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Brother Knights,

2019 is now “Last Year” as we begin anew with The New Year, 2020. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year.

As we begin the new year, January will be a very busy month for our council. Besides our monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday January 14th, our council will host the dinner for Assembly’s monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday January 21st. Our council will also host a 1st Degree initiation. The date for that ceremony has not yet been set. On Sunday January 26th we will host a pancake breakfast. Our council along with our brothers from Resurrection Parish council will host a KC Free Throw Championship event. That event is scheduled for Thursday January 30th. All these activities that our council will be involved in will require volunteers. I will send out notifications for volunteers as each of these event dates approach.

Coats for Kids.

Our council once again donated 2 cases of coats to Christmas Anonymous. This was done thru the Knights for Columbus Coats For Kids Program.

Keep Christ In Christmas

Our council purchased one case of Christmas Cards thru the Keep Christ In Christmas Program. There were 32 boxes of cards in the case. There were 6 to 8 boxes remaining from last year. During this year’s sales period, all boxes but one sold. Our Christmas Card sales went very well. Cards were available for sale for 4 weekends beginning the weekend of November 24th. Thanks to those Knights who stopped by to help with sales.

Pancake Breakfast

On January 26th, our council will host a pancake breakfast. January 26th is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week and the proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to St. Francis Catholic School. This breakfast is usually our biggest event of the year and as such will require more than the usual number of volunteers. Please mark your calendars and plan to help for a few hours if you are able. I will send out a notification the week of the event as a reminder. *(continued on p.2)*

**Monthly Meeting**

As always, I extend an invitation to all knights to attend our monthly meeting which will be held on Tuesday January 14th, at 7:00 pm in the St. Claire Room.

Fraternally,
Dale A Frank
Grand Knight, Council 14170

Vivat Jesus – a Timeless Call to Faith

Tony Slagle, Texas State Council Historian

Vivat Jesus. This phrase is the Latin motto of our Order and our Order's official greeting. While many of us have heard those words spoken, or have seen them written, how many of us have given thought to what the phrase actually means? How many of us have ever used the phrase? In English, Vivat Jesus translates to "Jesus Lives."

The phrase, just two words long, articulates something profoundly powerful, and which has special significance during the Easter Season. This is the time when the entire Church prepares for the greatest feast in the Liturgical calendar, when we, as Christians celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over death itself. We celebrate that Jesus lives!

In terms of the long and storied history of the Knights, the use of Vivat Jesus is a recent practice. Originally used by St. Bernadine of Siena, who lived over 6 centuries ago, it was introduced to the Knights by Bishop Charles P. Greco, the Order's Supreme Chaplain from 1960 to 1987 and a member of the Order since 1918.

Bishop Greco had encountered the phrase while reading about St. Bernadine during his studies at the seminary. The story of St. Bernadine deeply touched the young seminarian. Born to a noble family, St. Bernadine became an orphan at a young age. He later became a Franciscan priest and toured all over Italy to bring the gospel to the masses, often preaching for days on end. He was widely thought of as the greatest preacher of his age and Pope Pius II even called St. Bernadine the second Paul. It was this man, and his special devotion was to the Holy Name of Jesus, that inspired Bishop Greco to adopt St. Bernadine's favorite prayer, Vivat Jesus, as the motto for his life and priestly vocation. He chose this prayer because he "hoped to direct all my efforts... to make Jesus live in the hearts of His people, especially those committed to my care." When he was ordained as Bishop of Alexandria, LA in 1946, Bishop Greco chose the same phrase as his Episcopal motto.

When Virgil Dechant, became the Supreme Knight in 1977, he began his term by emphasizing the religious character of the Order. This emphasis was incorporated into the theme of the 96th Supreme Convention in 1978, which was Vivat Jesus. This was the first official use of the phrase by the Knights of Columbus. Inspired by the reasons Bishop Greco had cited for choosing the phrase as his motto, and believing that its use would help members of the Knights remain mindful of the religious foundation of the Order, Dechant announced that the Knights would adopt the Vivat Jesus as a method of greeting.

By committing to use Vivat Jesus regularly, we as Knights embrace what Pope Benedict XVI preached during his first Papal homily: that only when we embrace that Jesus lives can we truly experience the joy that Christ promised. Pope Benedict explains: "[The Church] holds within herself the future of the world and therefore shows each of us the way towards the future. The Church is alive and we are seeing it: we are experiencing the joy that the Risen Lord promised his followers. The Church is alive – she is alive because Christ is alive, because he is truly risen."



Knightly News

Link to MN Knights of Columbus Website, which provides a wealth of information on the MN Knights of Columbus, check it out! Here is the link: <https://mnknights.org>

Knights of Columbus Field Agent

If any knights in our council have questions regarding your KC insurance or you have questions regarding any investments or annuities that you have with the Knights of Columbus, please contact John Arens. He is the field agent assigned to our council. He can be reached at: 507-273-7224 or by email at: johnarens@kofc.org.

Happy Birthday!

January Birthdays

NICHALOS POWERS	2
DAVID KLINKHAMMER	3
ROBERT ZILLER	8
JAMES COLEMAN	9
MARK RYANT	12
DONALD BALTES	14
LAWRENCE SZARKA	19
PETER GIESEN	20
MICHAEL GOLDSMITH	21

Dates To Remember

Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room

Sunday, January 19th, 6:00 pm
[Rochester Holy Hour for Men](#)
Hosted at St. Francis of Assisi parish

Sunday, January 26th
Deluxe Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 pm
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room