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## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

***“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”  
(Gospel for Oct. 27, Lk 18:14)***

We live in the age of the selfie, in what the writer David Brooks has called the culture of “the Big Me.” Such a culture constantly urges us to “exalt” ourselves, but as Christians we need to be radically different by striving for humility. This means coming to terms with our pride, our desire for “likes,” approval and recognition. As Mother Teresa put it, “It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent.” Surrounded by the message to exalt ourselves, may we instead seek to humble ourselves and demonstrate real love to others.

***This month, I challenge you to kneel before a crucifix each morning and ask Christ to give you the gift of humility. I also challenge you, in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray the rosary (either as***

***a council through the Faith in Action Rosary program or as an individual) for an increase in humility.***

### ***Questions for Reflection:***

***What are some ways you can grow in humility? How can you strengthen your resistance to the lure of others’ praise and the sting of their criticism? Did the act of humbling yourself before Christ on the cross teach you anything about how to be humble?***

(Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori)

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## Grand Knight Message

Brothers here we are running fast into the Holidays, wow, where has the year gone. Fish fry's, picnics and meetings are flying by. It's as though we blink and bang 2020 is at our doorstep. As a council we have done so many wonderful charitable things together and I know we will continue our good works well into 2020.

As most of you know soon we will have our new Knights shed, a place where we can keep and store all of the things that keep us doing the charitable work we do. A place where

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we can all go to one area and pull out our most needed things for events.

November will bring our annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated on November 17th at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Jude Church with light refreshment afterwards. It is my hopes that we can all join together as one to honor our past brothers and pray for the repose of their souls. As always it goes without saying suit coat and tie would be the preferred dress for the occasion.

And now something from the heart. Recently I overheard two elderly ladies speaking of our order. They were talking about the upcoming holidays and one of these ladies mentioned how the Knights of Columbus takes the time to reach out to families in need and working with the Santa Council. They had no idea who I was, nor did they care, all they spoke of is our charitable work, coats for kids and all the good we do. Brothers it filled my heart with such joy and respect for you all. Sometimes I think we all wonder are we really making a difference, Brothers I can tell you, you make this world a better place for us all.

You are all true Catholic Gentlemen, each and every one of you. Vivat Jesus! (Bob Bangel - Grand Knight)



(Star Council Award)

11/2 – Immaculate Conception Yard and Brunswick Stew Sale

11/13 – (6:15 PM) – Regular Monthly Council Mtg (St Jude)

11/17 – (4 PM) – Knights Memorial Mass (St Jude)

11/24 – (6 PM) – Officer & Director Meeting (St Jude Classroom A)

11/26 – (6 PM) – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting (St Jude)

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12/8 – (3 PM – Fr. Justin Cunningham Assembly Holy Day Celebration (Doubletree Hotel-C'ville)

12/10, 13 & 14 – Santa Council (Mineral Baptist Church)

12/11 – (6:15 PM) – Regular Monthly Council Mtg (St Jude)

12/29 – (9 AM for IC & 11 AM for SJ) - The Consecration to the Holy Family Masses

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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

*Tom Fursman*

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

*Tom and Jackie Fursman*

## **Knight of the Month**

Brothers it is always a pleasure to pick the Knight of the Month for our council and this time is no exception. Brother Deacon Tom Fursman is our Knight this month. Tom is a Past Grand Knight and has been a brother since 2002 and is a Sir Knight of the Fourth Degree. Tom served his country for many years retiring from the United States Navy with many years as an officer in the Submariner Division. After his retirement he chose another worth-while path, that as Deacon within the Catholic Church. Tom's steadfast and sometimes Iron Gaze (just kidding) service to our council and Faith guide has been a blessing to all of us in the council. I think we all can admit that when Tom is at a meeting his input and knowledge has help guide us in the direction of our works of charity and giving. Although a quiet man Tom speaks with an authority not just from his past but from his faith in God and Country. I know that many times I have asked for Tom's council on topics that concern this council and his guidance and well thought out opinions have helped me in times of struggle. Tom is a guiding light for us and I for one cherish is his friendship

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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and love for his Brother Knights. This recognition as Knight of the Month is so well deserved by our Brother, Deacon Tom Fursman. Thank you Tom, for being within our council and keeping the flame alive within us all.

## Family of the Month

Brothers this months family honored is no other than Deacon Thomas Fursman and his lovely wife Jackie. These two folks have blessed our church family and have been an example to us all. From there work within our church to there charity outside the confines of the community. Just recently they opened their hearts and home to a Brother in need and made his recovery a blessed and caring situation. Deacon Tom served his country for many, many years with the United States Navy and then upon retiring he chose a path to guide spiritually his Catholic community and devoted himself to becoming a Deacon, no easy task. His guidance and his steadfast commitment have meant so much not to just to the church, but his Brother Knights as well. Always with a smile and a word of cheer he does our lords work. Jackie herself serves on the Church Guild, washes, folds and puts up the linens for the alter, is a Eucharistic Minister and finds time to work and watch over her Grandchildren. All the while keeping Tom in line, which I am sure, is a task in itself. All one can say is these two folks show each of us every day what being a loving, caring and giving Catholic family is all about. Next time you see these folks, thank them for they are a model of love, charity and faith, and we all are the better for having them touch our lives. (Robert J. Bangel - Grand Knight)

## Knights Memorial Mass – Mark Your Calendars

Brothers, I have confirmed with Fr. Duffy that our Memorial Mass will be on Sunday, 17 November at 4 PM at St Jude. Also, we will be making the appropriate arrangements for heavy hors d'oeuvres after the mass. Request maximum attendance to this mass and recognition of our past Brother Knights. Thank You and Please mark your calendars (GK Bob Bangel).

## The Consecration to the Holy Family Masses

Fr. Duffy has announced that The Consecration to the Holy Family Masses will be held on Saturday, December 28 at St Jude at 5 PM, on Sunday, December 29 at Immaculate Conception at 9 AM, and on Sunday, December 29 at St Jude at 11 AM. (Dave Frampton)

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

11/2 Daniel Mahoney  
11/5 Vince Fischer  
11/6 Dottie Wells  
11/8 Lee Barta  
11/8 Paul Spencer  
11/9 Stephen Brown  
11/10 Bob Falkenbach  
11/13 Shelly Bocci  
11/13 David Pierce  
11/16 Bill Bruder  
11/16 Wayne McGough  
11/17 Joe Choquet  
11/18 Maria Becks  
11/21 John Leake  
11/22 Howard Smogor  
11/23 Bill Villanueva  
11/25 Elena Luther

### Anniversaries

11/4 Mike and Sue Handrahan  
11/13 Steve and Cindy Honchar  
11/21 Steve and Karen Donnelly

11/23 Ray and Ann Marie DeCarli  
11/27 Ron and Ursula Canada  
11/27 Mark and Mary Segal  
11/28 Bob and Paula Bangel

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*Editor's Note: If I missed your birthday or anniversary, or the birthday of your spouse or minor child, please let me know so that I can update my records: phone (540) 854-6130 or e-mail:*

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Santa Council – Help needed

Brother Knights, family members and friends the Santa Council needs our help again this year. Please save the following dates and if you are available please come join us. If you would like to know exactly what is involved, then contact Mike Carioscia, Joe O'Connell, George O'Connell, Jim Marstall, Steve Falkenthal, Ron Canada, Lee Barta or Bob Harvey.

**Tuesday, December 10th, 8:30am-1pm** at the Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center the food will be boxed and boxes stacked. Help needed to direct youth groups in packing the boxes. Lunch provided.

**Friday, December 13th, 8:30am-11pm** at the Mineral Baptist Church to pickup food boxes to deliver to the residences at Epworth Manor Apartments in Louisa. Help needed to direct youth group in the delivery of boxes. Only 3-4 men with dollies needed. Please let Joe O'Connell know you can help.

**Friday, December 13th, 2:30pm-6:00pm** Distribution Day 1 at the Mineral Baptist Church to carry food boxes and toys to cars. Anybody who has a dolly or flat-bed cart is encouraged to bring it.

**Saturday, December 14th, 8:30am-11:00pm** Distribution Day 2 at the

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members hold off on placing orders until we are fully operational. (Dennis J. Stoddard - Supreme Master)

William Donnelly – For the Repose of his Soul

Louis L. “Bud” Alexander – For the Repose of his Soul

Ron Wobeter – For the Repose of his Soul

Paul Belair – For the Repose of his Soul

Betty Thompson Wiser – For the Repose of her Soul

U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families

Joe Milkevitch

Howard Smogor

Bill McAveney

Roseabell Brassard

Deacon Bob Esposito

Paul Brown

Dick Nage

Peggy Hawk

Jeremy Bangel

Joe Villeneuve

Eileen Alexander

Bob Bangel

Ron Brassard

Mary Northrup

Rick Dowsett

Robert Ayres

Martin Sullivan

Mike Harris

*If you or any family members are in need of prayer, or if you want to remove a name from our council's prayer list, please contact me by return email or telephone 540-854-6130. This prayer list will be updated monthly as I receive your requests and/or quarterly – Ron Canada*

**NEXT 4TH DEGREE (FATHER JUSTIN CUNNINGHAM ASSEMBLY #2518) MEETING**

**November 26 – St Jude (Mineral)**

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES



### Prayers for Beatification of Fr. McGivney

Please offer your prayers for the beatification of our founder, Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. You can also help promote the cause by becoming a member of The Father McGivney Guild. See your monthly *Columbia* magazine or access: [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) for details on how you and your family can join. There is no charge for membership in the Guild.

### REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Sister Anne Schwarzenboeck – For the Repose of her Soul

Ellen Nix – For the Repose of her Soul

Bill Cool – For the Repose of his Soul (6/19)

John Conner – For the Repose of his Soul (6/19)

Joann Bossi – For the Repose of her Soul (6/19)

James Canada – For the Repose of his Soul (6/19)

Denise Carr – For the Repose of her Soul

Tom Hogan – For the Repose of his Soul

## Message from the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Master on the New Uniform

Over the past two years the Order has accepted bids from several domestic companies to manufacture our uniform. Four companies submitted sample uniforms for committee consideration.

Our primary concern was member cost and having the same identical fabric as our first uniforms ordered so there would be no noticeable difference in fabric, style or color.

I am pleased to report that the Order has contracted with “The Supply Room.” TSR is a world-class, leading manufacturer and distributor of uniforms located in Oxford, Alabama, USA.

Their executive and management staff have well over 100 years of experience and have built a solid reputation for quality, price competition and most of all, excellent customer service, and offer dedicated customer service representatives to handle only Knights of Columbus uniform orders and issues. We are certain that you will be pleased with their service, as well as the price.

Our KofC web site will be updated very soon with order and contact information. I would suggest that



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### There are changes coming to IRA's

This is a summary of what is happening to IRA's I will keep you posted as I get updates.

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**What Is the SECURE Act?** THE HOUSE OF Representatives passed the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act on May 23, 2019. If the bill, which has more than 20 sections, passes the Senate and is signed by the president, its impact could lead to shifts in retirement savings and planning. "Many of the sections will only affect a small portion of the population, while others will affect all workers and retirees," says Scott Michalek, a senior financial advisor at Wescott Financial Advisory Group in Philadelphia.

If the SECURE Act passes into law, you can expect:

- More part-time workers to have the opportunity to participate in a 401(k) plan.
- The chance to contribute to traditional IRAs for as long as desired.
- The minimum distribution age for retirement accounts to shift from 70 1/2 to 72 years old.
- Penalty-free withdrawals to be allowed for special circumstances.
- A requirement to withdraw from inherited retirement accounts within 10 years.
- \*\*One potential negative is the stretch ability of IRA's when passed on to your hires (not counting your wife) will be limited to 10 yrs. This will greatly change their taxes and your planning to these beneficiaries.

These are the highlights of the Bill. The Bill is currently in the Senate. It hasn't passed yet, but it is expected to. Changes like these are just one reason to do a yearly review of your retirement plans. Call me to set up a review. Have a good day.

Sal Filippelli

Advisor, Knights of Columbus

## BUILDING A BETTER WORLD ONE COUNCIL AT A TIME

Every day, Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference, whether it's through community service, raising money for their parish or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world.



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