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*Our Lady of Lourdes  
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Next month is May, the month of Mary but it also is a month to celebrate the Angel on Earth who is our mother. Some of us still have our mothers around to enjoy but many of us that pleasure is only in our memories. Many of us have our wives, mother or our children and this still applies. With time memories grow fonder or so I have been told. This is from an article I wrote 10 year ago for another council. It still is poignant and so I wanted to share it with you.

A young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. The guide said "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

The young mother was happy but doubtful. She could not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, she fed them and bathed them, and taught them how to tie their shoes and ride a bike and reminded them to feed the dog, and do their homework and brush their teeth. The sun shone on them, and the young Mother cried "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this." Then the nights came, and the storms, and the path was sometimes dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her arms, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

The morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and as they climbed, they learned to weather the storms. And with this, she gave them strength to face the world. Year after year, she showed them compassion, understanding, hope, but most of all .... unconditional love.

When they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you." The days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she became little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And the mother, when she lay down at night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned so much and are now passing these traits on to their children." And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her their strength, just as she had given them hers.

One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill, they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them." The children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

They stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence." Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow; she is Christmas morning. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every teardrop. A mother shows every emotion happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow and all the while, hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.

She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space not even death!

Mike Hug, Grand Knight Council 11809

### ***Do You Just Belong?***

Knights of Columbus, we often wonder what caused the apathy and unconcern expressed by new and old members who joined the Order with such hope and enthusiasm. Much has been stated about these members at our meetings who upon completion of their exemplifications, step forth from their meeting room, to return no more. There are a number, who for reasons unknown only to themselves, do join our Fraternal Order with no intentions of ever being active, do pay dues, stay on the roles and in due time, receive whatever benefits accrued during their lifetime, so more to be ...

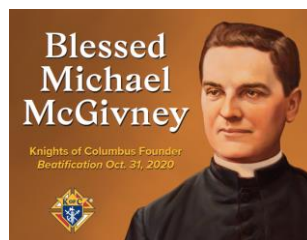
### ***Are You An Active Member?***

*Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just content that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you just stay at home and criticize and knock?*

*Do you take an active part to help with work along, or are just satisfied to be the kind that just belongs? Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding light? Or leave the work to just a few and talk about a clique?*

*Come out to meetings often and help with hand and heart, don't be just a member, but take and active part. Think this over member, you know right from wrong, are you an active member, or do you just belong?*

*SK Joseph Shanks  
Membership Director Council 11809*



*Blessed Michael McGivney,  
Pray for our Brother  
Knights for the success  
of the council.*

## ***Upcoming Council Events***

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Officer's Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Blessed McGivney Room, OLL

Membership Meeting – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6pm

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Council 11809 – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

***Please be sure to wear your mask while on the campus of Our Lady of Lourdes.***

### **What's Coming Up in Next 3-4 Months**

As stated earlier, we will finish our Arizona State Raffle Campaign Sales this coming month. Current sales so far exceed what the council did last year, so keep up the good work. Remember, half of the sales come back to the council in support of our charities.

If you attended mass on Saturday or Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes, you may have noticed the weeds that are growing on the grounds of the church. I would recommend that we get together a work crew to spray and remove the weeds at the campus. Remember, this is going to be where the Council will reside as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to take ownership and support our Parish and keep it clean. We will discuss this more at the Business Meeting on Thursday and will be discussing times and names of those can help.

We will also need Knights to help move items from POP to OLL to get the Blessed McGivney Room setup again for our meetings and to set an example for our new Pastor after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The days of the week for this activity will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The reason for the Council to step up is there is only really one maintenance person that will be available. Zeke Spanelli will be dividing his time between Business Manager for the Parish and Maintenance Supervisor. So, he needs the help from the right arm of the church – “Knights of Columbus” for support.

May is the Arizona State Convention, May 21-22, 2021 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The delegates will be voting for new State Officers.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, is the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary of Council 11809. SK Joseph Shanks will be the chair of this committee and will present a preliminary scope of the event. He will be asking for volunteers to support this event. This will take place on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 4:00pm at OLL and the event will start at 5:30pm in Madonna Hall. We will have several meetings of the committee up until the event. We are looking forward to have all Knights, their wives, spouse of deceased Knights and special visitors (State Deputy, Assigned State Officer for the Council, District Deputy and their wives in attendance). We will honor those remaining Knights that are Charter Members of the Council. Be sure to mark this date on you calendar. It is one event you won't want to miss.

June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Arizona State Organizational Meeting in Flagstaff. This will be for the Installation of District Deputies, Grand Knight Training and Financial Secretary Training.

### **Shred-A-Thon**

Thanks to those Knights that stepped up to support this Parish effort.  
Mike Ward, John Heep, Joe Kowalkowski, Jake Kluch, Dennis Dionne and Don King.

### **State Raffle Ticket Sales**

Thanks to all who have supported this years sales.



We have far exceeded our expectations - **\$11,400**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11809  
Current Officer Nominations  
For YEAR 2021-2022

Grand Knight	Carl Jarvis
Deputy Grand Knight	Jake Kluch
Chancellor	OPEN
Recorder	Steve Deafenbaugh
Treasurer	Mike Ward (Incumbent)
Advocate	Dennis Dionne (Incumbent)
Warden	Joseph Kowalkowski (Incumbent)
Inside Guard	Albert Dailey (Incumbent)
Outside Guard	Ernie Biala
Lecturer	Roger Stone
Trustee 1YR	Donald King
Trustee 2YR	John Heep
Trustee 3YR	Gregory Jude
Financial Secretary - Appointed by Supreme	Ron Rinder (Incumbent)

Brother Knights, the Nominating Committee for the upcoming officer elections for 2021-2022 is Seeking a slate of names of Brother Knights seeking election in June 2021.

For any brother knight interested in an exciting position in the council, we are seeking specific nominations for Financial Secretary. This position can be very rewarding, and you will be trained by Ron Rinder, who will be available to help you in any way.

Nominations are open for consideration in February until voting on May 1, 2021 and to be finished by June 15, 2021 at the regular monthly business meeting, anyone wishing to seek office should notify Joseph Shanks, Joseph Kowalkowski, Robert Grether or Bob Conen to express their intentions. If you need information on the positions, contact Joseph Shanks at hotrodtiki@aol.com .

## *KOC Ladies Auxiliary 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year*

### **Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 11809**

#### **LADIES AUXILIARY - OFFICERS**

#### **YEAR 2020-2021**

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***Those in Need of Our Prayers***

**A Prayer for Healing a Loved One**

All our times are in Thy hand. All diseases come at Thy call and go at Thy bidding. Thou redeemest our life from destruction and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We bless Thee, that Thou hast heard our prayer, and commanded deliverances for our friend and Thy servant, who has been under Thine afflicting hand. He (or she) was brought low, but Thou hast helped him (her). May he (she) not only live but declare the works of the Lord! As Thou hast delivered his eyes from tears, his feet from falling, and his soul from death, may he daily inquire: What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me, and resolve to offer unto Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving and to call upon the name of the Lord. May we ever remember that recovery is only a reprieve and that someday we will go to our rest in the Lord. May we, therefore, secure the righteous path and live with eternity ever in our view.

Amen.

Our prayers this month go to our Brother Knights Larry Loseke, Bob Conen, John Mahoney, Henry Bianco, Earl Mackert, Joseph Kurzweil, and others that need our prayers.

We also pray for Joe Dorsey - Mike Ward's niece's husband, Carol Voight and Heather Melcarek - John Melcarek's daughter.

May they be healed and remain in the comfort of their family.

May God Bless their families and provide the spiritual support needed to provide the patience for healing.

*Birthdays – Years of Service*

Birthdays

Years of Service

Monte Supola	Jeffrey Clark	Theodore Eaton	73	Charles Straus	60
Ed Johnson	Gerald Schuld	Stanley Frederick	57	Michael Cravatta	45
Henry Bianco	Gary Molski	John Lowe	36	Joseph Laux	30
Rich Greene	Edward Dittell	Sulaiman Mansour	27	Thomas McGarty	25
Richard Fadenholz	Maurice Ugland	Monte Supola	19	Gregory Russo	12
David Porta	John Mahoney	Lawrence McGraw	10	Robert Conen	9
Dene Bimber	Arthur Rathbun	Peter Rimlinger	9	James Bosco	5
Leroy Peiffer	Anthony Uzzo	Samuel Pechkurow	5	Andrew LaCour	5
Michael Dolce	Leslie Lewton	Rick Stephen	5	Eric Humphrey	4
Bernard O'Donnell	Steven Hanson	William Aramanda	3		
Felix Merlino					

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