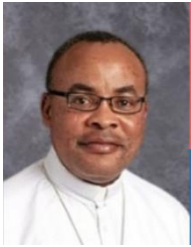




Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429 May 2022

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



Greetings Brother Knights,

Since we are in the great season of Easter, it is extremely fitting that this month's reflection be focused on the Resurrection of the Lord. Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Church Calendar. It is victory day.

It is the climax of the Church year. The Resurrection of Jesus is not a hoax. It is not a figment of imagination of the first disciples. It is not a creation of the Early Church. It is not a fairytale or a parable. It did happen! As you already know, religion or the practice of religion is under serious attack today. Books like *God is not great* by Christopher Hitchens, *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins, *Letter to a Christian Nation* by Sam Harris are all published just to undermine the very idea of God and the practice of religion. On TV, social and political commentators like Bill Maher say religion is stupid and superstitious. On the internet, Christianity is accused of being just another retelling of old mythic story of the dying and rising god found in many ancient cultures. These naysayers argue that the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is a myth that represents the wishful thinking of the human race. But according to the great teacher of mythology, C. S. Lewis, "Those who claim that the Gospel accounts are mythic in form haven't read many myths." The truth is that there is something qualitatively different between the Gospel narratives and the myths. Mythic stories often begin with phrases like "once upon a time..." or "in that time," or "in a galaxy far away." They speak about general truths, about the rhythms of life and how they affected people in such a fundamental way.

A distant and casual look at the texts of the Gospels reveals that Jesus is not a mythic figure like Dionysus (god of wine, vegetation, fertility etc. in ancient Greek religion and myth) or Zeus (mythic ancient god of the sky, ruler of all gods and humans). How come? Because Jesus was born at a very particular time in history. Luke's Gospel says he came into the world when Quirinius was the governor of Syria, and Augustus the emperor of Rome. Quirinius and Augustus are specific people whose existence can

independently be verified. In addition, Jesus came of age during the reign of Herod and Herod son, Antipas. Again, these figures can also be verified historically. More to it, Jesus was, as we recite in the creed, crucified under a very particular Roman official, Pontius Pilate, whose existence can independently be verified. There are coins that bear the inscription of Pontius Pilate. In other words, there is no attempt to place Jesus in some vague and indefinite period. As a matter of fact, there is every attempt to identify him specifically.

Jesus is Risen. His Resurrection is real. How do we know it? There are witnesses! Peter, James, Matthew, Thomas, Paul and the rest went to the end of the world and to their death declaring the truth of Jesus' Resurrection. Here is an important question to consider: why are there no missionaries for Dionysus? Why didn't anyone go around the world and to their death declaring the truth of Dionysus? How come there were no missionaries for Zeus? How come nobody went to the ends of the world and to their death declaring the truth of Zeus? Because they were not real figures. People who told their stories knew it. They were not trying to deceive anybody; they knew they were trading in mythic language. But, this Jesus, risen from the dead had witness who vividly remembered him, who vividly remembered his terrible death and who vividly remembered his unnerving Resurrection. That's the difference of Easter. That's what debunks the lie being told by these haters of Christianity. That's what convinces us that we are not dealing with one more account of the ancient story of the dying and rising of mythic gods. It is because of these witnesses, their experiences and the stories they told we celebrate that God has done something unrepeatable, remarkable and unique. In raising Jesus from the dead, God interrupts the rhythm of nature. Jesus wins! By our association with him, we win as well. Victory is forever won!

Happy Easter!

Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR

Note: Due to lack of space – no Grand Knight message this month

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Don't Assume You Can't Afford Disability Income Insurance

May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month. Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability, many don't have a plan for replacing lost income due to a disability from an illness or accident. Contact me to learn more about the Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

Two ways to significantly reduce your premium include:

1. Choosing a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

During Disability Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance or charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus. Give me a call today. Dan Falstad 612-310-5254

Council #6772 Activities

**FATHER DONALD SCHUMAKER COUNCIL#6772
SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2022 – 2023**

GRAND KNIGHT – GEORGE MORRIS
CHANCELLOR – TOM MORGAN
TREASURER—CHRIS CARLSON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY – JOHN VELLA
INSIDE GUARD – **OPEN**

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – **OPEN**
ADVOCATE – PAUL ALTHOFF
RECORDER – **OPEN**
WARDEN – WESLEY JAH
OUTSIDE GUARD – MATTHEW ROBINSON

TRUSTEES

1 YR – EDWARD DENNIS

2 YR – JIM STALBERGER

3YR – ALBERT KOWALCZYK

**** Important Dates ****

May 5th Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
May 8th Mother's Day (flowers available for purchase at St. Al's)
May 16th St. Al's Blood Drive – CSsR Hall 1:00 – 6:00pm
May 19th Planning Meeting @ 7PM
May 26th Ascension of The Lord
May 30th Memorial Day
May 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MAY - Month of THE LIVING ROSARY

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother and one way to honor her is by the daily praying of the Rosary. We, as Knights, can do so again by praying and joining in the Living Rosary during the month of May. Each person who participates prays one decade of the rosary each day, resulting in the **entire** rosary (20 decades) being prayed. Those choosing to participate will be assigned a particular decade at our KC Membership Meeting May 5th. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would still like to join in praying the living Rosary, call Roger Borowicz at 763-560-5686. Auxilians and family members are also encouraged to participate.

Dear Brothers,

If you're anything like me, you sometimes get confused by all of the rules and regulations that govern our financial lives.

What can we do? When can we do it? How much is too much? When is too soon? What's taxed? What's not?

Those questions become even more important and even more complicated when you're working through your retirement plan.

That's when the stakes are at their highest.

Everyone's situation is different and warrants the attention of their own tax, legal or accounting professional. But there are some recognized experts in the field who can impart valuable general wisdom. I want to invite you to hear from one of those experts.

Our agency is helping host a special live webinar "**Retirement Planning In A Changing Landscape**" featuring **America's IRA Expert Ed Slott**. Ed is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable, and entertaining advice. He combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach guests about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information.

Whether you're currently retired or want to make sure you're prepared to retire when you want to, you won't want to miss this special event.

We are hosting two, free webinars in your area. **We only have a limited number of virtual seats available, so please sign up for one of the two events as soon as you can.** The first session will be on May 24th at 6:30pm and the second will be on June 14th at 6:30pm *You can use the registration links below to save your space.*

Since our founding, the Knights has been committed to helping provide financial security and stability to our members and their families. So we're proud and excited to bring Ed's expertise to you. And we can't wait to see you there!

Fraternally, Dan Falstad

REGISTRATION LINKS

May 24th, 6:30 PM CDT: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1538391&tp_key=e5b3a35b09

June 14th, 6:30 PM CDT: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1538421&tp_key=09b3d92087

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Sunshine Report

Get Well Cards sent to:

Ray Peterson

Dave Johnson

Bob Hames

Yvonne Thibodeau

Gordy Smith

Arlene Peterson

Ray Gillis

Greg Coleman

Debbie Haeg

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:

Jim Stalberger: H #763-424-8774 or email: jstalberger720@yahoo.com

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions of the month:

For faith-filled young people-

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Let us also pray for peace in the world and a change of Putin's heart and those who have evil intentions toward others.

Our Mission Statement as A Knight of Columbus: *First, as knights we are called to support the Catholic Church and stand behind our priests; second, we are called to protect our families and third; through our charitable works, we help those less fortunate or are in need, WE ARE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING LIVES*