



Grand Knight's Message

On January 7th, we held our annual Blue Mass to honor first responders in our area for their courage and commitment in protecting and saving lives. It was very gratifying to see so many people in church supporting these brave men and women. Not only were there many Catholics in attendance, but there were many non-Catholics as well. Thank you, Dick Elson, for doing a spectacular job in organizing and coordinating this great event. Many thanks as well to those who helped with setup, cooking, serving the food, and cleaning up afterward. Setup was particularly impressive. Typically, we get 6 or 7 guys to set up the hall for an event. There must have been 20 guys setting

up the hall the night before the event. It went very, very fast with so much help. Thank you, Brothers. The first responders were very appreciative, as many of them expressed their thanks to the Knights of Columbus for doing this for them. It began with a procession into the church followed by Mass. After Mass, during the blessing of the vehicles, a law enforcement helicopter circled the church several times. All this took place with a bagpipe playing and the presence of our color corps and the color guard of the various first responder agencies. It was quite impressive. The other event we had in January was our Tri-tip in the Rain Dinner. Thank you, Frank Holmes, for being so conscientious and exhibiting

attention to detail in making the preparations for the success of this dinner. From coordinating ticket sales on the plaza to making necessary arrangements with Brother Knights, Frank made sure all bases were covered. His commitment is something we should all strive for. We are very fortunate that Frank transferred to our Council. We will have a first degree at February's meeting and a 2nd and 3rd degree on February 25th. What a great opportunity for those of you who are still 1st degree Knights to advance to full Knighthood. You don't have to go out of town, plus, you get a free lunch. Take advantage of this, Brothers. I hope to see you there.

**Mel Mattos,
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
February 7th, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
Don't Come Alone
Bring A Fellow Knight!**

Don't forget to meet in the Church on every second Friday of the month for the 5:45 PM for the Knights' Memorial Mass and a Rosary afterward in memory of the unborn.

Did you know that there is plenty of time to go to mass before the meeting each month? It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. See you there!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Wouldn't you know it, Lent is upon us already—Ash Wednesday is February 22. What does Lent mean for Knights of St. Joseph's Council 10644? It means Fish Fry's, of course. Why are these fish fry's the most joyful times we ever have in our hall? There is more good fellowship, more good cheer, more good will during these fishy dinners than any other event that

I know of. I think this is the reason: we love Lent, because Lent means simplicity. It means everybody has a simple dinner, breaking bread together in humility and joy. There is great joy in simplicity. So *simplify* this Lent—eat just a little fish for dinner, spend time in prayer, spend time with family and friends, and turn that blasted TV or computer off so you can

talk with each other. After the Fish Fry, don't neglect your prayers—come to the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 in the Church. May God give us all a blessed and joyful Lent!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Illo
Pastor
St. Joseph's
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CELEBRATE!

Member Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Marc Abenoja | 2-1 |
| Rick Dinubilo | 2-1 |
| Mark Hunter | 2-1 |
| George Sanchez | 2-3 |
| Christopher Bengochea | 2-5 |
| Henry Mendoza | 2-5 |
| Pat Ringer | 2-5 |
| Tony DeCaro | 2-7 |
| Dave Wharton | 2-8 |
| Andy Gonzales | 2-11 |
| Doug Lammey | 2-11 |
| Efram Florendo | 2-12 |
| Al Gonzales | 2-14 |
| Robert Hemsley | 2-14 |
| Norbert Mendonca Jr | 2-14 |
| Mike Grodt | 2-15 |
| Tyson Murphy | 2-17 |
| Brandon Harker | 2-18 |
| Tim Dickert | 2-20 |
| Dick Elson | 2-20 |
| Ed Ibarra | 2-21 |
| John Karaz | 2-23 |
| Jeff McCarthy | 2-24 |
| Sean Garcia | 2-25 |
| Jesse Cristerna | 2-26 |
| Bob Yanko | 2-27 |

Ladies' Birthdays

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|--------------------|------|
| Jennifer Richmond | 2-4 |
| Sandra Uyeshiro | 2-12 |
| Monica Gonzales | 2-13 |
| Hally ilda Deuser | 2-14 |
| Aylene Wee | 2-16 |
| Frances Ann Carney | 2-17 |
| Debbie Goulart | 2-17 |
| Julita Casiano | 2-17 |
| Kristi Marsella | 2-17 |
| Andrea Hemsley | 2-18 |
| Rose Mary Law | 2-23 |
| Cheryl Driggs | 2-24 |
| Iceana Walsh | 2-25 |

Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Amanda & James Towne | 2-2-85 |
| Karen & Nick Wright | 2-4-78 |
| Kim & Jim McDoal | 2-5-05 |
| Debbie & Don Cavagnaro | 2-8-75 |
| Margaret & Mark Hunter | 2-10 |
| Margaret & Bob Offermann | 2-11-50 |
| Alejandra & Hugo Fausto | 2-12-05 |
| Patricia & Ray Chavarria | 2-14-94 |
| Maryann & Gary Koblentz | 2-15-78 |
| Hally Hilda & Worrell Deuser | 2-17-45 |
| Sue & Ed Gamboa | 2-25 |
| Maria & Victor Lopez Jr | 2-27-99 |
| Kelly & Amado Valencia Jr | 2-27 |
| Mary & John Mullins | 2-28-76 |



FEBRUARY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Officer Meeting JP II Room 4, Vatican | 7 Council Meeting 1 st Degree | 8 | 9 | 10 Memorial Mass 5:45 pm | 11 |
| 12 Parish Breakfast | 13 | 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Ash Wednesday | 23 | 24 Fish Fry | 25 2 nd and 3 rd Degree |
| 26 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | |

Sunshine Chairman

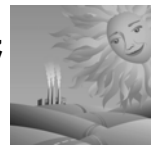
We need to pray for the following Brothers: Tony Lee, Ed Ibarra, Ray Jones, Scott Fernandes, Mike Miranda, Dave Scott, Dan Dwyer, Jim Standart, Bill McClure, Gerardo Dequeiroz, Manuel Sylvia, Herb Saska, and Monsignor Conrad Gruber. Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire;

Joyce Earl; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Joan Castagna; Hilda Sylvia; Patricia Dinubilo; Robert Hemsley's son, Jeremy; Eleanor Karaz; and Wilma Lee.

Pray, as always, for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, our parish priests, and our troops wherever they are stationed.

You can reach me at 527-6958 with news of any Brother or family member who is ill or in any distress.

John Karaz

**Grodt's Notes**

Please remember that we have a 1st Degree scheduled this month during the meeting on the 7th. If you have a candidate bring them at 6:30 for the Degree. There is also the 2nd & 3rd Degree scheduled for Saturday, February 25th. If you

brought a new Knight into the Council please call them and bring them to the Exemplification. Please, call or email me with names of all of those planning on attending.

Also, please keep your dues payments arriving in the mail, if you have a hardship call me or write me a note.

Mike Grodt
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012
Brother Knights

Happy New Year to all my Brothers! As Catholics, our new year begins at Advent. We have our own special start then. As citizens we celebrate the annual festivities of a new calendar year. I want to wish you all the safest of new years and to remind all my Brothers that the safest way to start the New Year is to protect all we own. Our loved ones cling on to our support and love, and when we leave they lose them both. We can show them as a Catholic gentleman, the responsibility we have by leaving them with Catholic protection, and, I might add, the finest of Catholic protection. This will enable them to weather the storms of survival through your love and your intelligent management of your assets.

- ◆ Our annuities can be obtained in 2012 for tax obligations of 2011, but you must act quickly. This is a time sensitive decision.
- ◆ Our Long Term Care is budget friendly and you can modify the plan to create your own affordable premium.
- ◆ Of course, the finest of life insurance is available and this is the time to look at the safety of a plan from your Brotherhood.

Wishing you and yours a responsible start to the New Year leaves me open to your availability. I am here for you my Brothers and you only.

Please call me for a quick review and some tax saving advice for 2012.

May the Good Lord be with you this new season.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Julio Valadez
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ADVOCATE'S ADVICE

The following excerpt is from Notebook I paragraph 474-475. In this entry, St. Faustina is inspired with the words used in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Keep in mind that this is happening in September 1935. I will let this awe inspiring story speak for itself.

“In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw an Angel, the executor of divine wrath. He was clothed in a dazzling robe, his face gloriously bright, a cloud beneath his feet. From the cloud, bolts of thunder and flashes of lightning were springing into his hands; and from his hand they were going forth, and only then were they striking the earth. When I saw this sign of divine wrath which was about to strike the earth, and in particular a certain place, which for good reasons I cannot name, I began to implore the Angel to hold off for a few moments, and the world would do penance. But my plea was a mere nothing in

the face of the divine anger. Just then I saw the Most Holy Trinity. The greatness of Its majesty pierced me deeply, and I did not dare to repeat my entreaties. At that very moment, I felt in my soul the power of Jesus' grace, which dwells in my soul. When I became conscious of this grace, I was instantly snatched up before the Throne of God. Oh, how great is our Lord and God and how incomprehensible His holiness! I will make no attempt to describe this greatness, because before long we shall all see Him as He is. I found myself pleading with God for the world with words heard interiorly.

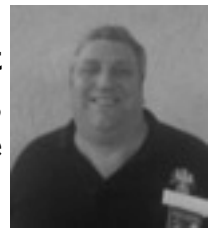
“As I was praying in this manner, I saw the Angel's helplessness: he could not carry out the just punishment which was rightly due for sins. Never before had I prayed with such inner power as I did then.”

“The words with which I entreated God are these: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and**

Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us.”

May the peace of Christ be with you and yours always!

Robert Hemsley, Advocate



In case you didn't see one already, here is a picture from the Blue Mass.



Jokes

With Valentines, we think of love and of course the song, "That's amore." Here is a slightly different version.

When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie:

That's amore.

When an eel bites your hand, and that's not what you planned:

That's a moray.

When our habits are strange and our customs deranged

That's our mores.

When your horse munches straw and the bales total four

That's some more hay.

When Othello's poor wife, she gets stabbed with a knife

That's a Moor, eh?

When a Japanese knight

used a sword in a fight That's Sa...mur...ai.

Here are some love related definitions:

LONGEVITY

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

PROPENSITY TO CHANGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he

doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

My Brother Knights,
I was sad to learn of the passing of Sir Knight, Bill Vermillon, on Friday, the 13th of January. Bill was a Knight that would step up to the plate when things needed to get done.

At a council meeting several years ago, I asked for help in recruiting new members to our Council, Bill came up after the meeting and asked what he could do. We talked about a membership table

at our events and Bill said he would do it. That was the last time I had to ask because Bill took it on his own after that and was at every event that he could make. I am sure that you can remember seeing him at one event or another, can't you? Rest In Peace, Brother, you were a shining Knight.

Rick Dinubilo,
Past Grand Knight
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Lecturer's Notes:

I want to share MY Cliff Note's version of a very old story that relates to the liturgical season that we are soon to embark upon. This is my version so it will surely lack the depth and beauty you would find if you actually read it yourself. But, here we go:

Deep in the Old Testament you may stumble upon the book of Job. Job was a very fortunate man with seven sons and three daughters. Knowing that his children were privileged and liked to party, he made it a point to always pray for them and ask God's pardon in case they did something to offend God. He owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, at least a thousand oxen and five hundred she-donkeys with enough servants and employees to take care of his affairs. The bible tells us that "he was greater than anyone in the East" (1:3). Job was a very wealthy and powerful man, the likes of Donald Trump or Bill Gates today. Then, as now, a lot of people who achieve such status think they are responsible for their own greatness, forget about God and take all credit for all their own achievement. We often see that today in sports or in Hollywood when someone like Charley Sheen becomes a bit full of himself; then get's a very public smack down.

Job was a righteous man. One day, the evil one approached God regarding him and complained that the only reason he was faithful was because God lavished him with whatever he wanted. He said that Job's faith was just as

shallow as any other man and that if God would take away some of his success he too would turn against God like other less fortunate men of the world. God, knowing the heart of his servant gave permission to the evil one to put Job to the test. And that's exactly what happened; the enemy made Job's life miserable.

In one fell swoop, the servants of the evil one stole all of Job's livestock, killed or kidnapped his servants and killed all of his children. It was a bad day for Job and he was deeply saddened but he kept faith in God. How did Job respond to this?

***"Then Job arose and tore his cloak and cut off his hair. He fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, 'Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I go back there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!'" In all this Job did not sin, nor did he charge God with wrong."* – Job 1:20-22**

This is how Job responded to the first attack that the enemy hit him with, there would be more to follow. Even his wife and friends gave him bad advice when they told him to take the easy way out and curse God. The rest of the story is about Job working through the devil's tests.

One of the great reasons Job is in the Old Testament is to give us a pattern to live our lives by. After he lost everything Job immediately reminded himself that God is in charge; ***"Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked***

shall I go back there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!" It's that detachment from self that Ash Wednesday and Lent are meant to bring us to. It's that detachment from persons and possessions that brings us face to face with God. During this season we have the opportunity to tear down our selfish old selves and be re-fashioned in God's own image as was Job. The book of Job is a great read during Lent because it reminds us that we don't have to fall into the traps that the enemy sets for us. It's not easy but we **CAN** win the battle.

**Ed Ibarra,
Lecturer**



February business meeting is on Thursday February 7th at 7:00pm. Mass for the deceased Knights of this Council is on Friday, February 10th, at 5:45 PM followed by adoration and confession. We have a parish breakfast on the 12th. Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd; Lent immediately follows. Along with Fish Fry Friday's and Stations of the Cross February will be a busy month. We should all resolve to make a good lent, attend Stations and the Parish Mission, and give up something meaningful while doing something meaningful for our faith. If you invite someone to a Fish Fry invite them also to Stations of the Cross; you could change their world. And don't forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually. We also have a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications on the 25th. Come see the new version.

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