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Join the
Lady's
Auxillary
September 8

BUSINESS MEETING, Sept 5, 7:00PM (Light Refreshments Served!) ♦ OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

September 2024

Brothers,

It's hard to believe that another summer is almost over. I hope everyone has had a chance to take a relaxing vacation trip.

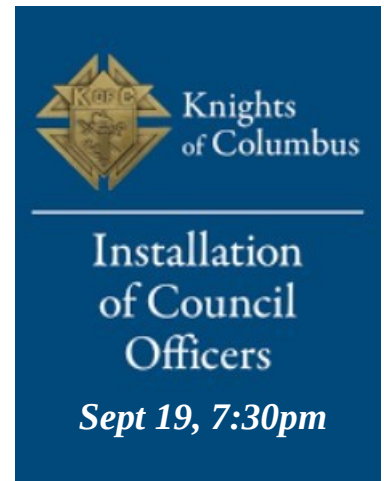
Our Council had a table at the National Night Out on August 13 (rescheduled from August 6 due to inclement weather). It was a beautiful night and well-attended by our brothers as well as scores of local families, businesses, police and fire personnel, and community organizations. Our brothers made an excellent showing at this event, handing out candy and toy knights to children and applications to their fathers. Hopefully, we'll see some new members as a result.

Our Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a picnic on Sunday September 8 at our Hall from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, rain or shine. The ladies will be bringing all of the usual picnic fare. Husbands, children and grandchildren are welcome. Since my wife is the president of the Auxiliary, I thought I might get a say in some of the entertainment, but she said "No, you can't have a bounce house, but you can grill the hot dogs and hamburgers."

Not my idea of entertainment.

As we all know, we are in an election cycle. I'll be glad to see an end to the phone calls, junk mail, radio and TV ads that seemingly tell precious little about the candidates' true stances on the issues that concern us. I pray that our country will elect leaders who share our values and support pro-life initiatives. Regardless of who is elected to office, regardless of any disruptions

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caused by sore losers and election deniers, the Knights must continue to do our charitable works and set an example to our communities.

We must ignore the rhetoric and stay the course set for us by Blessed Michael McGivney. Have a blessed month.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Pinkl
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus
Fr. Ryan Council 5036



Join us
Sept 15!

Rockledge Fall Festival
& Car Show

✠ *Message from Adam Ungaro*

The 2024 Football Sweeps Fundraiser Tickets are now available. The tickets will be out on the bar until early October 11, 2024. Please take some and try to sell or purchase them. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and gives you a chance to win 25 weekly cash prizes ranging from \$30 to \$400 that total \$3,000. Your ticket covers the last 10 weeks of the football season, so it actually comes down to \$1 per week to play for the ten weeks. You don't need to know anything about football as the ticket has computer-picked four teams for each of your ten weeks. It's not about your teams winning or losing their games, but is about their total scores summed up for the week. There are 8 prizes for the lowest totals and 17 prizes for the highest. Each \$10 ticket purchased/sold yields \$2 for our Council. Then when the season is over there is an additional check that comes into the Council for our participation.



If you are not a regular attendee to our Council meetings (no access to the bar) then you can contact Adam Ungaro at 215-284-1997 or adamungaro57@gmail.com for tickets. The cutoff for purchasing the tickets is October 11, 2024 as they must be returned to the State Council by October 18, 2024.

✠ *Lecture Message*

God's Love for You

God loves you. Do you already know that? Do you really "KNOW" that? We have been hearing about God's love for us since childhood. We have heard about it, read about it, talked about it, but have you ever really *thought* about it? Have you ever tried to realize the significance of it?

One of my requests after receiving Holy Communion while God is still physically present within me is to fully appreciate God's love for me. I want to completely grasp the wonderfulness, the wholeness of what this means for you and me. Do you remember your childhood catechism? "Why

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did God make me? God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next.”

I used to think of God as some far-off entity, far away, up “there in the sky” somewhere, unseen, unknown, impersonal; not a “real” person. As a child, I was taught that He loved me and, in my mind, I was aware that He loved me, but I didn’t “*feel*” loved by God or “*feel*” love for Him. He wasn’t a “*person*” like mom or dad, siblings or friends. I respected God, I prayed to God, but it never crossed my mind that God was a real living person.

All God’s commandments and interactions with Humanity in the Old Testament used to seem tyrannical to me but read in the light of love take on a whole new beautiful meaning. I knew very little of the Bible and my knowledge of God was from Sunday homilies, schoolteachers, peers, etc. Somehow, I picked up that God was some far off supreme being sitting there just waiting for me to screw up and zap me for doing so.

I don’t recall when He first became a loving person to me. I think it was gradual. I do remember the first time I ‘felt’ emotion, a stirring in my heart leading to a different perspective of God. I was reading 1Samuel Chapter 8 where Israel was asking for a King instead of God to lead them. God through Samual told them the negative things of having a King as a leader, but they still wanted a king, not God to lead them. How does God respond?

“And the Lord said to Samual, ‘Listen to their voice, and make them a king.’” (1Samual 8:22). My heart melted. Israel rejected God and out of love He serenely, lovingly says, go ahead do what you want. No recriminations, no anger; Omnipotent God could have ended everything right there and just struck them all dead. He could have just said no. God’s love is so intense for you and me. He lovingly allows what we want. That is my first memory of thinking of God as a person with feelings. Was God hurt by their rejection? I think He was. Yet He still loves. God loves much more than you or I can possibly know but know we must. We need to know Him for our own satisfaction and desire. I need to learn; I must know this person who loves me this much.

And how can I know God?

“...You find God in a very simple way... the simplest way is this: stillness of body, stillness of heart, stillness of mind, and one thought: ‘Lord, come!’ And you wait... your heart is wide open. And suddenly, when you least expect it, He is there! Now you have met, because He met you... Let us remember that Christ has come, Christ loves us, Christ has saved us.”
(*Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty, Magnificat, August 2024, Vol. 26, No. 6, Pg. 354*).

Vivat Jesus!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Also, please pray for an end to war everywhere. Please pray for victims of gun violence.

Please call or email Mike Pinkl with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

Also... pray through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



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