

Knights of Columbus Council 8669



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- **District Deputy Don Pollard message to Fellow Knights**

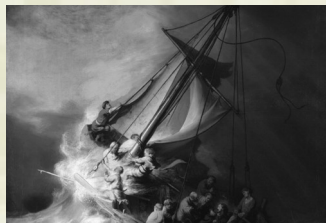
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THE STORM ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

In our recent Gospel Readings these past few weeks, one from Mark and the other from Luke, an account is given in which Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee and a storm arose, and the boat began to take on water. Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the sea. There was complete calm. Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Why have you no faith?" The miracle of the stilled storm at Galilee illustrates the power of Christ. The famous artist Rembrandt paints his visual depiction (shown here) of the disciples in the boat amidst the intense storm. We see groups of disciples battling the elements and trying to keep the boat afloat. A small group gathered around Jesus, keeping

their eyes focused on Him. There is a great calm with this group. We see another group in darkness battling



Rembrandt: The Storm on the Sea of Galilee

the elements in great fear. In their midst, we see Peter fighting the storm alone. But in Rembrandt's rendition we see fourteen men are in peril! There is Jesus and his Twelve Disciples and Rembrandt has painted himself in the portrait; by putting

himself in the boat portraying to us and asking what would it be like if I were there? What would I see? What would I do?

We can all identify with the problem of having little faith much like the disciples. As we navigate the changes in our parish and welcome a new fraternal year of our Knights, look to the lessons of the disciples in the boat and the example Rembrandt has posed. Identify the changes ahead and have increased faith we will endure with prayer, a renewed sense of stewardship and brotherhood. Endeavor to create the realness of Rembrandt's example of the storm and ask yourself what would I do? How can I make this parish better? What can I do to help our Council? Take action and get in the boat!

WELCOME FATHER BRIAN LENZ

Father Brian, the Worthy Knights of Columbus Council 8669 welcome you and pledge our support to your faithful endeavor. We are

here to serve you, our Parish and our community. We welcome you and we are pleased you are here! Vivat Jesus!



LETTER FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY DON POLLARD

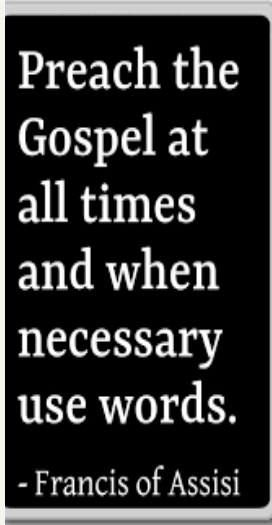
Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus!! Greetings from our District Deputy Don Pollard.

To you, retiring Officers of this Council, I offer my congratulations for work well done and my gratitude to each of you for the devotion with which you have exemplified our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. To you, the newly elected Officers of this Council, I express my confidence that you will add luster to your Council's good works;

making them even more beneficial to the Church and thereby enhancing our Order's proud name.

As we begin a new fraternal year our Diocesan meeting is on July 10 th at St. Francis Parish in Ann Arbor and our District meeting is on July 31 at St. Johns in Davison. Grand Knight, Program Director and Membership Director should attend these meetings. I'm working on a date in August for our District Officers Installation

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless, we beseech thee, all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lived and reigned with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



COR PROGRAM BUILDING

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen

their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

Our next COR Program is July 17, 6:30pm in the Knights Hall and will be every two weeks. All men of the parish are welcome to come and enjoy growing in their spiritual walk with others.



MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Brother Knights, I am Doug Powell and our new Worthy Grand Knight Patrick Bisson has asked me to assume his position as Membership Director. For those that don't know me, I am a newly confirmed member of the Catholic faith. I would be honored to know you and your family.

I am a Third Degree Member of the renowned Council 8669 and a new Fourth Degree and Three-Year Trustee of Assembly 2211. Although new to the task, I fully intend, with the help of God, Church and you my Worthy Brothers to grow our Council for the precepts Blessed Father

McGivney intended: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus! Doug Powell
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MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



I am your new Deputy Grand Knight/

Program Director. The Grand Knight and I have many plans for this upcoming year and are very excited to embark on this new chapter in Council 8669's history. As you all know, we have a new parish pastor and brother in our council, Fr. Brian Lenz. The goal of our council, as of right now, is to make his transition into his role as smooth as possible. If Fr. Brian needs any help with anything, I implore you to lend a hand. This month is going to be a big learning month for the council, as we have many people in new positions, so please bear with us as

we fall into the swing of things. An important emphasis is the fluency of council operations and how we might be able to improve on several aspects. Many ideas are still far from being put into action, but in the future, we pray that they may come to fruition and be fruitful. Lastly, in the next few months, there will be many opportunities to volunteer, so if you are willing and able, reach out and volunteer. If you have any suggestions or questions, reach out to me and I will find you an answer. Vivat Jesus! Paul Sharpe

MESSAGE FROM FAITH DIRECTOR

Faith is a five-letter word that has implications far beyond our ability to comprehend.

However, even though we cannot fully grasp the power of faith, it is what we are called to have as the very foundation of Christianity, giving full reverence to and trusting in God. In John's Gospel, Christ asked Thomas and the other apostles in the upper room after His resurrection this very important

question and then expressed what comes from faith. Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:27-29, NAB

The less we rely on what the world has to offer and understand the magnitude of faith in the Word, the richer our spiritual lives become.

Brother Knights, ask yourself this question: are you living according to the plan the living Word has written for you, or are you living the plan that the world has written for you?

Faith Director Todd Ostrowski



Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.

Matthew 21:22

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Outside Guard: Chad Sharpe
Membership Director: Doug Powell
Family Director: Bill Stroup
Faith Director: Todd Ostrowski

**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
BLESSED FATHER MCGIVNEY**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Father McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that

we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Father McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*) Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

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**Blessed Father
McGivney**