

# THE COMPASS



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Worthy Friends,

This month, we mourn the passing of two more dear friends. Our faith draws us together in worship. In worship, we travel many roads with other people. For lack of a better word, we call these people “friends,” but sometimes that word is not expressive enough. These people are companions, compatriots in a cause, fellow servants before the hand of the Lord. Over the years, we travel many roads with these compatriots. As we near the end of our individual roads, we look back and wonder what road it was we had traveled with these people. Was it the road to the church, or was it the road to Emmaus?

**Deacon Carl Thelin** was the quintessential servant. His kindness sprang from deep within a servant’s soul. His honesty came through loud and clear from the pulpit. His messages were both accessible and deeply felt. His labor for our parish, for his hospital ministries, and for his devotion to faith formation through education will long live within the heart of St. Paul the Apostle Parish. As late as last Fall, he was still doing the Wednesday Benedictions in our Chapel. Our Church chose well when it answered Carl’s call into the ordained ministry. He will be missed as a man who was blessed with both strength and kindness of heart. May God comfort Barbara and the rest of the family. And may the Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Deacon Carl’s services will consist of a Rosary beginning at 9:00 AM and followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

### Deacon Carl Henry Thelin

AUGUST 12, 1936 - January 24, 2020

**Vince Kelly** was indeed a study in friendship. He was a close friend to many of us through the different networks he was a part of. He was a charter member of our council, a long-time member of the St. Paul Youth Choir and Orchestra, a representative of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a charter member of *The Wise Guys*, and, most recently, he had volunteered to serve on the St. Paul Classical School Advisory Council. He taught us how to transcend loss: how to go on after the loss of his passion for teaching and singing due to his voice impairment, and most tragically, how to go on after the loss of his daughter and two beloved wives, Rita and Teddy. Vince was one of the smartest guys I was ever blessed to know. He was indeed both a gentleman and a scholar. May the sparkle in his eye inspire us all to keep enduring, keep growing, and keep learning. And may the Perpetual Light shine upon him.

A virtual memorial service for Vince will be held on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM with a Prelude Slide Show beginning at 4:45 PM. If you would like to participate in this event, please let me know and I will pass the Zoom Invitation on to you. I can be reached at 214-868-8263 and wfeldridge916@gmail.com.

### Vincent Peter Kelly

AUGUST 29, 1930 - January 15, 2020

Vivat Jesus,

– Bill Eldridge

### ***FAMILY OF THE MONTH***

For their dedicated help with the Memorial Mass and the Veteran's Day Parade, we present our January Family of the Month Award to **Robin and Suzanne Delcambre**. As the leader of our sister organization, The Catholic Daughters, Suzanne initiated and organized this year's Memorial Mass in November. She worked with our council in displaying the table in front of the altar with the framed rosters of our departed Knights and Catholic Daughters. Robin contributed to our Veteran's Day Parade for the St. Paul School with solemn playing of Taps to close the event. Both Robin and Suzanne have long been part of our parish music ministry with the St. Paul Youth Choir and Orchestra. For these things and the many things this family will do in the future for our parish and our council, we are pleased to make this presentation.

### ***KNIGHT OF THE MONTH***

For his single-handedly organizing an end-of-year parish food drive that generated over seven thousand pounds of food donations for Catholic Charities and Network Ministries, we recognize Brother **Rick Donnelly**. Rick's bold vision in motivating the parish to donate along with his ability to draw volunteers from his own networks made this effort an inspiration as to what one man can do in service. Rick has been our council Treasurer for as many years as the records go back. He manages our books with the calm assurance of a true professional. He participates in an Archangel Ministry of Service. He leads a weekly prayer service for the ACTS community. Rick, you are a Knight for the Ages, and we appreciate everything you do for our parish and for our council.

### ***NO NEIGHBOR LEFT BEHIND***

In light of the Covid Pandemic, our Order has initiated a program called "No Neighbor Left Behind." This program encourages each council to reach out to its membership in an effort to provide comfort and solace to its members during these times of isolation. Over the last couple of months, our council has debated the creation of a Relief

Fund that reflects the current economic realities and pulls our council into a more meaningful bond of brotherhood in the spirit of Father McGivney. Our council bylaws already contained the provision for a Relief Fund. We decided the best way to institute a No Neighbor Left Behind Relief Fund is to amend our bylaws to accommodate the new fund.

Below, I've included the original Article VI Section 5 followed by the proposed amended section. In order to change the bylaws, we need a two-thirds majority in two consecutive votes. This means we will need a quorum of at least twelve members present for each of the next two council meetings. The January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be via Zoom. We expect the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to be virtual as well.

**Article VI Section 5** as written in the existing Council By-Laws:

Section 5. The sum of 100.00 shall be paid from the General Fund to the Financial Secretary and shall be known as the Relief Fund. A Relief Committee shall be composed of the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Treasurer and shall investigate the case of any brother who is reported to be in distress or in need of relief. If, in the Committee's judgment, the case is one deserving of assistance, the Committee shall have power to draw from this Relief Fund such reasonable sum of money to afford assistance as the circumstances of the case may require, provided that in no single case shall more than 50.00 be paid out without reference to and approval by the Council.

**Proposed Amendment to Article VI (Funds) Section 5 Dated January 7, 2021**

Section 5.

A Fund titled the No Neighbor Left Behind Fund shall be established to aid members of Council 12021 in cases of immediate financial need. The Fund will exist within the General Council Funds. The primary source of the Fund will be a voluntary dues assessment for said Fund. Dues receipts in excess of the assessed values will be applied to this Fund unless otherwise earmarked. Recipients

and/or petitioners of aid must be a current member of Council #12021. Petitioners may make a request for aid on behalf of themselves or another council member.

A Relief Committee shall be composed of the three elected trustees who shall investigate the case of any brother who is reported to be in distress or in need of relief. The decision for disbursement of funds will be the sole responsibility of the three elected Trustees. Each petition will be reviewed, and any disbursement amount will be determined by the Trustees' exclusive vote. Their decision will be final. In case the petitioner is one of the trustees, the Grand Knight will assume that position and become the third voting person. In cases of simultaneous requests, it will be at the discretion of the trustees which request will take precedence.

If, in the Committee's judgment, the case is one deserving of assistance, the Committee shall have power to draw from said Fund such reasonable sum of money to afford assistance as the circumstances of the case may require, provided that no single case shall be awarded more than \$250.00. The identities of recipients of emergency disbursements will be kept confidential.

### ***FUNDRAISERS ON HOLD FOR NOW***

In light of the latest surge in the COVID-19 virus, we will postpone our January Bingo Night. It also appears as if our Spring Creek Barbecue fundraiser will also have to be postponed.

### ***VETERAN'S DAY PARADE WAS AN UNPARALLELED SUCCESS***

It was a beautiful day and an excellently planned event. Joe Prampin came through in spades for this one. **Steve Schmitt, Mike Reiman, and Ron Keptner** drove cars that the kids thought were from a different planet. **Pablo Gonzalez and Miguel Torres** gave accounts of their time in service. The Fourth Degree Color Corps were there as were Junior ROTC cadets from Richardson High School. **Father Szatkowski** delivered a touching benediction. **Robin Delcambre** concluded the event by playing *Taps*. It was a day that the students and all of us will surely remember.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Wed, Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Thu, Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	January Membership Meeting Zoom Format, Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Thu, Jan. 21, 7:30 pm	January Officer Planning Meeting (Place and Format TBD)
Thu, Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	February Business Meeting (Place and format TBD)



January 4: **Ken Brown**  
 January 5: **Wil Zihlman**  
 January 6: **Brian Eason**  
 January 7: **Pat Costigan**  
 January 10: **John Gallent**

January 11: **Dan O'Connell**  
 January 15: **Ronnie Bethea**  
 January 22: **Joe Semler**  
 January 30: **Eric Dahlgren**

**REGULAR FUNDRAISING**

Our regular fundraising endeavors:

*Donating Blood:*

We are number 22058 with Carter Blood Care

*Tom Thumb:*

Good Neighbor Program No. 54476

*Albertsons:*

Community Partner No. 49000119848

*Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program:*

Bar Code No. 10000081304

*Compass Bank:*

When opening an account refer to our Affinity code 87719

Forms for all of the above are available at each meeting from our Financial Secretary.

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