



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GIROUD–HEIMANN COUNCIL

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

Brothers, I recently attended our State Convention in San Diego and it was wonderful to spend time with over 800 fellow Knights and their spouses. During the convention, I was honored to second the motion to elect Dave Abbott as the State Deputy for the upcoming year beginning July 1st. For those of you not familiar with the KofC structure, the State Deputy is the top position for the State and reports directly to Supreme. Brother Dave will be responsible for over 700 Councils and over 78,000 fellow Knights. I respect Brother Dave for taking on this job and I think we should keep him our prayers as this is quite a responsibility. His new title is Worthy State Deputy!

Also, at the convention there were many inspiring speakers and guests. Mass was said each day by the local Bishop and there was a recurring message that really struck me which I would like to share. The message comes from James 2:26 and in summary simple states that *'faith without works is dead'*. I think that concept is one we really need to embrace as Knights. I was so inspired by this phrase that I did some research on the reading and found quite a few articles on the subject. Mainly what most said was Faith and Works are both necessary for Salvation. And though Faith alone will probably get you to heaven, doing works is a necessary component of faith. There are many ways to do good works outside of the Knights but why not do some good works with the Knights?!! So, I put it to you Brothers, to volunteer and help with the

various projects and events we put on during the year. The Knights is a great way to find a variety of ways to do good works. As one article said: Just like a weightlifter can't get more muscles by saying that he believes in weightlifting, just so, a Christian doesn't get more Faith by merely saying that he believes in Jesus, a Christian or a weightlifter actually has to do something!

Another thing I learned at the convention was the phrase Vivat Jesus! (pronounced Viva Hey-sus) which means "Jesus lives". When I walked the Camino last year, it was customary to greet fellow pilgrims with "bien Camino" which translate to have a "good walk", and Vivat Jesus was used many times at the convention as a greeting by a speaker. Next time you see a Brother, I would suggest you say to him Vivat Jesus.... I mean what better greeting could you give?

God Bless you all and Vivat Jesus!

Ed Grens, GK

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT:

June Newsletter Articles Rev. 1.1:

To all council 13765 members. This council has come together and has done an outstanding job in stepping up to server your priest, church, parishioners, and community. Hosted and making council 7773 welcomed plus all the extras that you have extended to our brothers in need. You have exceeded all your goals for our Faith in Action program and currently at 75% of your meeting your membership quota. I know in my heart and mind that this is a Star Council and now all that is left is to get two additional members. We also need 3 new insurance members. This option is open to any brother knight that is currently not insured. This council also is the hosting council to our newly State Deputy Elect, Dave Abbot. Congratulations for all of us WSD Elect Dave. We are proud of you and thank you for all that you have done for each of us.

Now, I challenge each of you to get onboard and help us achieve our membership and insurance goals and lets “MAKE IT HAPPEN”. If you need any special help with this Call me anytime as I am here for each of you.

As your District Deputy I have tried my best to get all the info needed and find the best options that are opened and available to each of you. One of those items is information about insurance and to become an insured member does not require the purchase of insurance as our insurance agents are trained, certified, and licensed to offer a variety of products that also includes investment options with a guarantee of a minimum amount of return on your investment. I urge each of you to available yourself and meet with your filed agent to find out what is being offered and how it can make a real difference to you and your family. The Knights of Columbus has held one of the highest ratings in the industry for many decades and one of the best parts of all of this is the fact that NONE of the money that is received and invested on your behalf is ever invested in anything that does not support all of our catholic values.

Our next meeting is the most important meeting of the Fraternal Year as you will be electing your new officers for 2019-2020.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Lou Gervais District 2 Deputy

SPIRITUAL ADVISORS CORNER:

Penitential Rite:

“Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life”.

How much time do we spend in our day looking at our lives? Are we spending enough time with God or do we just try to slip Him into our day when it is convenient? Do we really put God first in our life or is He just an afterthought?

As I look back into my past, which by the way I do not spend much time there, mostly because living there does not serve much purpose for my Eternal reward. In my past I have missed many opportunities to spend time with the Lord and sometimes I miss spending time with family and others because I was looking only to the future. Which brings me to the next point living in the future. If I am living and thinking about all the things I need or want to get done or have to do so to be happy, I miss out on the Lord who is standing alongside of me. Now this brings me to the Third point, the God who is of the presence. God who lives and is alive right now and right here with us every day. Do we recognize Him? If we spend too much time on our past and our future, we are not looking at importance of forgiveness. Too have forgiveness, we to have to live in the here and now. To know Jesus' love for us we need to be present to Him in our daily life. Just as we eat everyday so must we spend time with the Lord every day. It is like breathing. As we breath in the fresh air we need to breath in Jesus, as we exhale, we need to release carbon monoxide or bad air. As we fill up our lungs, we are filling up our life with God's goodness. When we do this, we are living in the presence and living with a forgiven heart, mind, soul and spirit. Lord Jesus I ask that You to forgive this person (a sinner) so as to live in the presence of a living God.

Deacon James Burkett
Spiritual Advisor

LECTORS CORNER:

Brothers: Alice Camille offers her thoughts for our consideration in Exploring the Sunday Readings, June 5, 2016, Vol.26 #9 on page 1. She comments on that Sunday's First Reading from the 1st Book of Kings, 17:17-24. "O Lord, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child."

It wasn't a good season for me: that particular autumn some years ago. I had reached a dead-end in my job, and the boss was the third in a row who didn't appreciate my vision. That's the nicest way I can think to say it. I had other ways expressing it back then. So, I found myself leaning hard on my nearest office mate who was sympathetic to my situation. Her emotional support got me through one of the darkest periods I can remember. Funny thing was, not long afterward our roles were reversed. My co-worker needed a friend to help her be brave and I was glad to be there for her.

So, it was when Elijah showed up at the widow's door, needing food and shelter to survive. She gave him all she had. Then, when her child fell fatally ill, Elijah accepted that it was his turn to give his most vital gift and rescue the boy. EACH OF US HAS SOMETHING OF VALUE TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED: a hug, a prayer, a listening heart, a word of encouragement, a meal, a pocket of spare change. OUT OF SUCH THINGS, MIRACLES BLOOM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Long-Term Care Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 17 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

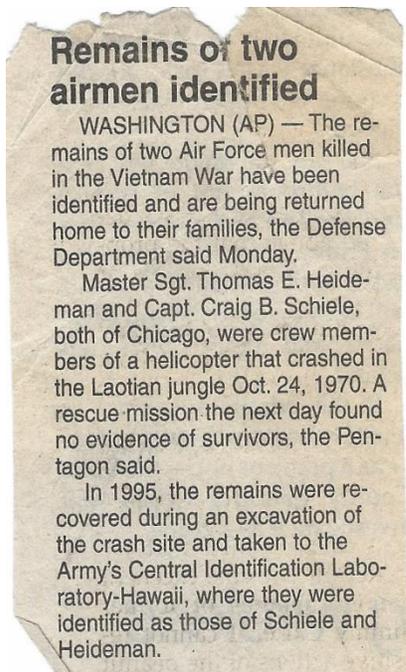
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EDITORS COMMENTS:

I am writing this column on Memorial Day weekend in remembrance of those friends who I served with and who are no longer with us. There are two specific people I would like to mention. The First is Craig Schiele who I met while training to fly helicopters at Shepard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX. He was a young Captain with a wife and two young kids. On completion of our training we were both assigned to the 21st Special Operations Squadron in Nakhon Phanom Thailand.

We arrived in August of 1969 and were assigned to the unit for one year. After 75 missions in Laos, mostly around the Ho Chi Minh trail, I completed my tour a little early due to having served in Thailand during my B-52 days. So, I left two weeks early and picked up my wife and kids in Detroit and proceeded to my next assignment in the Panama Canal Zone. A short time later a friend, who was also at Nakhon Phanom, arrived in the Canal Zone with upsetting news. After almost a year, in combat, there had been no one killed in Action, but now my friend Jack Woelfel, told me that Craig Schiele and Alan Cheeseman had been killed on two separate occasions after I left.

The first was the death of Capt. Craig Schiele who was flying into a rugged Landing Zone along the North Vietnamese border (In fact, it was in N. Vietnam). If I remember right, the approach was into the northeast and around a mound of foliage and then out in a left turn to the northwest. We had to set down with just the right wheel on the ground when offloading the special ops guys because of the slope. At this time, Craig's helicopter lost power and tumbled down the slope and Craig was trapped in the cockpit. The aircraft then caught fire and he was killed. The scan below is what showed up in the Enterprise Record after his body was recovered years later.



Alan Cheeseman, who was also at Shepard AFB, was killed while he was riding in the jump seat, between the two pilots, on what was supposed to be a local in-country mission. The helicopter was shot down by guerrillas who had crossed the border and Cheese, as we called him, was killed in the crash. I don't know if he had a family.

This is what Memorial Day is about. It's to remember those that were lost, not only in Vietnam, but in all our wars! May God have Mercy on Their Souls and perpetual life shine upon them forever, Amen!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN DISTRESS.

Our Beloved Deceased

George Farrugia (Knight)

Kendrick Castillo

And Those who are ill or in distress

Pope Francis

Fr. Francis Stevenson

Margaret Brown

Carolyn Morman

William Wong (Knight)

Janet Davis

Chuck Prior (Knight)

Richard Reiner (Knight)

Mary Lancaster

Carmen Farrugia

Junior Gonzalez (Knight)

Deacon David Kraatz

Andy Edwards

Becky McCarthy

And don't forget a prayer of one Hail Mary each night as per the request of our beloved Pope Francis and Fr. Renier Silva.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Please acknowledge the birthdays of each of our Brothers by wishing them a Happy Birthday.

David Abbott

6-04

Richard Carriere

6-09

Richard Ely

6-29

Dana Funk

6-29

Medina Liborio

6-02

John Randle

6-19

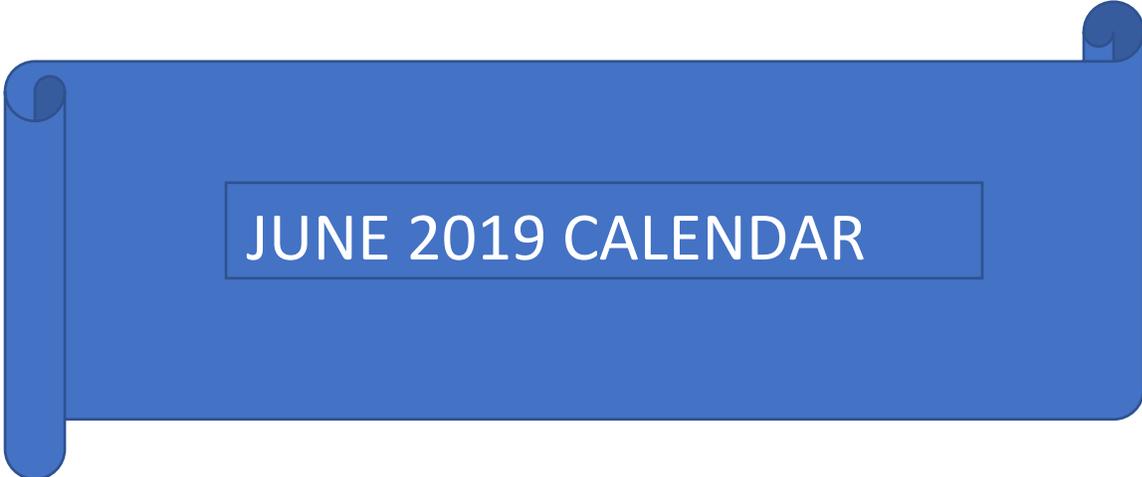
Casey Simpson

6-08

Tom Sullivan

6-19

Council Calendar:



JUNE 2019 CALENDAR

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2. KofC Breakfast	3	4	5	6	7	8
9. 2 nd & 3 rd degree. Marysville	10	11. Council Mtg. 6:00pm	12	13	14	15
16. Donut Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25. Officers Mtg. 6:30pm	26	27	28	29. Party at Ed Grins Hm. Pot- luck
30. 5 th Sunday Rosary?						