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Council Business Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

From The Grand Knight...

Hello Brother Knights,

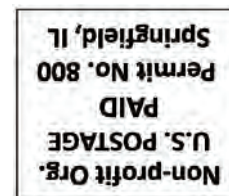
For some of you that do not know me, I am Chad Altgilbers, father of four beautiful but grown children Colleen, Caleb, Laney and Collin—and two amazing grandchildren. I feel very blessed to be apart of the Knights of Columbus and the opportunity to be Grand Knight.

We are off to a great summer at the Club. The raffle is doing well with over \$18,000! We are all anticipating the opening of the new driving range and enjoying the summer fun.

As we all know the meetings are the second Tuesday of every month and we welcome everyone to them. The BBQ planning is also going well. We need all the help we can get on the set up, activities during the event, and the tear down afterwards. If any of our fellow knights are available please lend a helping hand! (Call or e-mail as below)

Again thank you for allowing me this opportunity and I hope everyone has a great month!

- Chad Altgilbers, Grand Knight
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OUR ANNUAL BBQ...

Will be held August 9th, 5:00 p.m. till Midnight — August 10th from noon till Midnight — and August 11th from noon till 7:00 p.m. (August 10th is “Arm Band Day” from noon till 5:00 p.m. \$30 covers rides during this time!)

For more information please see our website at Quincykofc.org

Come have a fun time and support our KofC 583 charities!

- 4TH DEGREE NEWS...

Officers for the 4th Degree, Assembly 200, were selected for the term 1 July - June 30, 2025 on Tuesday evening June 17th. They are:

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| Faithful Navigator | Terrance Obert |
| Faithful Comptroller | William Anderson |
| Faithful Friar | Open |
| Faithful Captain | Russell Doellman |
| Faithful Admiral | Richard Redmond |
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- THE SEVEN KNIGHTLY VIRTUES

Remember how we were taught that being Confirmed made us “Soldiers of Christ?” Knights of old were soldiers, leaders and brave men of Faith. As members of the Knights of Columbus, as we not called to exercise that same calling for our Catholic Faith?

• **Courage** - More than bravado or bluster, today’s knight in shining armor must have the courage of the heart necessary to undertake tasks which are difficult, tedious or unglamorous, and to graciously accept the sacrifices involved.

• **Justice** - A knight in shining armor holds him or herself to the highest standard of behavior, and knows that “fudging” on the little rules weakens the fabric of society for everyone.

• **Mercy** - Words and attitudes can be painful weapons in the modern world, which is why a knight in shining armor exercises mercy in his or her dealings with others, creating a sense of peace and community, rather than engendering hostility and antagonism.

• **Generosity** - Sharing what’s valuable in life means not just giving away material goods, but also time, attention, wisdom and energy — the things that create a strong, rich and diverse community.

• **Faith** - In the code of chivalry, “faith” means trust and integrity, and a knight in shining armor is always faithful to his or her promises, no matter how big or small they may be.

• **Nobility** - Although this word is sometimes confused with “entitlement” or “snobbishness,” in the code of chivalry it conveys the importance of upholding one’s convictions at all times, especially when no one else is watching.

• **Hope** - More than just a safety net in times of tragedy, hope is present every day in a modern knight’s positive outlook and cheerful demeanor — the shining armor that shields him or her, and inspires people all around.



- Scott Farrell

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

- Mother Teresa

- CHAPLAIN’S REFLECTION...

Dear Brother Knights,



It is not unusual for people to remark about how things are so messed up in our country and in the world. While many would agree on this, most are not clear on why things are so chaotic.

A study of history will show however that the reason is more obvious than one would think.

Society begins to breakdown when people no longer believe in God nor His authority. When there is no God and the moral wisdom He provides, then there is no moral authority nor law. Without law, good order rapidly decays.

As Dr. Peter Kreeft reasons:

But if the power elite, whether king, voting majority, or media elite, cease to believe in an objective Tao [moral law], as is clearly the case in our society, then they become Controllers, Conditioners, Social Engineers, and the patients become the controlled. Propaganda replaces propagation.

This explains why government is growing at such a terrifying and insane rate. Everywhere we turn government is inserting itself into our lives, trying to make things better. Politicians who favor government management of our lives are adherents of a philosophy known as "Progressivism." Its members, known as "Progressives," are well meaning, as their goal is to make things "better" for people. What is insidious about it all however, is that in making things “better,” they must control more and more of our lives, and we in the process lose our freedoms.

When “Progressivism” speaks of making things better, it is talking about material things, and *not* the spiritual. Any effort to make material progress involves controlling money, yours and mine. Essentially it gets into taking from one group and giving to another - or what is called “socialism.” Unfortunately socialism has never worked, and indeed has a negative material and spiritual effect on society.

Socialism also chokes freedom of speech. As Winston Churchill once observed:

No socialist government conducting the entire life and industry of the country could afford to allow free, sharp, or violently worded expressions of public discontent. They would have to

fall back on some form of “Gestapo,” no doubt very humanely directed in the first instance.

And this would nip opinion in the bud; it would stop criticism as it reared its head, and it would gather all the power to the supreme party and the party leaders, rising like stately pinnacles above their vast bureaucracies of civil servants, no longer servants and no longer civil. And where would the ordinary simple folk – the common people, as they like to call them in America – where would they be, once this mighty organism had got them in its grip?

And once socialism begins to take over a country it attacks and attempts to silence religion. For the "religion" of socialism tolerates no competition with another god.

These are critical times for us as Americans and as believers. Unless we are alert and stand up for ourselves, we could very well lose our freedoms, religious and otherwise.

- Fr. Don Blickhan

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MASS FOR SHUT-INS

<u>Broadcast Date</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Sunday, August 4, 2024	Elmer Sparrow
Sunday, August 11, 2024	Francis Haugh
Sunday, August 18, 2024	Shirley G. Maas
Sunday, August 25, 2024	Daniel Dittmer
Sunday, September 1, 2024	Mary Lou Anderson



If He asks much of you it is because he knows you can give much.

- St. John Paul II