



# Knights Corner



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## Chaplain's Message: Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Dear brothers,

The Gospel of Luke 10:25-27 tells us that a lawyer came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Put differently, "What must I do to make heaven?" This lawyer, as educated as he was, was ignorant of the prerequisite of making heaven. He wants to go to heaven, so he came to Jesus, the One who came from heaven to seek for answer. Jesus quickly referred him to the law: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" (Luke 10:26). The lawyer replied, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). Thrilled and delighted by his question, the Lord said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

So, the *sine qua non* (essential condition) for making heaven are: one, loving God unreservedly, and two, loving your neighbor as you love yourself. Our love for God is demonstrated concretely in the way we love and treat our fellow human beings. It is impossible to authentically love God and despise those around us, especially those who live on the margin of the society. In his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" (God Is Love), Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges that the term 'love' has become one of the most frequently used and misused of words. He avers that, "In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message (of love and charity) is both timely and significant." Stating the reason for the choice of the title of his encyclical, he said, "For this reason, I wish in my first encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others."

God's boundless love for us is unquestionable. We know it; we feel it; we experience it and we express it as well. Each of us can tell a lengthy story of the different times in our lives that we experienced in a heightened manner God's overshadowing love for us. His tireless love for us is indisputable and undebatable. What is not so much reliable, however, is our love for God and neighbor. I believe that each of us is striving with the grace of God to love God unreservedly and love our neighbor without hesitation. However, we should not be oblivious to the things that can directly impede our love for neighbor and directly undermine our love for God. "God is love, and he

who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 John 4:16). To love is to will the good of the other and to do something about it. God is love, and whatever is opposed to love in us blocks the flow of God's power and life.

One of the evils that can seriously damage our spiritual and religious life, and potentially deny us of heaven is racism. Racism or racial discrimination of any sort is a grave insult to the Creator. It is a mockery of God who created everyone in his own image and likeness. The mockery or ridicule of an artwork is a direct attack to the artist. Anyone who thinks of another as inferior human being is ridiculing the Creator himself.

Christians who engage in racism are undermining the work of God; they are spreading hate which makes love a mere term that exists in books. Racism impedes love; it compromises the faith and professional ethics of Christians; it corrupts their hearts and minds, while also erodes the authenticity and the mission of the Church. Racism or tribalism is the devil's most potent tool to divide and weaken the Body of Christ—the Church. If you don't know this previously hear me now: racism in America and tribalism in Africa are incompatible with the Christian faith. Racism or tribalism is a mortal sin. Of all the people in the world, Christians should be the most active in defeating the evil of racism and tribalism. It's not enough to say, "I am not a racist." It's not enough to be non-racist, we must all be against racism, racial discrimination and every behavior or attitude that undermines the dignity of another. As disciples of the Lord, we have to stand up and become anti-racist. This means changing the way we think and act and being ready to challenge others to do the same. Jesus calls us to love, not to hate, to affirm each other, not to undermine or question the humanity of another. According to Pope Benedict XVI, "Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbor found in the Book of Leviticus: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' (19:18; and Mark 12:29-31) Since God first loved us, love is now no longer a mere "command"; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us" (*Deus Caritas Est*). If you want to make heaven, love! Love God totally! Love the other sincerely!

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Meamah Doris Wright  
 Tom Fricke

Get Well Card

Rita Roehrl – get well  
 Larry Stoner – get well  
 Father Tony Judge – get well  
 Judy Kowalczyk – get well



And for others we may have missed and need our prayers. If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact Simon simon.f@usfamily.net

**PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

God of mercy, you chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew, to share the dignity of the Apostles. In doing so, you showed us that with you, all things are possible, and that though we are sinners, we too can answer your noble call to evangelize the world. By St. Matthew's example and prayers help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in your service.

**Installation of Council #6772 Officers**



Officers of Council #6772 for the ensuing year 2020/2021 were installed by the District Deputy, Patrick Farrelly of District 52



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**



**RISK IS THE PRICE YOU PAY TO REACH A PLACE THAT CAN BLAST YOUR SPIRIT CLEAN!**

**COUNCIL#6772 WORKS OF CHARITY (JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30,2020)**

**St. Al's Septem-**

**ber Blood Drive-** On Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00pm- 6:00pm in the C.Ss.R Hall. Memorial Blood Bank is conducting a blood donation drive. Questions, please call Ken Bueckers at 763-245-8895 - Walk-ins are welcomed!

**Council's Newest Member** – please welcome Richard Schwieters to the council when you see him.

**Chance to Win a Free Vacation to Breezy Point-** each member who recruits **3 new members** into the Order before May 1, 2021 will be entered into a drawing to win his choice of a couple's getaway package to Breezy Point. Each additional 3 members you recruit will earn you an additional entry in the drawing. One winner will be drawn at 2021 Minnesota State Convention. Vacation packages are: Breezy's Diamond Golf Package or Breezy's All Inclusive Social Package and Guided Fishing Package or A Taste of Breezy Packaged. For more information or questions, please contact membership director Jim Stalberger at 763-424-8774 or email at: [jstalberger720@yahoo.com](mailto:jstalberger720@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOHN SCHMIDT** – Father John sends his thanks to the Knights and their families that helped with grounds trash pickup, shrub trimming and tree removal at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and Catholic School.

**CONTACT CHANGES??** We need to know if you have any changes on how we get ahold of you. Whether it changes with your landline phones, cellphone numbers or email addresses changes. In order for us to

communicate effectively we need to be kept current on these changes. **Please contact any of the listed council trustees to help us update this important information or send an email to [jstalberger720@yahoo.com](mailto:jstalberger720@yahoo.com).**

**Thanks!**

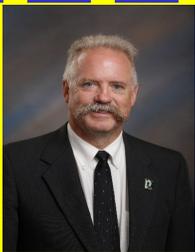
**COUNCIL # 6772 WORKS OF CHARITY**

**(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)**

**Generated over \$8,091.90**

**THANK YOU FROM FMSC** -- Thanks to everyone that helped bag meals at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday September 12. We had a small but hardworking group of volunteers. Together we packed over 8,400 meals to help feed the hungry in the world. We worked in groups of 5 per packing station. Please stay tuned as we plan on repeating this activity again this fall.

**Brother Knights** -- Please stay tuned as we get ready to move forward on our council's fundraising during these pandemic times. If you get a call - please answer or return the call. Please check your email (spam or trash) and reply. Communication is so important with social distancing that we are being asked to do. If you have a new phone number or a different email address, please reach out to a trustee so we can improve to serve you better.



**Dan Falstad - Insurance Officer ([Dan.Falstad@kofc.org](mailto:Dan.Falstad@kofc.org)) - 612 310 5254**

New members are the life blood of our Order! New members give the council they join more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for across the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man. It infuses the council with new and fresh ideas. It's our responsibility to let them know what benefits they are missing by not joining us. So, invite someone today. Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

**LEAD WITH FAITH**—becoming a better Catholic man, father, and husband through prayer, study and encouragement from fellow brother Knights. **SERVE OTHERS**—This is where our council excels. Let them know about our Coats for Kids programs, the support for the Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and the Ultrasounds Initiative. **DEFEND YOUR VALUES**—From the March for Life to Christian Refugee Relief to the Ultrasound Program, new members can get involved in issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our

hurting world. **PROTECT YOUR FAMILY**—This includes the Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year and the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and saving products.

Brother Knights are encouraged to allow young families that need coverage to benefit from the Knights of Columbus policies while learning more about the fraternal side. With so much good, why can membership be a challenge? Maybe it's been my approach. I often assumed other men would want to join to help us, the council. But shouldn't I be inviting men to join to help them, ...help them along their faith journey,... help them discover the joy of being of service to others, ... help them become better Catholic men? So tell them why you joined, what it's meant to you, how you are better for it and how you hope you've made the world just a little bit of a better place because of your membership in the Knights. Then ask him what he's looking for...I think no matter what he says, we'll have a solution for it...right here in this council.

Vivat Jesus!



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**Membership Meeting, 7 PM**  
**First Thursday of the Month**  
**CSSR Hall**  
Planning Meeting, 7 PM  
Third Thursday of the Month

**Venue:** Parish Ministry Bldg. St Alphonsus Room  
Formation Building (*All face-face activities are cancelled*)

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**Three reasons for Long Term Care:**  
**Protect your Assets; You don't have to spend down your nest egg**

**Choice of where you go; don't let the government or price decide**

**Not be a burden on your family; do you want to live with your kids?**

**LADIES AUXILIANS MESSAGE**



Hello Ladies,  
We are being called to serve our Lord by serving others in their time of need. Ideas of how we can do this is by calling family members, friends & neighbors, maybe cooking a meal or baking cookies for someone or sharing your garden produce with others or sending a card. Letting others know that are they are loved and that they matter is so important. Let us live joyfully serving the Lord.

**Patrick Farrelly, District Deputy 52, 763-218-3816**

**Brothers,**

We are called to serve. Inviting men to join us is an important service to them, their families and our community! Answering the call to service is what we do because we are Knights and Knights serve.  
I welcome our newest brother Knights and encourage you to connect with your new brothers however they meet and make a difference for your parish and your community. Our work is important!!

minute video exemplification with their family at their convenience. Again, no risk for them or their family. Coordinate with your Grand Knight and Financial Secretary.

We do not have to let the pandemic win. We must continue our work together. Bringing more men into our Councils is the only way we can ensure we will be able to do this into the future, able to do more and serve God's family together in new ways. Be not afraid! God Bless you!

I hope you will join me in staying active as a Knight while our world needs us more than ever. You can even make a difference right from your home by calling men and inviting them to share what we have. No risk of infection. Just share your story.

Have friends and family join online at **kofc.org/joinus** and enter their parish name. Give them your council number to include as they sign up. Give them your member number to get credit for inviting them. Getting them into your Council is as simple as having them sign up for and watch a 30-

**THANK YOU, SIMON FEHN!!**  
For 25 years Brother Knight Simon has been publishing our council's newsletter. Simon is retiring from publishing our newsletter and Reuben Gboweh has taken over the publishing responsibilities. Simon thank you for the years of commitment and a job well done. May God continue His blessing on you and your family.

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