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Grand Knight's Corner

First of all, I hope everyone and their family are doing well in dealing with the COVID pandemic. This crisis has really wrecked the every day lives of the global community and has facilitated many changes.

However, with the arrival of vaccines, the end of the pandemic may be in sight and we may slowly begin to return to our normal lives.

Sadly, we will no longer be doing bingo for several reasons, mainly due to revised gaming regulations due to COVID. Our next two monthly meetings are very important in deciding the future of our council...please make every effort to attend these meetings!

Also important for the future of our council is the upcoming election of officers. I encourage everyone to look into their hearts and to give serious consideration to serving the council as an officer. If you have ideas that you think can serve this council well, now is the time to step up and make an impact! Nomination of officers will begin in April.

In the April and May newsletters will be the scholarship applications we give out annually for children or grandchildren of dues paying members of John F. Kennedy Council 2952. Please be on the lookout for those applications.

I want to wish everyone a very blessed Lenten season,

Mike Pearson



Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6:00 pm at Holy Ghost Church

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IMPORTANT NOTICE: IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The March and April meetings will be very important and we encourage members to come.

As you may or may not know, Bingo has been suspended due to COVID 19. Due to the current gaming regulations and lack of workers, there are no plans to resume bingo.

Bingo was our main source of revenue and with no income coming in, the council is having to deal with expenses incurred with the council home.

At the March meeting, we will be discussing what to do with the building. Discussions will also be held at the April meeting, with a vote on final resolution at this time.

Please plan to attend these meetings so your voice can be heard!

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Knights of Columbus elects next Supreme Knight

Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1



Patrick E. Kelly has been elected the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Starting March 1, 2021, he will serve as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal

service organization, with more than 2 million members.

Mr. Kelly's election as Supreme Knight follows a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which will serve him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the Knights' interaction with the White House, Congress and federal agencies. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investment and membership growth.

Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States and the world.

Prior to his leadership roles in the Knights, Mr. Kelly pursued a lengthy career of public service. Most notably, he was Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department from 2005 to 2006. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal liaison with the Holy See and assisting with the formulation of U.S. foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide. He led U.S. delegations to the World Summit on Islamic-Christian dialogue (2005), the UN conference on interfaith cooperation (2005), and annual Sant'Egidio conferences. He has also held advisory roles on the House Intelligence Committee and the Department of Justice, where he specialized in counterterrorism and national security.

Mr. Kelly served in the United States Navy for 24 years, on land and sea and on active duty and reserve status. As a Judge Advocate General, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. He served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and aboard the USS *Guam* as the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Squadron Two. His personal awards include three Navy Achievement Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the JAG Corps Reserve in 2016.

Mr. Kelly has served as consultant to three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for more than a decade: The Committee on Pro-life Activities, the Committee on Religious Liberty, and the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage.

Mr. Kelly has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the March for Life since 2012. Under his leadership, the March for Life has become one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the world. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) since 2013. He has helped guide the NCBC in its mission to promote respect for the dignity of each human being through an understanding of how the moral teachings of the Church apply in health care and the life sciences.

Mr. Kelly holds a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America, a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics from Marquette University, where he joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/supreme-knight-elect.html>

What is the Meaning of Lent? – Biblical Meaning and Purpose

excerpt from <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-the-purpose-of-lent.html>

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter, many Christians observe a 40-day period known as Lent. This name comes from the “Old English **lencten** *springtime, spring*” and “from West Germanic **langitinaz** *long-days or lengthening of the day.*” Popularly regarded as a period of fasting, there are many ways to make the Lenten period meaningful without missing meals. What is Lent and why should one take part? Does every participant follow a strict Lenten plan of rigid self-denial?

Meaning of Lent

Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. That’s not a feeling of shame, but an awareness that sin separates us from God and of what it cost Him to be reunited with us. “Shame has its place, but feeling shame over sin is not the same thing as repentance from sin” because “our tempter can take our obedience to God and turn it into a source of pride.”

Repentant sinners “seek [...] cleansing from sin, but also freedom from shame.” True repentance leads to a “180-degree change of [...] direction,” requires “true brokenness,” but repentance starts with “regretful acknowledgment of sin with commitment to change.” That is why conflating Lent with New Year’s resolutions is dangerous. This time of fasting should not add religious encouragement to a difficult goal: to lose weight, stop watching pornography, or to give money to charity. “Lent is [...] an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross.”

Resolutions focus on meeting self-set, self-motivated goals rather than goals established by God and may even rebel against His purposes. Resolutions reflect a desire for autonomy from God instead of recognizing that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthian 3:16, 6:19) and the work of the potter, to be regarded as precious (Isaiah 64:8).

Resolutions simply focus on “self,” not Christ. **Lent is a good time to give up one’s own resolutions and listen for God’s leading.** Where God leads might be more difficult than any fast, and, here, Christians realize that they cannot do anything in their own strength either: only the grace of God is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9).

What Are Your Motives?

“It is important to check one’s motives for observing Lent. Christ told the disciples “when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward” (Matthew 6:16). A small personal sacrifice should not be “a badge of pride.” The intent of a Lenten observance is to recognize our need for repentance and our depravity apart from God (1 John 1:9; Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 2:13), to draw

closer to God, and to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.”

Is Lent a matter of obedience to tradition or obedience to God? A means of achieving works-based salvation or of giving praise and thanks to Christ that He finished that work for eternity? A way to achieve a resolution or a means of growing closer to the Father? Undertaking something difficult (giving to charity, serving the poor, abstaining from certain foods, memorizing Scripture) makes one feel needy and weak; humble: the perfect posture from which to approach God Almighty.

For people whose lives are generally easy, Lent is a time to empathize better with those who genuinely go without luxuries or even simple needs. Lent can help establish a stronger sense of one’s need of God minute by minute and to develop a more disciplined, intimate, and authentic prayer life.

How to Practice Lent

1. Name the pressing sin. Christians are taught to begin the 40-day period by confessing sins they would like Christ to remove; to “really examine areas of recurring sin” which are a hurdle to “being conformed to God’s will.”

2. Partner with other Christians. Historically, entire church congregations would support one another during Lent. Although Christ instructed “when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret,” (Matthew 6:3-4), believers keep each other accountable. “Self-disclosure brings forth humility by making it your responsibility to humbly open your soul to those to whom you are accountable. [...] You are a witness to your own life, sharing truthfully, freely, and happily with little or no provocation.” Devoted friends encourage each other to be specific in their prayers and help one another seek Christ’s strength to stay the course.

3. One’s “fast” should feel like a sacrifice, but not religious duty. Nor should the fast be dangerous to one’s health. Consider giving up one meal a day, a regular treat, coffee, or alcohol. Other sacrifices include increased charitable giving, staying away from social media, service to the community, or memorizing scripture.

4. Time with God is critical. Quiet and solitude enable one to listen to the Spirit and discern answers to prayer. Before the noisy corporate rejoicing of Easter Sunday, create opportunities for peaceful contemplation and intimacy with the Father. No matter how prayers are answered at the end of 40 days-no, yes, or wait-time with the Lord is cause for joy, praise, and thanks.



March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 KC Meeting 4-5pm Pro-Life 5:30 Rosary 6:00 Business	4	5 Way of the Cross 6:00pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Way of the Cross 6:00pm	13
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Announcements

- KC Meeting, Wednesday, March 3
 - Pro-Life rally 4:00-5:00pm
 - Rosary 5:30pm
 - Business 6:00pm
- Way of the Cross
 - Every Friday evening, 6:00pm at Holy Ghost Church
- Palm Sunday, March 28

Please join us on Wednesday, March 3, from 4:00-5:00 pm at the council home as we stand by the street to protest abortion. If we can help save the life of at least one baby, it will be an hour well spent!