



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, I would like to start by thanking all my Brother Knights who got in and made are first two fish fry's a big success. Thank You! I would especially like to thank our Deputy Grand Knight (DGK), Mike Miranda. When no one else stepped up to chair the first fish fry, Brother Mike, already busy with multiple other responsibilities, took the reins and chaired! What an example of charity. We still have two fish fry's and a soup dinner left during this Lenten season. We are still in need of a Chair for the two fish fry's. We can't, nor

should we, expect the DGK to cover both of these as well. We need others to step forward and volunteer to chair events. Most of the work for the evenings is already completed, so if you are interested in chairing one of these events, please see Mike Miranda or me. We will assist you in knowing what little is left to do. We will be having a 2nd and 3rd degree on March 16, 2013. If you are still at the level of first or second degree, please see Robert Hemsley and get signed up. We will need all our brothers who can attend to be there to support the candidates

and the 2nd and 3rd degree team. There is a new format, so even if you already have completed your degrees, you can see what the new format looks like.

As you all should know by now, we are in a state of *Sedes Vacans* (vacant seat, referring to the chair of Peter being empty), due to our Holy Father retiring. Please pray to the Holy Spirit to increase the Cardinals' wisdom, as they prepare to elect the new Pope.

Michael Vigil, Grand Knight



**Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
April 2nd, 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 Memorial Mass for deceased Knights and a Respect Life Rosary afterward. In February, there were **15** Brothers present. Were you one of them? Will you be there in April?*

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. Will YOU be at daily mass during the month of March? Masses at 8 AM or 5:45 PM during the week and 8 AM on Sat.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear brother Knights,
As men in today's modern world we have great responsibility. Each of us must strive to be a "righteous man" like St. Joseph. We must guide and protect our families and our loved ones from the dangers of our society. Many of you are husbands and fathers of families. That means that you hold a place of authority within your family. You might say that you are sitting on the "throne" reigning over the castle which is your home. You must do so with strength, wisdom and love. You must be firm but loving with your children and cooperate with your wife who reigns alongside you as queen. You must be the head of the home without being headstrong. You must control the family without being controlling. You must oversee the domain without being domineering. You must oppose evil without being oppressive.

Pope Benedict XVI has been reigning as pope for eight years. From his position on the "Chair of Peter" he has governed the Universal Church with strength, wisdom and love. He has been a good "Holy Father" for the family of the church. But now that his strength is diminishing he is

giving us a good example of humility. He is not holding onto power and control in an inordinate way. Our beloved Pope Benedict has truly been a humble servant of God's people. He has served for eight years as pope, for 36 years as a bishop and cardinal, and for 62 years as a priest. In his first words as pope on his election day, Pope Benedict spoke in a humble way: "Dear Brothers and Sisters: After the great Pope John Paul II, the Lord Cardinals have elected me, a simple and humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord. I am consoled by the fact that the Lord knows how to act, even with inadequate instruments and above all I entrust myself to your prayers."

God will reward Pope Benedict XVI for his tireless service and for being humble enough to step down from the throne which is chair of power. Jesus himself spoke of this idea of a "chair" of legitimate spiritual power: "*The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.*" (Matthew 23:2-3)

In the Old Testament the spiritual leaders sat on the chair

of Moses; in the time of the Church the legitimate spiritual leaders sit on the chair of Peter. In the apse of St. Peter's Basilica there is a huge symbolic chair that has a stone embedded within it which is said to be the stone upon which St. Peter sat as the first pope. In the words he used to announce his retirement, Pope Benedict referred twice to the ancient, biblical image of the "chair." He did this to emphasize that the power of the keys belongs to whoever is seated on the "seat of Peter," which is what is meant by the phrase "The **Holy See**" (Latin: *Sancta Sedes*, Italian: *Santa Sede*). Here are the pope's actual words: "...as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, **the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter**, will be vacant..."

Pope Benedict is unseating himself from the "Chair of Peter" during the Year of Faith. He is teaching us that in order to be men of faith we must be humble and always remember that God is in charge! You can find the complete version of this letter online. Sincerely,

**Father Mark Wagner
Chaplain and Pastor,
St. Joseph's Parish**



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Prayer requests are made for our Brothers: Emil Carney & his wife Frances; Dan Dwyer; Tony Lee & his wife Wilma; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife Ruth, Adrian Catrino District Deputy and Msgr. Conrad Gruber, 4th Degree Chaplin.

Also please remember Patricia Dinubilo mother of Rick Dinubilo; the family of John Gorman; Janice Illo mother

of Fr. Joseph Illo and Sharon Iorn mother of Matt Iorn. Let us all pray for the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, Rev Bishop Stephen Blair, our Parish Priests and all of the Troops who are stationed in harm's way. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit protect and guide the Papal Conclave as they convene to select the new Bishop of Rome!

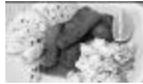
The Holy Father's Intentions for Prayer – March, That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

If you have any updates on the prayer requests we have mentioned or if you know of anyone in need of prayer, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or mccave@yahoo.com.

John McCave



MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Crab Feed
3	4 Officer's Meeting JPII Room 4, Vatican	5 Council Meeting 1 st Degree Fr. O'Hare-Hall	6	7	8 Memorial Mass and Rosary  Fish Fry	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Fish Fry 	16 2 nd and 3 rd Degree Fr. O'Hare Hall
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22 Soup Dinner	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday
31 EASTER						

You can find the events for other months on the Council website, kofc10644.org.

Members' Birthdays

Ben Laura	3-2
Alonzo Castillo	3-4
Michael Callahan	3-7
Henry Ficken	3-7
Thomas Muise	3-7
Richard Goeken	3-10
Julian Ortiz	3-10
William Willette	3-10
Ron Martorana	3-12
Rick Serpa	3-13
Kent Harker	3-16
James Wilson	3-20
Benito Ramirez	3-21
Chris Powers	3-25
Roger Farias Sr	3-28
John Mullins	3-28
Loy Sagrado	3-29
Ed Hough	3-30
Richard Ward	3-31

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Ladies' Birthdays

Kristine Rocca	3-2
Camille Iorns	3-4
Pat Boucher	3-6
Sally Cleary	3-6
Annette Dedini	3-6
Joan Castagna	3-8
Maria DeQueiroz	3-8
Mara Mullins	3-10
Rosanne Yanko	3-12
Edith Awuah	3-13
Susie Dickert	3-18
Mona Wildt	3-18
Mary Carol Henderson	3-20
Cathy Ochiner	3-26
Betty Mercer	3-28

Anniversaries

Linda & Pat Laubacher	3-6-82
Suny & Daniel Di Rienzo	3-10-07
Michelle & William Frey	3-11
Margaret & Victor Mayoral	3-21-92
Marietta & Owen Kummerle	3-25-2000
Sara & Jose Barajas	3-26
Gloria & Tim Benavidez	3-26-66
Sonita & Kurt Saalfeld	3-28-89
Rosario & Daniel Hernandez	3-31-79





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5. Wait I want more, if ever I decide I don’t need this anymore I want to take all the cash values and leave the plan, I want my

input with a profit. Would you take this deal?

This is how whole life insurance works! Isn’t this a great deal? Call me and I can explain how it works for you. God Bless you and your family.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Julio Valadez

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“Tempus Fugit Memento Mori”
“At death, the lawyer arrives with his bill, the accountant with his and the funeral director with his. I am the one who arrives with a check to pay those bills.”

The 2013 Golf Tournament is coming very soon. You can help by talking with anyone you know about it. We have a goal of having at least 7 foursomes lined up to play on the 18th of May, but the more we are able to recruit with your help, the more successful the event will be. You can get any and all information you need from the resources page of the Council’s website: kofc10644.com.



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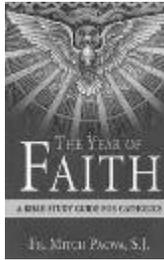
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DEPUTY DAWG'S BARK



Dear Brother Knights, Blessings to all as we pass through Lent more than half way now! I find I am still struggling with the call to increase my prayer life, not only in time devoted to prayer but also in sincerity of heart and true understanding. As Proverbs 21:5 reminds me, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance..." so I know that if I place my trust in the Lord and move forward with steady plod-ding I will prosper in this area. What better time to heal my prayer life than Lent! Last month, I mentioned that our parish avails us of many opportunities to build our spiritual life. One means is through the "Year of Faith Bible Study" based on a book by Fr. Mitch Pacwa! It meets on Tues-days in the Hall at 7:00 PM. Bring a bible and you can purchase the study book there. Thus far we have been blessed with Michael Webster's teachings on Old Testament prophesies and entering into a true relationship with Jesus. We were further blessed with Maria Delgado-Braun, who gave us a true understanding of heresies and encouraged us to delve deeper into the Creed as a DAILY prayer as the Christians of past centuries. She tells us that our faith is one that we must watch over and guard with our hearts not merely intellectually – we must keep it ever present so we may share it with others! No one seeks this goal more nor does a better job than the Knights!! I say this not out of misplaced pride, but out of deep love and respect for my Brothers. This



apostolate has forced me to grow in ways I did not believe possible! I mean, really! Look at me – I am a Deputy Grand Knight! In years past I would never have joined the group, let alone take a leadership role. This is not to my credit, but to you as you allow yourselves to be instruments in Mary and her Son's hands! Each event I sweat out; and then, each time, I am again amazed at the beauty of YOU! At the last 2 Fish Fries I have seen the true meaning of brotherhood as all pitch in: some ill, some troubled with family struggles, some looking for work (still!), some financially drowning, and many more trials, but all present and *loving!* Everyone there is working for the benefit of someone else and not themselves. This is just as Fr. McGivney would have it; and I can only hope to aspire to be as loving as these examples. Some of the Knights I haven't seen since the last Fish Fry; and I thank them for sticking with the Council! As I looked out over the crowds of faithful, I saw smiling and laughing faces all talking with each other, expressing various means of love and caring for each other and really, true joy! I call out to those Knights who have not been able to be with us lately. Come be with your brothers! We miss you and need you in our family. In the meantime, we pray for you every month at our meetings and hope in love that you will return soon! There are 3 more dinners left this Lent – The Crab Feed, another Fish Night and the beloved Soup Night! And, as always, I reach out to invite you to come to our monthly meeting as well! It is not just a time that we enlist volunteers for our many charities as I heard once, but also a time to join together in prayer, unity, and fraternity. You only have to listen to our many intentions at the prayer segment of our meeting to

know how closely knit we are and how very much we need each other in Christ. I hope to see you and your friends and family at all the upcoming events!

Here's another opportunity to grow in prayer!

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J.

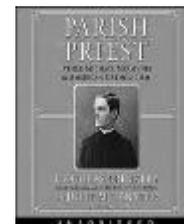
McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

You can also read this Lenten season the book "Parish Priest" about the life of Fr. Michael McGivney, his priestly identity, his huge heart and kindly soul, as well as his zealous nature toward helping others that brought about the Knights of Columbus!

Your faithful Deputy Grand Knight,

Michael Miranda



Moraca's Message

Fellow Knights,
 Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues, if you have not yet paid please keep those dues payments coming. If you are experiencing difficulty in these trying economic times please contact me or the Grand Knight in order to make arrangements for your dues. Along with your receipt and new membership card you will have received a new phone list. I have received many new addresses in the last 6 months. If you have moved please take a few minutes to review your phone number, on the phone list, for correctness. I know that most moves do not require a phone number change but since some do please let me know if I do not have your correct phone numbers. Thank you all.

Sam Moraca
Financial Secretary



Membership Memo

My dear Brother Knights,
 By the time you read this we will have had a couple of fish fries behind us and probably the crab dinner, and I'm sure they went well. I would like to write about members in action and the ones that stand out in my mind our Marty Reis and Ed Hough who volunteered to chair the crab feed. They took on this project with one objective and that was to be successful, they organized sub committees for set up, clean up, bar, ticket sales etc. I have no

doubt that this will be a success because of the effort put out by these Brother Knights; they set an example for us all to follow.

Have wonderful
 Easter,

Rick Dinubilo,
PGK, PFN



John's Jokes

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that evolution had created. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. As he was walking along the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. When he turned to see what the cause was, he saw a 7-foot grizzly charging right towards him. He ran as fast as he could. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing, He ran even faster, crying in fear. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. His heart was

pounding and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up, but saw the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him. At that moment, the atheist cried out "Oh my God! ..." Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. Even the river stopped moving. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky, "You deny my existence for all of these years; teach others I don't exist; and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this

predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"
 The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as Christian now, but perhaps could you make the bear a Christian?"
 "Very well," said the voice. The light went out. The river ran again. And the sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear dropped his right paw ... brought both paws together ... bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful."



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Lecturer's Notes: The Lord's Prayer Part II

***"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one. If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."* - Matt 6:5-15**

Jesus, the second person of the Godhead, gives us instruction on how to address Him and what to ask for. And this is a huge clue as to how we should orient our private prayer, our worship and our lives.

I mentioned in my article last month that *"The Lord's Prayer"* is also known as *"The Perfect Prayer."* Why? Because this is the only time that Jesus said ***"This is how you are to pray ..."*** The prayer he gave is also an outline for how to pray.



Let's review the introduction and first 3 petitions in the prayer:



Our Father in heaven,
1. hallowed be your name,
2. your kingdom come, your will be done,
3. on earth as it is in heaven.

In the Old Testament God introduced Himself to His people and gave Moses Ten Commandments. The first commandment is "I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." So in the first Commandment, God gives us His name "I Am," His title "the Lord your God," and our relationship to Him "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." Jesus presumes that you know and observe all that and He summarizes it eloquently by saying ***"Our Father in Heaven."***

1. Hallowed means holy so what we are really saying is "You are so holy that even the mention of your name is holy and worthy of reverence." The second commandment states "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Long before the coming of Jesus the ancient Jews wouldn't speak the name of God because it was too holy. In our time people flippantly take God's name in vain to their own peril. Whenever I hear God's name placed next to the word "awful" I cringe and offer a firm correction. That's a particularly bad one and persons who use it should stop.
2. We serve a God of great order and organization. Every person, place and thing He has created has its purpose, and that purpose is to do His will. From the beginning, man

chose to be separated from God. But God prefers to be reunited and at the end of time, He will be with those who do His will.



3. In the end, every person, place and thing who chooses life has the hope of eternal joy ***"on earth as in heaven"*** with no more division.



I like the way that story ends. The April business meeting is on Tuesday, the 2nd at 7:00 pm. The Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this Council is on Friday, April 12th at 5:45 pm. The Respect Life Rosary is canceled during Lent in favor of the Stations of The Cross; please go! Don't forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually. Remember that Fridays in Lent are a time of fasting. We have fish fries and the crab feed in March. Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him in prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in law enforcement and the military. Pray that politicians have a conversion of heart. Pray for strong families. Above all, pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets of her enemies. Pray for our priests and for our new Holy Father.

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