ends in themselves," but must lead to discernment. "Whenever we enter into dialogue," he explained, "we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on the journey." As with the rich young man, Jesus helps us to discern, "to look within" and to discover what God reveals to us, "to discern in that light" what our hearts "truly treasure."

Where God is Leading Us

In these days of the Synod, the Pope said, "Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time – and the direction in which He wants to lead us."

"Let us have a good journey together," Pope Francis said in conclusion. He expressed the hope that we might be "pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Spirit." And he urged us not to miss out "on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening, and discernment."

Source: Vatican News October, 2021



MESSAGE FROM OUR FIELD AGENTS

Brothers, 2021 didn't turn out the way any of us expected. But we each have an opportunity to start 2022 the best way possible: through acts of love to our friends and family, and to those in our community in greatest need.

For those of us who have not been able to been involved within your council during the last years, perhaps 2022 could be a new start and an excellent way to help those in need within your parish and community.

(Perhaps send the below note to your council members)

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST IN 2022!

Stephen Dugal MDRT, FIC, CPCA Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Advisor - Field Agent

You're Invited

Why not attend your councils January or February's general meeting (which will be on-line) and see what your council is up to. If you have trouble connecting for their on-line meetings, we could assist you. All you need to do is ask. If you do not receive your councils on-line invites, let your fraternal advisor know and they will assist in having it sent to you.

Brothers, we look forward to servicing your investments and life insurance needs in 2022. Let us assist you plan for retirement or put in place your retirement income fund (RRIF) or life-time annuity. As important is putting in place a plan to help protect your family with Knights of Columbus insurance.

Blessed Father McGivney - Pray for us!

