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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Celebrate Columbus

When Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus he chose as the Order's patron Christopher Columbus — one of the few Catholics considered a hero of American history. Father McGivney believed the explorer represented both Catholicism and patriotism at the very root of America's heritage, thereby symbolizing that faithful Catholics also can be solid American citizens.

In recent years Columbus has been under fire. Carol Delaney, a former professor at Stanford and Brown universities wrote a book *Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem* (2011). In her opinion, "we must consider his world and how the cultural and religious beliefs of his time colored the way he thought and acted." In a 2012 Columbia interview, Delaney further explained that Columbus found the native peoples to be "very intelligent" and his relations with them "tended to be benign." He gave strict instructions to the settlers to "treat the native people with respect," though some of his men rebelled and disobeyed his orders, particularly during his long absences, Delaney added.

Columbus' voyage made the Old and New Worlds aware of each other for the first time, eventually leading to the founding of new countries in the Western Hemisphere. Diseases inadvertently carried to the New World by the Europeans caused the greatest number of casualties by far, killing some 90 percent of native populations according to some estimates. "There were terrible diseases that got communicated to the natives," Delaney said, "but he can't be blamed for that."

We can't change history, but we can learn from it. In many parts of the world Catholics still face similar persecution and discrimination that Catholics faced when Father McGivney faced when he formed the Knights of Columbus. We are fortunate to have religious freedom in this country, and as Catholic men it is our responsibility to protect this right.

Vivat Jesus
Dick Benson
Grand Knight

CHAPLAINS MESSAGE::

Praise to almighty God that October is here!
Two things for you to learn about me: my love for baseball and the month of October. As you're aware, our Minnesota Twins have clinched at least one game in the playoffs this year for the first time since 2010. I've been an avid Twins fan ever since I can remember. Even during the 90s (aka, "the Dark Ages") I would faithfully watch the games or

listen to them on the radio, check the box score the next morning in the paper, and pretend to be Kirby Puckett in my backyard. As I grew older and compared baseball with other sports, it was clear to me how different baseball really was. Now, I really like the other great American sports of football, hockey, and basketball, but one thing I noticed was how similar each of those are. They are played on a rectangular playing field/court/rink, with a goal on each end, and the object is to get the ball/puck in the goal. Baseball on the other hand is played on a diamond that sits inside an oddly shaped park, and the goal is to score more runs than the other team by crossing an oddly shaped "home plate." But as football, basketball, and hockey all are limited to a certain amount of time on a clock, baseball stands eternal. Yes, there are a certain amount of innings to be played, but theoretically the game could go on forever. Hence, in my opinion, baseball is the sport most like God because it is eternal.

Even more, there is something so nostalgic of baseball in October. It is rightfully called America's pastime, as it's been with us for over 100 years. And it's fun to see all the other sports begin their seasons in October while baseball wraps up. But until that final out of the World Series, I'm going to soak up every pitch I can.

Father Mark Pavlak
Council Chaplain

BENEFITS CORNER:::

I frequently get recruited by other insurance companies to come work for them, but honestly I would never do this job for any other company. The reasons are many and gratifying:

- I only work within my faith, with good, fellow Catholics, unashamed of who we are and not worried to speak openly about our faith. Our Order is based on service as is our faith.
- Founded by a Priest, Father Michael McGivney, who took action to protect families from poverty and destitution when a family member died. Father McGivney is on the path to Sainthood for his actions and his legacy that is the Knights of Columbus.
- Our investments- your money, is not invested in ANYTHING that contradicts our Catholic faith
 - o No abortion services, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, pornography, or for-profit health care, and no risky derivative investments
- We are assigned members whom we serve, not only as clients but as a Brother Knights.

· Our guarantees are among the best in the industry, "when we say guarantee, we mean it".
 · We serve EVERYBODY in our Order, not just the wealthy or active members but all our members no matter what their situation may be, we are truly here to help our brothers and their families in the Spirit of Father McGivney. Would you or someone you know like to learn more about working with us and promote our faith? Give your General Agent a call today.

Sincerely,
 Lloyd Cybart Agency, Knights of Columbus
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NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING::::

1. Grand Knight, Dick Benson, asked that we keep the people affected by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida in our prayers. He also said that we are close to having 25% of our membership quota in the first quarter.
2. Reminder that we have Solo's Pizza night on September 16th. Our council gets 30% of your purchase.
3. Our fund raiser at HyVee's on the sale of brats was about \$500.00. Thanks to Dick Benson for setting that up for the Council.
4. Paul Epstein reported that donations for the silent auction for the Spaghetti Dinner for Seminarians are starting to come in.
5. Raffle is well underway. 1st prize will be a snow blower, 2nd prize will be a pair of Viking Tickets, 3rd prize will be a pair of Timber Wolf Tickets, and 4th through 10th prizes will be \$20.00.
6. Joe Hamand stated that we need about 12 men to help with the parking for the SeptemberFest. We also need help for the lunch after the Mass on Sunday.
7. We discussed a donation for a bus to take youth to the Archdiocese Youth Day on October 28th. This was tabled until next month meeting.
8. A request for a donation to help with the Alpha Meals was tabled until the October meeting.
9. Insurance Agent, Michael Harrington, stated that we have some new members in the wings. He also reminded the council that the Knights do not invest in junk bonds and that all of our investments are guaranteed.
10. District Deputy, Dan Hindes, reminded the council that we need to file the round table reports. Also we should be sure to get our new members involved in our activities.
11. Neil Heiden reported that the 4th degree was having a potluck dinner on Thursday September 14th and any third degree member that is interested in joining the 4th degree is welcome to attend.
12. Grand Knight, Dick Benson presented the "Knight of the Month Award" to Thomas Dauw and the "Family of the Month Award" to the Richard Leuer Family.
13. **Paul Herskind's** name was drawn and would have won \$65.00 if he had been present. The drawing at our October 9 will be for \$70.00. Hope to see you there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following have Birthdays in October:

04 Thomas Belden 09 Gerald Bertie

18 Lon Black	22 Wayne Bugasch
04 Ryan Davy	31 Robyn Ebner
21 Francis Foster	31 Michael Gurin
07 James Hebel	01 Steven Heffele
02 Anna Heiden	17 Joseph Hess
22 Lawrence Koral	18 Fr. Charles Lachowitz
27 Kent Larson	13 Gene Lavallie
31 Marcus Leuer	17 Stuart MacGibbon
01 George Mashek	06 Susan Messner
29 Patrick Nutter	23 James Oricchio
12 Joseph Rusche	02 Nyki Uhrich
29 Kevin Zenner	

NOTICE

After serving us for many years as the President of our Auxiliary Margaret Hendricks is no longer able to serve as President. I want to thank Margaret for her years of dedication. Our auxiliary should be an important part of our council. If your wives want to continue the auxiliary, we need help. If interested go to the sign-up genius, once we gage interest I will organize a meeting to discuss how we move forward. This is a great opportunity to volunteer your spouse!

UP COMING EVENTS!

- October 9
 Knights of Columbus meeting at Faithful Shepherd School 7:30 after the Rosary at 7:00 in the Chapel
- October 11
Solo's Pizza Night. The Knights get 30% of your total purchase
- October 14
SPAGHETTID DINNER FOR SEMINARIANS AT ST. PETER'S HARETAGE HALL
- October 15
 New Parishioners Breakfast at St. Thomas Becket
- October 27
DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER
- October 28
 Trunk or Treat at St. John Neumann
 Spaghetti Dinner SJN
- October 31
HALLOWEEN WATCH FOR SMALL CHILDREN ON THE STREETS
- November 1
ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
- November 2
ALL SOULS DAY PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR DEAD TO LESSEN THEIR TIME OF PURIFCATION.
- November11
VETERANS DAY THANK THOSE THAT SERVED OUR COUNTRY FOR OUR FREEDOM
- November 13
 Knights of Columbus meeting 7:30 at Faithful Shepherd School after the Rosary at 7:00 in the Chapel
- November 23
Thanksgiving Day
- November 24
DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER
- November 1**