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Grand Knight's Message

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Happy Summer!

Passdown from Supreme: July is Officer's challenge month. All officers in all councils are encouraged to recruit at least two new members. Of course we can extend this to August, since Family week isn't until August 12-20 and our next 1st degree isn't until September (at the regular business meeting). For Family Week all councils are encouraged to invite prospects to their family week events as a recruitment opportunity. .

Passdown from State: Aug. 5th is KofC Officer's training at the Knight's hall in Security. Training starts at 9AM and should be over by noon. This is a great opportunity to understand what is expected of you and what to expect from others. Call me if you want to carpool down there. For fun, we may go to the planned parenthood Mass first.

Local passdowns: Our audit was completed and mailed to Supreme. Thanks to our trustees and other officers for a smooth transition, and Gary Ware for offering to put this in Quikbooks to aid in future audits. We're all volunteers so I welcome any efficiencies allowing us to work smarter and not harder.

Another thank you goes to Gary Ware and his team for an awesome Golf tournament! I have heard nothing but positive feedback, and look forward to at least a couple more opportunities to host this key event in the near future.

I noticed in the Catholic Herald, Bishop Sheridan is saying a Mass at Planned Parenthood at 8AM Aug 5 at 1330 W Colorado Ave. Usually Fr. Bill says it. A Rosary will follow.

And that concludes my briefing. Are there any questions?

VJ!

Jeff

The 2nd Luminous Mystery

(The miracle at the wedding feast at Cana)

My wife inspired my latest research on the importance of praying to Mary. We have seen and heard much doubt about this practice from the secular world lately – especially Protestants and New Lifers: “Can she even hear us?, isn't that sacrilegious or blasphemous? And even if she can hear us, what can she possibly do?”

From [Opus Dei](#): “At the beginning of his public life, at the marriage of Cana, when the Son of God works the first of his signs, awakening faith in the disciples (cf. John 2:11), it is Mary who intervenes and directs the servants towards her Son in these words: ‘Do whatever he tells you’ (John 2:5).” (ECCLESIA IN AMERICA; John Paul II, January 22, 1999)

Whenever I have questions about my faith, I usually turn to EWTN: Within a few minutes I was reading [this](#):

“Since the practice of asking others to pray for us is so highly recommended in Scripture, it cannot be regarded as superfluous on the grounds that one can go directly to Jesus. The New Testament would not recommend it if there were not benefits coming from it. One such benefit is that the faith and devotion of the saints can support our own weaknesses and supply what is lacking in our own faith and devotion. Jesus regularly supplied for one person based on another person's faith (e.g., Matt. 8:13, 15:28, 17:15–18,

Mark 9:17–29, Luke 8:49–55). And it goes without saying that those in heaven, being free of the body and the distractions of this life, have even greater confidence and devotion to God than anyone on earth.

So praying to Mary “can support our own weaknesses and supply what is lacking in our own faith and devotion”. I was reminded of one of my own weaknesses last nite when I got up in the middle of the nite and saw the dog laying on a pillow on the floor at Shelly’s side. (Maya was there only because she is not allowed *on* Shelly’s pillow - at my request.) I was reminded of Shelly’s compassion for every living thing, and her gentle love and devotion to our children. Thank God for her since I have very little of these qualities – she makes me complete!

So, part of my prayer to Mary is thanksgiving for the example of Shelly, and part of it is a request for (another) miracle of conversion in me, loved ones, and the world.

When I started thinking about this article, I was going to try to emphasize the importance of saying the Rosary by explaining the top reasons I pray it. Of course, EWTN gave me even [more reasons](#): (guess which ones are mine)

- 1) I promised my brothers I would
- 2) for the miracle of conversion in me
- 3) for the miracle of conversion in my family and loved ones
- 4) To keep my middle fingers busy while driving
- 5) Tradition has it that the Blessed Mother herself asked for the practice as an antidote for heresy and sin.
- 6) "Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world" (Our Lady of Fátima).
- 7) There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family . . . than the daily recitation of the Rosary" (Pope Pius XII).
- 8) "No one can live continually in sin and continue to pray the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary" (Bishop Hugh Doyle).
- 9) "The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel" (Pope Paul VI quoting Pope Pius XII).

This all sounds fine and dandy, but what is all this talk of praying for miracles? After all, Jesus performed the miracle at Cana – Mary didn’t. Why pray to her? In John2:4 we read Jesus’ response to his mother’s request: ““What wouldst thou have me do, woman? My hour has not yet come.”

Jesus’ rebuke might have silenced some of us. But his Mother pressed further ‘Do whatever he tells you’. Talk about your living faith! Or was she divinely inspired? Mary was convinced Jesus was the answer to the current problem – despite His reaction. It’s hard to tell if that miracle would have happened had she not intervened, but almost certainly it seems it would have been delayed.

This story got me looking a little further and then my Mom pointed out this story about a “[Rosary Miracle](#)”. I’ll summarize it here, but I encourage everyone to read this link in its entirety!

“There was a home eight blocks (about 1 kilometer) from where the A-Bomb went off in Hiroshima Japan. This home had a church attached to it which was completely destroyed, but the home survived, and so did the eight German Jesuit missionaries who prayed the rosary in that house faithfully every day. These men were missionaries to the Japanese people, they were non-military, but because Germany and Japan were allies during WWII they were permitted to live and minister within Japan during the war. Not only did they all survive with (at most) relatively minor injuries, but they all lived well past that awful day with no radiation sickness, no loss of hearing, or any other visible long term defects or maladies...over 55 years later the scientists are still absolutely bamboozled when it comes to finding a plausible scenario to explain the missionary’s unique escape from the hellish power of that bomb. “

Impressive as that is, I think the thing that convinced me most of the power of prayer to Mary was witnessing my parents, grandparents, and an aunt return from [Medjugorje](#) when I was about 29. There was no doubt in my mind that they were convinced of the miracles happening there. They personally witnessed the dancing Sun and some experienced and all witnessed being “slain in the Spirit”. There is nothing more convincing than the witness of returning believers – especially when they are your parents!

And what about the other [apparitions](#) investigated and found to be true? Clearly Mother Mary hears our prayers and intercedes for us regularly.

Have you prayed for your miracle lately?

Y’Viva Jesus!
Jeff



Your Insurance Corner!

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YOUR INSURANCE CORNER. Many people I visit say that they have been advised by their financial advisor that they only need term insurance and that they should take the money they would spend on permanent insurance and invest it instead. I always

chuckle when I hear that and I recommend the following. Ask your financial advisor to give you, in writing, on his/her letterhead or that of the company he/she represents, a statement that he/she will sign saying that he/she guarantees that you will not ever need permanent insurance as a result of the investment plan he/she is recommending. I bet they won't give it to you. You shouldn't have to wonder

why? I can tell you lots of reasons why you should have, at a minimum, at least a permanent plan to pay for final expenses. Give me a call at (719) 488-6816

or e-mail me at balchus@aol.com. I am your council agent and friend, Mike Balchus.

Birthdays of August

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| 01 Pedro Gonzalez | 20 Pierre Gaudreault |
| 06 Thomas Washburn | 22 Jared Bonebrake |
| 08 John Perroni | 23 Ferdinando Scalzo |
| 09 David Miller | 26 Gilbert Szarez |
| 12 Ben Thompson | 27 Greg Smith |

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Ten Fabulous Years

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

AUGUST		
Date	Time	Activity
5	9:00A	Officer Training #4636 Hall, Security
9	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
16	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security
20	Noonish	Parish Picnic Our Lady of the Pines

SEPTEMBER		
Date	Time	Activity
9	5:00P	Taco Dinner - Team A Our Lady of the Pines Annex
10	7:00A	Pancake Breakfast – Team A Our Lady of the Pines Annex
13	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
20	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security