

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

With the beginning of a new Columbian Year, we can take a look back at the previous year as a reflection to guide us forward into this new year. Many might think that this past year was not a good one. We had different former pillars of our Council have to leave to a variety of reasons, we had different positions (Officers and Program Directors) that were left vacant, we even had some feathers ruffled between different Knights. None of these is positive, and the last is far from productive for men acting in a fraternal, charitable way, but because we are have the stained of original sin, our humanity at times does get into the way of us acting as we should.

So, we were not perfect in our actions this last year, but does that mean that we had a bad year or that our Council is "falling apart," as some have claimed? Looking at things realistically, I don't think that such a negative assessment is accurate. Yes, we did have to go through some change.

Change is never easy, especially for some of us, but just because things aren't exactly as they were before does not mean that they were bad. Our primary function as a group is to be charitable, so let's look at our charitable activities over the last year.

Our primary fundraiser, the one that generates almost enough money for us to survive every year is our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners. If you were not able to attend any of the Fish Fry Dinners this past Lent, you truly missed out. Not only did we sell out at EACH and EVERY ONE of the dinners (something that had not happened before), attendance at our soup dinner was also WAY above what it had ever been before.

Sales were not the only success of the dinners, however. Another big role that we play is in evangelizing through our charitable activities and presence in defending the truth faith of Jesus Christ. We had multiple non-Catholics attending our dinners and many shared how impressed they were by what we were doing. That doesn't mean that they signed up for RCIA the day after the dinner, but we  
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**Next Business Meeting**  
**TUESDAY, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM**

**Father O'Hare Hall**

**Don't Come Alone Bring A Fellow Knight! There will be Elections!**

*Daily mass is a great way to show how you "support the faith."*

*Masses are at 8 AM or 5:45 PM during the week and 8 AM on Saturdays. When was the last time that you made the effort to give thanks to God for all that He does for you by going to a daily mass?*

**Knight Light**  
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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

During our Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage I did some shopping for 2000-year old coins. A parishioner had asked me to buy a "widow's mite coin" which can be had for around fifty dollars because they are often found by archeologists (cf. Luke 21:1-4). I went to a reputable antique shop that had a valid license to resell ancient artifacts. The salesman sold me a "widow's mite" coin but then he tried to interest me in a "Pontius Pilate Coin" which was also in use at the time of Jesus. But since that coin is not mentioned in the Bible I was not interested.



The next day, however, we visited a museum, which had an exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. This was very appropriate for us because we were in Jerusalem where the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus took place. As always, I was fascinated by the scientific studies that have been made on the shroud that prove that it is the authentic burial cloth of Jesus. Some say that it is a fake produced by a forger in Europe in the Middle Ages. But recent scientific studies prove that this is impossible. In 1988 the Vatican allowed carbon-14 testing of the shroud, which seemed at first to indicate that it was created in the fourteenth century. But more recent studies prove that the dating was incorrect and that the shroud is much older. Botanists have now studied the traces of flowers and pollen, which are found on the shroud, and they have concluded that these plants only appeared in springtime in the region of Palestine!

Then we learned that enlargements of the image on the shroud show that there was a negative image of coins over each of the eyes. It was the custom of the first-century Jews to place coins on the eyes of their dead to ensure their eyelids stayed closed. The coins were only minted and in use in Palestine at the time of Jesus! A medieval forger would not have known these facts, and would not have known about negative imagery. The coin on the left eye was a "lepton simpulum coin" minted by Pontius Pilate around 29 A.D. which has an image of a ritual cup used by the priests during pagan ceremonies in Rome. This of course is meaningful because we know that Jesus was the True High Priest who offers his blood as drink! The coin on the right eye was a "dilepton lituus coin" minted by Pontius Pilate between 29 and 32 A.D. under the Emperor Tiberias. It had an image of a "lituus" which is a curved shepherd's staff which was used in the Roman empire by pagan priests ("augers") who held the staff as a symbol of their pastoral authority when they invoked their gods and made prophesies. The *lituus* was a constant motif in Roman coins minted by Pontius Pilate between AD 29-32, but not anywhere else in the Roman world except occasionally as a minor side decoration. This is meaningful because the lituus was the direct descendant of the bishop's crozier, which is held by Catholic bishops. And of course Jesus was the Good Shepherd and the first "bishop of our souls!" (1Peter 2:25)



It was in 1954 that scientists saw the letters UCAI on the right eyelid of the shroud. Three years later they realized that it was a coin. But "dilepton lituus coins" has the letters UKAI which stand for TIBERIOU KAISAROS (Tiberius Caesar). So it seemed to be a misspelling and perhaps a forgery. But later the scientists learned that a few of these ancient coins were actually minted with the misspelling! Several more coins have been since been found with the same misspelling. This anomaly, therefore, actually gives added credence to the identification of the coin. Why would a medieval forger put an image of a misspelled coin on the shroud? For me personally, this was yet another proof that God exists! It seems like Jesus has a great sense of humor and wants to give us as many clues as possible! Modern atheists should study this shroud and see that it is absolute proof that Jesus really existed, and that he was really crucified and rose!

That afternoon I went to the antiquary and bought myself a 2000-year-old dilepton lituus coin. I bartered with him until I got it for half price: \$150. Only after I had made my purchase did I give the salesman some advice. I told him to go see the shroud exhibit and that he should tell his customers that his "Pontius Pilate Coins" are the same as the one used for burying Jesus!

Sincerely,



**Father Mark Wagner**

Chaplain and Pastor,  
St. Joseph's Parish

Prayers are requested for our Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife Wendy; Dan Dwyer; Mike Glendon; John Karaz; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife Ruth; Richard Braun; and Dave Tacchini.

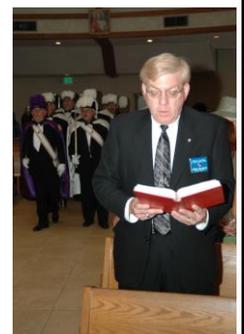
Prayers are requested also for: Stephen, son of Kent and brother of Adam Harker; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Bev Fernandez, wife of Ed Fernandez; the

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family of John Gorman; Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns mother of Matt Iorns; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; and Darlene Nielsen. Remember all our Priest and Consecrated Religious and for our Council as we move into a new year! *If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know.*

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**John  
McCave  
Past Grand  
Knight**



~ July 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office</b>	<b>1</b> Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall Blessed Junipero Serra <b>Fireworks Sales</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Fireworks Sales</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Fireworks Sales</b> St. Thomas, the Apostle	<b>4</b> <b>Fireworks Sales</b> St. Elizabeth of Portugal	<b>5</b> Bl. Pier Giorgio Frasatti
<b>6</b> St. Maria Goretti	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> St. Mary Magdalene	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> St. James, the Apostle	<b>26</b> Sts. Joachim and Ann
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes: Ed Gamboa Fireworks Chair</b>	

You can find the events for other months on the Council's website, [kofc10644.com](http://kofc10644.com).

Members' Birthdays

Michael E. Webster	07/01
Kenneth J. Ochinerio	07/03
David A Racher	07/06
Ronald E. Varnell	07/06
Gerard O Oftring	07/09
Jason A. Hoffman	07/10
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David W. Barnes	07/14
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Mark G Hass	07/26
Eugene K. Awuah	07/27
Steven A. Junqueiro Jr.	07/27
Paul D. Williams	07/27
Roy M. McKenzie	07/28
William R. Frey	07/29
Kurt A. Saalfeld	07/31

Wives' Birthdays

Kristin Archuleta	07/01
Ruth Oftring	07/01
Gail Keller	07/04
Sandy Fitzgerald	07/05
Anita Racher	07/05
Carol Minjares	07/07
Charlyn Piper	07/08
Lori Ramirez	07/10
Linda Black	07/11
Melinda Gordon	07/11
Maria Sally Evans	07/17
Marietta Kummerle	07/18
Insa Duke	07/21
Lela Seefeldt	07/21
Glafira Villalobos	07/22
Linda Espinosa	07/26
Christine Loschke	07/30
Debora McKenzie	07/30

Anniversaries

Ernie & Lori Ramirez	07/06
Tom & Lisa Lucas III	07/07
Alonzo & Jeannie Castillo	07/07
Ted & Cathy Hartman	07/07
Thomas & Wendy Morton	07/08
John & Beth Gorman III PGK	07/09
Steven & Noemi Junqueiro Jr.	07/10
Tony & Grace DeCaro	07/12
Martin & Rosie Rios	07/15
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Richard & Maria Braun	07/20
Everett & Karen Hough	07/22
Steve & Carrie Loschke PGK	07/27
Patrick & Darlene Bradshaw	07/27
Gerald & Patricia Moon	07/28
David & Joan Tacchini	07/30

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tradition has it that we start the new year with resolutions. Usually we're trying to lose weight, get more exercise, try a different approach in our lives. But like being able to vote twice last month, you now get another chance to start a year with a resolution. Or two! Our meeting for July is on the first day of the month. We have a vote for a new Grand Knight at the meeting. And in July and August, we start thinking of the budget and resolve how we will serve our parish and community in the coming year.

I encourage you to take a few moments and see if you can resolve to server with your fellow Knights in the coming year. Come out and be a part of our efforts; or perhaps bring

up a new way we can serve, involve, and excite our membership roster. Everyone of us joined the Knights with an idea to serve in someway and at some time. Take some time before the next meeting. Think it over. Is it time for you to resolve to serve in some capacity? Read the newsletter and listen during the meetings to find out about upcoming events. You may just find a way that fits your schedule and interest to be a part of our collective service.

Membership renewals continue to trickle in. And I'm pushing myself to develop a steady routine to handle the duties and tasks. It's not just renewals or preparing vouchers for expenses. The various reports I'm learning that are required are another facet of this position.

I have more than several name badges that members have not been picked up. I am going to try and distribute those before the next meeting. I have membership cards that have not been distributed. Why? Because renewals have not been forthcoming.

I am going to try to bring focus to the apparel aspect at the next meeting and see if we can generate some interest there. It's never too early to think about getting an apron for helping out in the kitchen. The annual fish fry events are not the only time we need help in the kitchen.

See you on July 1!

**Financial  
Secretary,  
Dave Sichak**



## JOHN'S JOKES

Conversation Differences  
Between Men And Women

Woman 1: Oh! You got a haircut! That's so cute!

Woman 2: Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she was gave me the mirror. I mean, you don't think it's too fluffy looking?

Woman 1: Oh God no! No, it's perfect. I'd love to get my hair cut like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff I think.

Woman 2: Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get one of those layer cuts – that would look so cute I think. I was

actually going to do that except that I was afraid it would accent my long neck.

Woman 1: Oh – that's funny! I would love to have your neck! Anything to take attention away from this two-by-four I have for a shoulder line.

Woman 2: Are you kidding? I know girls that would love to have your shoulders. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms – see how short they are? If I had your shoulders I could get clothes to fit me so much easier.

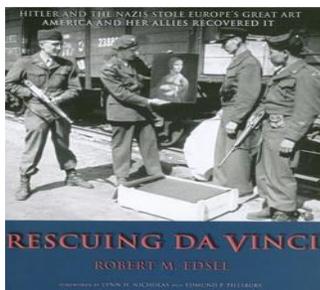
Man 1: Haircut?

Man 2: Yeah.



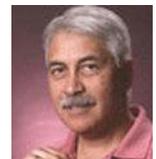
## Lecturer's Notes: July: America, the Beautiful!

“Garbage in, garbage out” the old saying goes. It seemed as though everything on TV was garbage. I watched TV every night and felt as though it was rotting my brain. Right now you can get the 145 channel Triple Play bundle for \$85.00 each month for 12 months, then the price goes up. You can watch vile, poisonous, garbage, 24 hours a day. That’s robbery, except for EWTN, Duck Dynasty and the Hunting Channel there is almost nothing to watch. Since we canceled cable service in our home we have been searching for and finding other ways to entertain ourselves. I’m starting to pray and read again and when we want to watch something we go to a movie or plug in a film. For our Memorial weekend viewing I purchased *Monuments Men*, a WWII film that Glen Beck recommended highly. It was a great film and fun to watch but the real surprise came as the closing credits rolled. A 1945ish photo flashed on screen of the real *Monuments Men* standing by a rail car gazing at a *da Vinci*. One of the GI’s in the picture (on the right) looked a lot like my dad who would



have been about 24 years old at the time the photo was taken. I was shocked. I had never seen the photo before. Could my father have been assigned to guard some of the most valuable art in history? As I gazed at the photo on screen I was flooded with memories of the man who raised me, photo’s I had seen, and fragments of stories I remember. I did what any man would do at such a discovery, I wept. An online search revealed that the same photo had been used as the cover of a book, which I have attached to the bottom of this letter. My brother Michael contacted the *Monuments Men* foundation, who has positively identified all but the soldier on the right whose uniform insignia is consistent with the one my father would have worn. They have a tentative ID for the soldier on the right; it may not be my father. My brother initiated a detailed search of my father’s military record from the national archive, which may help settle the question. I may never know with certainty that the man in the photo is my father but I do know that my dad, the uneducated son of immigrants, loved this country enough to serve when he was needed. He tried to pass that love on to all of his children. I do want to thank all those who have faithfully worn the uniform of this once great nation and ask

for the prayers of all that that we may once again be the shining light on the hill who the world looks to for leadership and stability. This July 4th I will thank God for the gift of freedom he has given us, and for the privilege of knowing a man such as Jesse Ibarra, my father. I have attached the book cover as well as a couple of photos of my father taken around that time. What do you think? Could it be him? God Bless America!!! Make us one nation under God again, please. Peace be with you all, enjoy summer and start looking forward to fall. All Souls/All Saints is just around the corner.



### Ed Ibarra Lecturer

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July business meeting is on July 8th at 7:00 PM, memorial mass is at 5:45 PM on July 11th. Run to confession for a good spiritual pruning and cleaning, God is way too powerful to argue with. Seek God’s will through silent prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart. Pray for strong families and that this country be restored. Above all: pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets of her enemies internal and external. Pray for our priests and the intentions of the Holy Father. Pray for each other.



## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT (CONTINUED)

did help plant a seed about what it truly means to be Christian. How did this increase of sales and evangelization occur?

It was definitely not by doing things as we had always done, but by using the creative energy as a group, as a Council. We used innovative ways to sell the tickets and promote the sales. We had themes that added to the fun of the evening.

We worked together and made them successful! Isn't that what it means to be a Knight?

In addition to our successes in our events this last year, we have also had success with some of our younger Brothers. We have heard for

years from our Recruitment Director, "We need to recruit more younger, good Catholic men to replace us old guys!"

We not only have added some of those younger, good Catholics to our ranks, we actually have one serving as an Officer (Eddie Torres our new Recorder) and another who has thrown his name into the fire for the election of the Grand Knight (Ruben Sanchez Jr.).

This bodes well for the future if we continue to add the quality of young men to our Council.

We might not have recruited enough new Knights to make Star Council last year, but we definitely did add quality to our ranks. And now, with a new Director of Recruitment, we have new ideas, new energy, new potential. I am confident that with the quality of Knights that we have in our ranks, we will be able to continue to be

recognized outside of our Council as a prime example of what a Council should be.

Let's be proud of what we have done in the past, Brothers. At the same time, let's not be afraid to embrace change. Instead of resting on our laurels and doing what we have always done and no more, let's be an innovative Council that strives for excellence. Let's continue to be examples of what Knights (or even just men) are supposed to be like.

Let's stop being negative about struggles and work towards finding resolutions to issues that potentially divide us. Let's pray that we can continue to be the Defenders of Life and the Faith that we were called to be when we first took our promises to be Knights of Columbus!

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