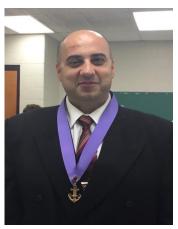


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#### **Grand Knights Comments**



As we journey to Holy Week and Easter, my attention was drawn to a few passages from the third Sunday of Lent. Having spoken to many of you over the phone, doubts and uncertainty about these times have come up. While we try to cling to hope, it becomes tough. Yet, when we reflect on God's Word from St. Paul, we can gain the Lord's assurances:

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." (1 Cor 1:25)

Therefore, we can put more of our trust in the Lord to carry us through the tough times. Even at our "strength", we are lacking. So, let's rely on the "foolishness" and "weakness" of God because it far surpasses anything that we can accomplish on our own. This assurance from the Lord will carry us through the rough patches of life. From the same Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that God has "the words of everlasting life." And, they are our yardstick.

During this month, we celebrate two powerful saints: **St. Patrick on March 17th and St. Joseph on March 19th.** As catholic gentlemen, they can be great role models for us. We can follow St. Patrick's example to be a light to society and change it unto God; St. Joseph was devoted to God's will and he cared for his family as we aught to do.

As a possible parish activity, **we will be discussing Trivia Night** at our upcoming meeting. Also, we will hear from **John Noonan** about a presentation he'd like to offer about Fraternal Benefits. Plus, much more.

If you are home-bound, please do not hesitate to contact me and one of our brother Knights will offer you any assistance. Call me at 519-280-1643.

#### Join our tele-conference this Thursday March 11th at 7 pm:

- 1. Dial 1-866-931-8417
- 2. When prompted, enter the Conference Number: 8020
- 3. When prompted, enter the PIN: 875985



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4. You will then be prompted to record your name and then you'll be connected into the conference.

Thanks gents! God bless always!

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you.



When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually. [New York agents may delete this sentence.]

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a "stay-cation" with my family. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas



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was so much smaller in 2020. **Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.** 

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations.

I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members and your families.

I pray you will be safe and healthy. Vivat Jesus!

**Next Zoom Meetings** 

Thursday: March 11, 2021

Tuesday: March 24, 2021



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Remember in your prayers those who are ill and pray for the repose of the deceased souls



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