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From The Grand Knight...

April is soon to be upon us in this year of Our Lord 2024. Hopefully my Brother Knights will have a very joyous Easter. Lent seemed to me to go very quickly and we will soon be enjoying the season of Easter. It is a good thing to celebrate and remember the Liturgical Seasons of the Church. Just as in our secular world April rain brings May flowers, in the Church Year, Easter Season brings the MARY Month of May. (Sorry about the pun!)

With the prayerful season of Lent over let us not forget that there is still very much to pray for, both for our private needs and for things that are happening in the world and our State. Walgreens and CVS are starting to dispense the abortion pills which destroy our most vulnerable children. (Nor is it good for the physical, spiritual, and emotional health for the women who take them.)

The Big Raffle is approaching \$14,000! Please come and support this effort to raise money for our many charities. And with Spring approaching, baseball and volleyball will be starting soon at our Council grounds. Come and cheer on your favorite team. Please drive carefully and watch for children playing during these games and other outside activities!

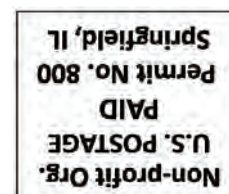
We are in need of brother Knights to run for office in Council 583. Please give some serious thought to this request. Many of the current officers are approaching 70 years (or have passed it by) and new blood is needed to keep the Council thriving!

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for an end to abortion.

- Thomas Maas, Grand Knight
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And for more information and news see the order's world-wide website, www.kofc.org as well as our local council website, quincykofc.org.

And please don't forget the quality material in the monthly magazine, *Columbia*.

- WISDOM OF THE SAINTS...



Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; ... now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace. - St. Augustine of Hippo

Blessed are they who are tempted! It is when the Devil sees that a soul is tending toward union with God that he redoubles his efforts. - St. Jean Vianney

The union of my soul with God is wealth in poverty and joy in deepest afflictions. - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- REDNECK CHURCH

You know your church is a Redneck Parish if:

- The finance committee refuses to provide funds for the purchase of a chandelier because none of the members knows how to play one.
- People ask, when they learn that Jesus fed the 5000, whether the two fish were bass or catfish, and what bait was used to catch'em.
- When the pastor says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering," five guys and two women stand up.
- Opening day of deer season is recognized as an official church holyday.



- A member of the church requests to be buried in his 4-wheel-drive truck because "It ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get out of."
- The choir is known as the "OK Chorale".
- In a congregation of 500 members, there are only seven last names in the church directory. -
- High notes on the organ set the dogs on the floor to howling
- People think "rapture" is what you get when you lift something too heavy.
- The baptismal pool is a #2 galvanized washtub.
- The choir robes were donated by (and embroidered with the logo from) *Billy Bob's Barbecue*.
- The collection plates are really hub caps from a '56 Chevy.
- Instead of a bell, you are called to service by a duck call.
- "Thou shalt not covet" applies to hunting dogs too.
- The dismissal at the conclusion of the service is, "Y'all come back now!! Ya Hear?"

- Anonymous

Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him.

Theological insights are gained not only from between two covers of a book, but from two bent knees before an altar.

The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world.

- Alp Fulton J. Sheen

- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...



I am moved by Rembrandt's painting of Jesus calming the storm in the Sea of Galilee. (*Mark 4:35-41*) It challenges us with Jesus's haunting question, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

It sometimes frustrates us when we experience what looks like God's "delay" in our lives. It seems that God often does not see our peril nor want to move very fast on our prayer requests. Is He asleep on the job or just not there—we grumble losing faith!

We would be wise at times like these to realize that there are many reasons that God does not move as fast as we may wish.

While he hears every prayer, what we are asking may not be in our interests. His commitment is toward giving us what is for our spiritual welfare and not necessarily what we might want. Every parent at one time or another has denied the requests of his children.

Sometimes he moves slowly because we have to grow before we can accept his gifts.

Sometimes he delays because our lives are woven into the lives of many others and what we request may not fit into the broader pattern of his all perfect design for our lives.

And at times the Lord too leaves us with a burden, a cross to carry on our journey. And he does this precisely because he loves us. As the irritation of a grain of sand is transformed into a precious pearl, so also does the carrying of our cross enable God to grace and transform our lives.

As Jesus observed, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it." (*Mark 8: 34-35*).

- Fr. Don Blichhan

- MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Studio Date	Air Date	Mass Intention
4/2	4/7	Donald K. Rees
4/9	4/14	John & Joan Dittmer
4/16,	4/21	Mary Kay Farwell
4/23	4/28	Norma Ancell
4/30	5/5	Alice Adair

- KC SCHOLARSHIPS 2024-25

Council 583 will offer three \$1,000 scholarships to Quincy University for the 2024-2025 school year.

Two \$500 scholarships to Q.N.D. and two \$500 scholarships will also be awarded for each of our parochial elementary schools, St. Dominic, St. Francis, St. Peter, and Blessed Sacrament.

Simple entry forms are available at the KC Clubhouse (Bar area, south building) starting April 1st and are to be placed in the "red can" there no later than May 6, 2024.



These scholarships will be awarded to the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughters of an active Council 583 3rd/4th Degree members.

Each student may have one entry for each council member in the drawing and only one winner per family. If you are current on your dues and have a student at one of the above, you make an entry.

If more student names are submitted than we have scholarships, we will draw the winners at an officer's meeting.

Questions on scholarships or to advance to the 3rd degree, call Bill Anderson at 217-257-2108. It takes less than an hour. (E-mail at billanders44@gmail.com).

The closer a person approaches God, the less worthy he feels. A painting under candle light shows fewer defects than under the brilliance of the sun; so too the souls who are some distance from God feel more certain of their moral integrity than those who are very close to Him.

In the presence of the holiest of creatures, the soul becomes self-accusing and broken-hearted with the weight of its defects.

He who loves God is the most burdened with the sense of his own unworthiness.

- Alp Fulton J. Sheen