GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

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Brother Knights,

This will be my first message as your Grand Knight. I’d like to thank you for your confidence in our full slate of officers, and we promise to do our best for the good of the counsel.

We want to thank Ron for his work in leading the counsel in pursuit of our activities and the significant contributions made for the good of the parish. His efforts have brought us closer to our parishioners and provided direct support of many of its ministries. Hopefully with the support of our membership we can continue the significant progress made by our counsel.

We have a full calendar of events for the coming Columbian year and its success depends on the full participation of our membership. Our calendar of events has been submitted and accepted.

July and August meetings will be conducted on Tuesdays but we will return to Friday in September.

Bob and I want to acknowledge Ron’s help in the transfer of the counsel’s leadership.

Congratulations to our new District Deputy, Vince Schnell and we look forward to working with him.

Our council is strong, and we have what it takes to continue to get better. Keep on growing!

Vivat Jésus ♡

Chaplain’s Message

WE ARE CALLED TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL BOTH BY SPEAKING ABOUT THE FAITH AND BY LIVING IT WITH JOY

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

MOST OF US are familiar with a saying attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: “Preach always, and when necessary, use words.” Some, including those who have carefully studied St. Francis’ life and writings, doubt that he actually said that.

This doesn’t mean that the saying is wrong. After all, one of the most effective ways to spread the faith is to live the faith with integrity and joy whether we are in public or in private. But good example, important as it is, is not enough. Words are almost always necessary — let me illustrate why this is so.

Most readers of this column are married. What if you complained that your spouse never said the words “I love you”? If your spouse responded, “I don’t have to — I show my love to you every day,” I’m going to guess you wouldn’t be satisfied with such an answer. Husbands and wives need to say “I love you.” Wouldn’t life at home be better if, every day, parents told their children of their love and vice versa? Just saying so makes a difference — especially on a day when nothing has gone right.

So too, when it comes to the Lord and the Gospel, we are sometimes tempted to use the words ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi as a cop-out.

NO MORE EXCUSES

We tell ourselves that if we lead good lives we’ve done our part to support the Church and its mission. No need to engage in discussions about religion, which can sometimes be heated. No need to
challenge those who no longer practice the faith, including members of our own immediate family. “Why harangue them?” we ask ourselves. “It'll do more harm than good.”

Well, let’s take haranguing off the table. Pestering and berating those who do not take their faith seriously is not likely to succeed. But we are called to speak about the faith to others with accuracy, confidence and joy. St. Paul puts it this way: “For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach?” (Rom 10:13-14).

Thinking about St. Paul’s words, one might say, “Great! I’m off the hook. I’m a layperson, not a priest. I don’t have to preach. Priests are supposed to do that.” My reply: “Not so fast!” Didn’t St. Peter exhort the whole Church, “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope”? (1 Pt 3:15). His words were not limited to priests and religious; they were addressed to every member of the Church.

Nevertheless, we may still be reluctant to speak about our faith to others. After all, fewer people these days identify themselves as believers. Some feel they can get through life just fine without God or at least without any form of organized religion. Others think that all institutions, especially large ones such as the Catholic Church, are corrupt and out of touch. So, we ask ourselves, “What can I possibly say to such people?” In a recent meeting, a colleague lamented how difficult it is to spread the Gospel in the current cultural climate. Another colleague agreed but added, “Spreading the Gospel in the pagan culture of the Roman Empire wasn’t exactly a picnic!”

MESSENGERS OF HOPE

Like those who went before us, we may experience ridicule and rejection when trying to share the Gospel. But let’s not forget two things. First, the Lord promised he’d never leave us (cf. Mt 28:20). In the power of the Holy Spirit, he walks with us and empowers us. Second, in spite of the hard veneer of our culture, people are desperately searching for meaning and trying to make sense of their lives. Let us be confident that the Lord and the Gospel have something critically important to say to such people. He really does want us to be his messengers of hope and joy. For in becoming one of us and in dying to save us from our sins, the Son of God has shown us the ultimate meaning and destiny of our lives.

Maybe we hesitate to speak of our faith to others because we feel unprepared. We may feel that our formation in the faith was inadequate, that there are “holes” in our religious education. Or we may feel that we are not sufficiently advanced in the spiritual life to invite others to consider, or reconsider, the faith. So, we’d rather leave spreading the Gospel “to the experts” — that is, to priests and religious.

The fact is, though, we all have to do our part. We need to equip ourselves for the work of spreading the Gospel. We don’t need a theology degree, but we do need to pray every day, read Scripture prayerfully, take part in the Mass attentively, go to confession regularly, and know and love our faith more deeply. As we speak about the faith, our deeds have to match our words; it’s no good to speak about the faith and not to live it. And if we are living the faith, we should be willing to speak of it.

The Knights of Columbus offers us a head start with tremendous resources for growing in prayer, our understanding of the faith, and charity. It also offers us a fraternal atmosphere, which encourages us to both live our faith and bear witness to it. In fact, this is one of the principal reasons why Father McGivney founded the Knights. Aided by his example and prayers, may we bear witness to Jesus in both word and deed!

Membership Report

As Chancellor, Mike Mancano is also our membership chairman. With timely membership drives, continued member outreach, and Supremes’ new on-line member registration link we can provide an increased impetus for new members. This link is posted on the church website and in the weekly bulletin. Hopefully, it will provide a group of interested candidates that we have thus far been unable to reach.

Remember, Form 100s are always available in our drawer in the usher’s room.
Pope’s Prayer Intentions
The Pope’s prayer intention for July is that priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests ✞

Home Association News
The next meeting of the Fr. John P Wessel Home Association will be in conjunction with our Council Business Meeting on Tue., July 10th in the cafeteria. ✞

Virtus Training
The Diocese has dictated that all members who interact with children, elderly or adults with disabilities at any council function must have Virtus training. We are in the process of arranging group training for our membership through the St. Joan of Arc program.

This will be discussed at the July meeting.

Council Leadership

Grand Knight – Vic Libetti
Deputy Grand Knight – Bob Nardello
Chancellor – Mike Mancano
Warden – Jim Jurgens
Treasurer – Dean DeRose
Recorder – Tom Kiley
Inside Guard – Brandon Pistorius
Outside Guard – Joel DeTorres
Outside Guard – John Carroll III
Advocate – Gary Toothman
Three-year Trustee – Ron Cary
One-year Trustee – Eduardo Fuentecilla

Insurance Agent’s Report
Ask eligible men to join

Usually, I use this space to talk about our safe, secure life insurance, retirement and long-term care products. This time, I want to address the growth of the Order. All of us this is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder’s Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn’t joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are hooked.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Fred Durso, Our Council’s Field Agent
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Summer Meeting Schedule
We know that our meeting attendance always drops off during the summer due to vacations and just some great opportunities for family outings. Fridays are especially hard as we all try and stretch summer weekends. We will try something new this year for the two summer months only. Our summer business meetings will be held on:

July business meeting – Tuesday, July 10
August business meeting – Tuesday, August 7
Please mark your calendars. Our September Business meeting and Officer’s Installation will be on Friday, September 7th.

We had a successful sale of Travel Raffle tickets benefiting our seminarians. Thanks to Bill Hahn for coordinating this sale.

Movie Knight (7/19)

“Noah”

Chairman SK Gene Kotowski
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On Thursday, July 19 @ 7:30pm in Pedata Hall we will present “Noah”. Come Hungry! Lite refreshments will be served. Plan to be fed not just with food.

Noah The Musical, Sight & Sound Theatre’s first production in Lancaster, PA, offers a Broadway-style production complete with live animals, 3D video imaging, pyrotechnics, laser lighting and more! The show depicts the tale of Noah and the Ark from The Bible, offering a faith-based experience that will uplift as well as entertain. Come experience a classic tale retold in astounding fashion at Sight & Sound Theatre. Come experience the journey of Noah!

To see the complete list of next year’s planned movies, follow the “Popcorn, Franks and a Movie” ministry link at the SJA web-site.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Business Meeting (Tuesday, 7/10)
7:30 PM in the School cafeteria Dress code is business casual. A Home Association meeting will also be held in conjunction with this meeting.

Our Council Activity Planning Meeting for July will be Tuesday, July 17th at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria

Don’t forget our Monthly Rosaries – First Saturday of each month at 3:00 PM in Pedata Hall.

Please keep these Knights, their families and causes in your prayers:

Sick or in Distress
Paul Cary – Brother of Tom Cary
Doris Riccardi – Wife of Carmen Riccardi
Steve Porter – Son-in-Law of Andy Kavulich
Florence Kiley – Wife of Tom Kiley
Henry DeMayo – Requested by Stanley Thompson
Gary Balitzky – Requested by Jim Jurgens

Deceased
Jean DeRose – requested by Dean DeRose
SK Dane Tourscher – DGK of our council

June Events:
Spouses Appreciation Dinner (6/10)

Thirty-one members and their spouses enjoyed a great Italian dinner and fellowship at Illiano. Thanks to Jim Stanley for coordinating this great event.

Travel raffle Ticket Sales (6/9-10)
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Upcoming Events

JUL 10 TUE – Fr John P Wessel Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria, and Fr. John P Wessel Home Association Meeting. Dress is business casual.

JUL 7 SAT – Rosary – 3:00 PM in Pedata Hall

JUL 17 TUE – Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria

JUL 19 THU – Movie Knight – “Noah” 7:30 PM in the Pedata Hall.

AUG 7 TUE – Fr John P Wessel Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Pedata Hall.