



Grand Knight's Message

It is very comforting to know that in spite of my many flaws, God still supports me, guides me, and loves me. We were all created in the image and likeness of God, but, because of original sin, we are far from that image and likeness. God loves His children with all their flaws. No matter how far off course we go, God is there waiting for us to return. He never gives up on us. He forgives us totally. It is interesting to note that when Christ chose his disciples, He didn't choose the elite, the cream of the crop, so to speak. He chose ordinary men with many flaws.

Look at what these men did with God directing them! He directs us in the same way. Even with all our imperfections, God works through us and uses us to accomplish good. Whenever I am feeling down and depressed, I go into the church and just sit there. It is so peaceful. Sometimes I will read some of the readings or Gospels or the Bible. But a lot of the time I will just sit there. I always come out with a lot better outlook on things than when I went in. It's rejuvenating. I even have a friend who is not Catholic that will go into our church and sit there for

two hours at a time because of the peace it affords him. He gets a lot of flack from the people in his church for doing that, but he doesn't care. A lot of things in life can bring us down and be burdensome, but if we sit quietly and talk to God about them, things don't seem so bad anymore. Our imperfections put us in unpleasant situations, but as we talk to God and get closer to Him, we are taking a step towards His perfection and our load becomes lighter. As Jesus Christ told us, "Come follow Me, for My yoke is easy, My burden light."

**Mel Mattos,
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
September 6, 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.

We should also attend mass before each of our monthly meetings. It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. Will I see you there?

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Chaplain's Corner

I am most grateful to John McCave, PGK, and all the brothers who moved our meetings to Tuesday nights, so I can attend. Participating in our monthly meetings has been a source of joy for me, and I am so happy also to see many of our brothers at the monthlies. Thanks also to those who prepare our liquid and solid refreshments after the meetings. Knights' meetings, like any meetings, require an effort and some bit of sacrifice for all of us. But getting any

number of Catholic gentlemen together for a night of prayer, discussion, planning, and fellowship is a good thing. We have precious little time together in our modern lifestyle. Much time is spent in front of a computer, alone, or an ipad or iphone. We should make the effort to seek "facetime" with real, live human beings, and the Knights meetings afford that for us. Mother Teresa often said that "families have so little time for each other anymore—no time to smile at

each other." Even if we Knights do not put on our "smiley faces" during our formal meetings, the fact that we are *together* is most important. Thank you all for affording me the time each month to be with you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Illo
Pastor St. Joseph's
Catholic Church



CELEBRATE!

Members' Birthdays

Steve Guzman	9-1
Thomas Oliman Jr.	9-3
Raphell Taylor	9-3
Al Toschi	9-3
Douglas Hibl	9-5
Jul Sepe	9-5
Ty Hakman	9-8
Gary Koblentz	9-8
Daniel Hamilton	9-11
Bob Offermann	9-13
Dan Fitzgerald	9-14
Roque Maravilla	9-14
Gary Reggiani	9-14
Matt Iorns	9-16
Bill McClure	9-17
Michael Sarafolean	9-19
Reuben Peterson	9-20
Adrian Pino	9-20
Rev. Camilo Garcia	9-23
Jason Jackson	9-23
Joe Smoley	9-24
Ray Jones	9-25
Rey Alcares	9-26
Joe Gardella	9-26
Charles Cunningham	9-27

Donald Hancock	9-27
Victor Lopez Jr	9-27
Pat Seefeldt	9-27
Michael Mirand	9-28
Will Smith	9-28



Ladies' Birthdays

Giovanna Truncali	9-4
Odette Fattal	9-7
Dorothy Lowry	9-8
Rosario Hernandez	9-12
Toni Burkhdall	9-13
Bev Fernandes	9-13
Maryann Koblentz	9-13
Lynn Thiel	9-13
Olga Hibl	9-14
Susey Netniss	9-14
Sylvia Ficken	9-19
Evelyn Ereso	9-20
Barbara Guzman	9-20
Cindy Baccellieri	9-21
Josephine Corbeil	9-21
Dawn Powers	9-21
Nell Wancewicz	9-21
Sarah Bacay	9-22
Wesley Ann Jones	9-23
Darla Sierras	9-24

Sara Barajas	9-27
Rosalinda Farias	9-27
Gloria Benavidez	9-27
Jackie Tucker	9-27
Janet Cabrera	9-28
Susan Hamilton	9-30
Norma Muise	9-30

Anniversaries

Alvera & Don Baumgratz	9-1-58
Annette & Don Dedini	9-2-72
Iceana & John Walsh	9-3-76
Judy & Bob Shannon	9-4
Carole & Richard Ward	9-6-64
Toni & Mark Povio	9-10
Rose Mary & George Law	9-12-68
Joyce & Ron de Groot	9-13-94
Cindy & Vito Baccellieri	9-16-89
Kristi & John Marsella	9-19-92
Rosemary & Carlos Torres	9-22
Judy & Dennis Murphy	9-24-66
Laura & Kent Harker	8-31-80
Glafira & Miguel Villalobos	8-31-97
Susey & Jimi Netniss	9-25
Rosa & Bob Perry	9-28-68



SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day Officer Meeting JP II Room 4, Vatican</i>	6 Council Meeting, 7 PM	7	8	9 Parish Festival Memorial Mass	10 Parish Festival
11 Parish	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Parish	26	27	28	29	30	

Sunshine Chairman

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Tony Lee, Daniel Sciabica, Ray Jones, Scott Fernandes, Mike Miranda, Jerry Oftring, Dave Scott, James Standart, Dan Dwyer, Bob Hemsley, Anthony D'Amore, and Monsignor Conrad Gruber.

Continue to pray for

Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Ruth Oftring; Patricia Dinubilo; the eternal rest of Gloria Martinez; Toni Anderson; Angel Martinez, Jr; Valery Nolan; Jayne Cunningham; Wilma Lee and the eternal rest of Lisa Scott.

Pray 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 brothers or family members ill of in distress.

John Karaz



Grodt's Notes

The parish festival and tootsie roll drive is fast approaching. There are opportunities to help your Council and parish. Please be open to donating a few hours of your time to help. Marty Reis is chairing the festival sausage

booth and not sure yet on the site captains for the tootsie roll sites. Please help and keep your council strong. We are only as good as our active members. I am sending out invoices to those members that still have balances due. If you cannot afford to pay at this time, please reply

with a note and maybe a partial payment. This will show me that you still have interest in remaining a Knight and part of the most active Council in the area. Thanks, 529-3105

Mike Grodt F/S



John's Jokes

I played golf with Rick Dinubilo, Steve Laura and Mike Vigil in July. I wish I'd worn a helmet. I thought I was bad. With these guys, I had to keep yelling "Five". Their shots were so bad, "Fore" did not seem to be enough warning. We had one hole with a water hazard. Rick pulled out a new ball, wound up and hit it straight into the lake. He did this with a second new ball. Finally, I suggested he tee up a used ball. He said, "I haven't got any".

I played golf with Fr. Larry once. On a short par 3 over a lake, he asked me what I was going to hit. I told him a seven iron. Fr. Larry told me he saw Arnold Palmer make it with a 9-iron, so that's what he was going to hit. Of course it went into the lake. So Fr. Larry walks out on the water, reaches down and gets his ball and walks back to shore. One of the other guys says "Hey, who does that guy think he is, the Lord?" I said no, "He thinks he's Arnold Palmer!"

Of course these stories are entirely fictitious, and no intention to depict any real person is intended. I just thought it would make the jokes funnier to use those names! Anybody who believes I would hit a seven iron off the tee on a par three hasn't seen me play!

"I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool." ~ George Brett

John Gorman



Tony's Time: As Time Goes By

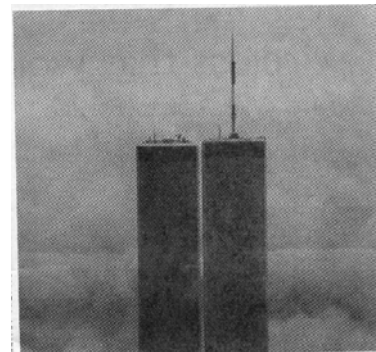
Below is a photo that I have named "Ghosts." It is, of course, an image of the World Trade Center, which disappeared from the New York skyline ten years ago this month.

When these great structures were there, thousands of people passed through their portals each day. I was one of them as I connected from one subway train to another at what was known as PATH (Port Authority Trans Hudson). Frequently I think about all

those passengers who left their trains and entered the buildings proper and rode the elevators to the high floors. It was just another day to them, but they had no way of knowing it would be their last day on earth. Tears come to my eyes when I realize that so many had to make the awful decision to jump or be burned alive. To sooth my sorrow, when I think of that awful day, I say prayers for the souls of the victims. The buildings elevators may not have been

working, but I am certain that an express elevator taking these poor souls directly to heaven was provided by God.

Tony Lee



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Lecturer's Notes: Time for God

Note to readers:

Lately I've been reflecting about how quickly time has passed and how certain events in my life as well as world events have changed. World events we have little control over, but how about the events of our own personal lives? The following article was printed originally in July, 2009 under the title "**What Are We Doing Here?**" as the product of a personal reflection. For some of us more senior Brothers the "Time" reflection is inescapable but for some you who are more junior the careful planning of your future may be time well spent. While this article is directed at the gift of time in relation to God, you may also consider the time you give to your wife, children, fiancé, parents.

"Time for God"

Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;

yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt 26:36-41

There are 168 total hours in a week. The average person sleeps about 8 each day or 56 hours each week; that leaves 112 waking hours in that same week. For us working stiffs, 40 of those 112 hours are spent in pursuit of a paycheck. The remaining 72 hours in our week are often filled with TV, visiting friends and family, laundry, grocery shopping, etc. There is never enough time. But where do we fit in time for prayer, silence and scripture? If we were to give to God the first fruits of all of our time, say 10%, then the total number of hours we would spend in the presence of the Lord would be 16.8 per week or 2.5 hours per day. But wait, there are only 112 waking hours in a week! If that's the case the average number of hours we would spend in prayer each week is 11.2 or 1.6 each day. But wait, if we subtract 40 hours while we're at work then the average is 72 waking, non working hours each week during which we might expect to tithe 7.2 hours of

quality time to God. Daily, that's just over 1 hour of silent meditation devoted to the one who created us, the one who died for us.

Do we approach one hour of prayer each day in silence, reading the scriptures? Do we keep a scheduled holy hour each week in the silent presence of the Blessed Sacrament? When we are at Sunday Mass do we talk to our friends, read the bulletin or allow our mind to wander? According to NationMaster.com the average American watches 28 hours of TV each week; that's 4 hours each day of mindless, inactive viewing. How many channels are on our TVs? Who is our God? When we consider the stewardship of our time, how much is spent in prayer and how much is spent following soap opera's and reality shows? Do we know more about the lives of the saints or the sports and movie stars? Which is nearer, my Bible or my TV Guide? Too often "our spirit is willing" but our flesh is parked in front of the TV. We have some things to think about. Have mercy on us, Lord! Father McGivney, pray for us.

**Ed Ibarra,
Lecturer**



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