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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Lights Out, Doors Locked — R.I.P. Deacon Paul Most of us have experienced the sense that settles over us after turning out the lights and securing a facility at the conclusion of an event. The dark silence of a venue, once the activity has ended, causes strong feelings to set in: relief, gratitude, peace, contentment, a little sadness. **Deacon Paul Reittinger** served many ministries during his tenure at St. Paul, but I encountered him most when he was turning off the lights and securing the premises which he did for many years. Working alone and unpretentiously, almost ghostly in mien, this good man, thousands of nights, must have experienced the silent, humble gratification that set in as he walked from the secured facilities through

Now Deacon Paul has turned out the lights and locked the doors for the last time, good and faithful servant that he was. But he will always continue to touch us. His humility, his kindness, his soft-spoken-ness are now part of everyone who has been blessed to have experienced the good graces of this man. He left us the example of saying "yes" to callings, whether they be to the clergy or to other positions of service. Let us pray that we can all answer our calls to serve so that we too can experience the silent graces that flow as we walk away from a job well done.

Thank you, Deacon Paul. Rest well. Vivat Jesus,

a lamp-lit parking lot toward his car.

- Bill Eldridge

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month Award for April, 2022 goes to **Frank and Ilene Kehoe**. These two individuals have long been pillars of our community. We recognize Ileen for her decades long service to the St. Paul Music Ministry. Her voice has raised our spirits through every season of the year, Christmas, Easter, in mourning, and in joy. Ilene has definitely made the Blessed Virgin smile.

Frank is a long-time member of the Knights as well as being one of our in-house Biblical Scholars. Several years ago, he and his daughter Sara wrote an excellent fictional account of the prophet known as Second Isaiah titled *Isaiah: By the Streams of Babylon*. The chilling scenes of the Jews' return from exile in Babylon to the ruins of their sacred Jerusalem have the power to haunt any reader seeking his or her own return to Jerusalem. Frank also attended a Knights Officers' Retreat several years ago in which he brought to life Henryk Sienkiewicz's *Quo Vadis*. Frank is still active in the parish Bible Study group. He also serves the Evangelical Committee as a volunteer with the RCIA Program.

It is with deep appreciation of Frank and Ilene Kehoe that we award them the April Family of the Month Award.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month Award for April 2022 goes to one of our young members who displays a wisdom beyond his age and an ability to work with and relate to people of all ages. **Stephen Linkletter** ushers at 11:00 Mass, and he does so with the calm confidence of one well versed in the dignity and solemnity of the Mass. Stephen has approached the council with ideas that would never have occurred to one of the older guys. We

have a good cadre of young members, and Stephen stands as a potential leader among them. Our founding Grand Knight Lou Lenzer used to say, "you can't use buzzards for bait" meaning that no organization can draw good members without having good members already aboard and visible. Stephen is one of those members who has the potential to go where he wants in the council. We are grateful to have a man like this in our midst, and we pray that he travels a long road with the Knights of Columbus.

MAY EVENTS

Knights to Lead Scriptural Rosary in memory of Deacon Paul Reittinger

Our council will lead the Rosary to honor Deacon Paul on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 PM in St. Paul Church. Our regularly scheduled council meeting will commence at 8:00 in the East Room of the Parish Center with an abbreviated agenda. We will have light snacks, beverages, and a program from our Worthy Lecturer on Our Lady of Fatima

ORCHID SALES TO SUPPORT WHITE ROSE PREGNANCY CENTER

After the Masses on the weekend of May 7th and 8th, our council will sell Mothers Day Orchids to benefit the White Rose. Think about treating the special women in your life.

BLUE MASS TO HONOR OUR LOCAL POLICE, FIRE FIGHTERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

On Saturday, May 9th, at 9:00 AM, St. Paul Parish will host a Blue Mass initiated by Fourth Degree Assembly 2266 under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Chris Curto. We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers to serve beneath the school awning for after the Mass. Please support our local heroes and Fourth Degree Assembly 2266.

FIRST COUNCIL 12021 BRAGGING NIGHT OUT

On Thursday evening, May 12th, our council will host a night of friendly competition in darts and pool. This will commence at 7:00 PM at the Fox and Hound on the northwest quadrant of Campbell Road and Central Expressway. Come out and

establish some bragging rights. The first round is on the GK!

BINGO IS BACK

On Saturday, May 14th, our council will host dinner and Bingo for the Parish following 5:30 PM Mass. Please come and help, but also please come and bring your family and friends and see if you've got the luck of the good bingo card. Support of this activity by either volunteering or dining and playing bingo will help our council with the many good programs that we support.

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2022 9am

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 720 S Floyd Rd Richardson Tx 75080



A celebration of first responders



Rev. John M. Szatkowski will preside at the Mass co-hosted by Knights of Columbus Assembly 2266 and Knights of Columbus Council 12021



Firefighting apparatus and other emergency vehicles will be on site for viewing.

Immediately following Mass hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be served.

ALL ARE INVITED

For more info contact Chris Curto 214 725 5262



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Thursday, May 5 th	Rosary in Memory of Deacon Paul Reittinger, 7:30 PM in the church
Thursday, May 5 th	Membership meeting at the Parish Center, East Room (8:00 PM - Door Code 18820#)
Saturday and Sunday, May 7 th and 8 th	Mothers Day Orchid Sales after each Mass
Saturday, May 7 th	Blue Mass Honoring First Responders 9:00 AM in the church
Thursday, May 12 th	First Bragging Night Out at the Fox and Hound 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 14 th	Bingo and Dinner in the West Room of the Parish Center after 5:30 PM Mass
Thursday, May 19 th	Officer/Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Parish Center, East Room, Door Code 18820#
Thursday, June 2 nd	Membership meeting at the Parish Center, East Room (7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 Meeting - Door Code 18820#)



May 2	Emmanuel Onyenwere
May 13	Nick Lagrassa
May 15	Pablo Gonzalez
May 17	Justin McKinney
May 18	Mark Stefaniak
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REGULAR FUNDRAISING

Our regular fundraising endeavors:

Donating Blood:

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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