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Grand Knight's April Message

Worthy Brother Knights,

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, chose to celebrate Passover and the Seder dinner with his disciples in Jerusalem the night before he entered into his passion and death on the cross, and during supper, Jesus took the bread, said the blessing and broke the bread and said, "Take this all of you and eat of it for this is my body which will be given up for you." In a similar way he took the chalice filled with the fruit of the vine. He gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."

Thus the sacrament of the most holy Eucharist was instituted! How powerful, how divine; for this was the cornerstone of the building of the Catholic Church being laid. An act recreating his passion and death and rising from the dead to be performed at every Mass for all eternity; it is the basis for our faith and our beliefs as a person who has been washed in the life giving water of Baptism.

Our beliefs and our Religious Freedom are under attack every day in all parts of the world! By ISIS, in the Middle East who are murdering Christians every day to Obamacare here at home by forcing Religious Institutions to pay for health care insurance for their employees that will pay for abortions and birth control methods. Some politicians and atheist groups are chipping away our Religious Freedoms with legislation that forces Catholics to do what is against their principles, or break the law and go to jail!

What can we do as Knights to fight against these infringements on our Religious Freedoms? We can write to our political representatives and express our feelings against laws that restrict our freedoms as Catholics and we can pray the Eucharistic prayers that are on the wallet size card that will be passed out at the next meeting and practice Eucharistic adoration. We can call our Senators and urge them to repeal Obamacare and protect our Religious Freedoms that are guaranteed by the Constitution by voting to approve the appointment of Judge Neal Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Call Senator, Bob Corker, 202-224-3344 and Senator, Lamar Alexander, 202-224-4944.

Brothers, council activities coming up will require physical help from us once again: The Silent Auction, the children's Easter Egg Hunt, and the annual golf tournament and so, once more, I ask that you step up and lend a helping hand to make these events successful. Have a happy and blessed Easter from the Council Officers and myself.

Vivat Jesus, Tom Ashton, GK ThomasA615@yahoo.com

Never look back unless you are willing to go that way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04/23 Sir Knights Honor Guard Session - 4:15**
- 04/23 4th Deg Assembly Mtg - 5:00 pm**
- 04/23 Council Mtg - Dinner 5:15 pm, Mtg 6:00 pm**
- 05/6-7 Silent Auction**
- 06/02 Ladies Appreciation Dinner**

Communion Sunday

The corporate communion and breakfast on March 12 was a smash success and our council made an impressive showing of brotherhood and fellowship. An estimated 40 council knights and 17 Sir Knights received communion as a group and there were other knights present who did not sit with the group. After the service over 100 knights and their families enjoyed a super delicious breakfast put on by Mark Gierla and his kitchen crew.

Comments overheard after mass were: "the knights looked great", "I didn't know that so many men in the parish were knights", "we were really impressed by the knights in the fancy hats and capes", "my child wanted to know who were the super heroes", and so on.

GK Tom would like to express his sincere thanks and gratitude to all his brother Knights who took part in our FIRST corporate communion and communion breakfast. Special thanks go to Jerry Holtman who came up with the idea and a plan to carry it out, Don Ellis for organizing the honor guard (all of the Sir Knights who dressed in regalia really looked sharp). And last but not least thanks go to Mark Gierla and his kitchen/setup/takedown crew of Mike Murray, Gary Baum, Chris Hentges, Steve Rozek, Bob Gillespie, and Doc and Greg Bollig (and all the other knights who pitched in to clean up).

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Easter Egg Hunt

Chairman Paul Dana reminds all that the Council sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for the kids is after the Easter Sunday 11 am Mass. If you go Sat. night or to the 8:30 Mass, come back for the hunt.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

State Free Throw Champion

Katelyn O'Neill, one of the winners in our council Free Throw Competition at OLOL, did herself proud as she won the state championship in the 13 years old girls category after progressing through the district and region competitions.



Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee has been appointed to recruit candidates for council offices with election in May. The Committee members are: Mike Rector, Mike Murray, Thorn Schoch, Dave Eliskovich and Glen Word. See any one of them, if you are interested in becoming an officer for 2017/2018.

Fish Frys Report

We will have a detailed report on the Fish Frys in the next newsletter but for now suffice it to say that the meals were well received by the 700-800 attendees at each Fry.

Due to Easter, April's meetings will be moved to April 23

We request that you delete this newsletter from your e-mail device within 30 days of reading it.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction this year is the weekend of May 6/7. It is coming up fast and, Brothers, we need your help more than ever. Hopefully every Knight can contact at least 2 or 3 donors that they are associated with or do business with. Last year this was an awesome fund raiser

We really need some big items this year! So any item you have that is NEW or in like new condition is perfect to donate. PLEASE bring any donated item you have to the Next and ONLY meeting left before the auction. Your help is Critical at this point.

In addition to items, any service that you might be able to provide is also a GREAT auction item. Yard service, Electrical, Plumbing, Legal, etc. Super Good!

Please check out the updated Donation sheet (PDF) and updated Solicitation page on the Knights Web page. **** (procedure below)**

In addition to getting donations, please make time in your schedule to help out Friday, May 5, Saturday, May 6, and especially Sunday, May 7. Please call or email Dennis Conley (706-877-4040, dconley@vitaminworld.com) with any times you can work.

**** Instructions for accessing web info -**

STEP #1: Go to our Knights' Web Page: koc-9132.org

STEP #2: On the Home Page, "Left Click via Mouse" on the ICON: "SILENT AUCTION"

STEP #3: On the Silent Auction Page, "Left Click via Mouse" on ICON: "2017 SILENT AUCTION SPONSOR LETTER"

STEP #4: Print the letter for use when going to your contacts.

STEP #5: Click on the "Back Arrow" of your Browser to return to the Knights' Web Site.

To print the Donation Letter, follow Steps above, but click on second ICON: 2017 Donation Letter

Sometime just getting out of bed ruins the whole day.

Ladies Appreciation Dinner

Cochairman Tony Gosse announces that this year's annual dinner will take place on Friday, June 2, at Kenny Janson's Nashville Nightlife venue at 2416 Music City D.

The cost to each knight is \$25 per couple which includes the meal, entertainment and one drink per person (the council picks up the tab for the Lady). A cash bar will be available. The doors open at 6:30 pm for socializing with dinner at 7 and entertainment following dinner. KofC awards will follow the entertainment.

You may sign up at the April or May meetings or contact Tony (tonygosse@gmail.com or 615-406-2230). If you sign up and then must cancel, you need to do it a week ahead so we have a good count of who's coming. Everybody needs to have signed up by May 26th.

The report said I have type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

New Transferees

In March our Council grew by two more brothers as Jerry Klein transferred in from the Dana Point, CA, council and James Melancon transferred from a Memphis council.

Jerry and his wife, Rosie, moved to TN in Sept of 2014. Jerry is a National Marketing Director for the Juice Plus Company whose home office is in Collierville, TN and has been with the company for over 20 years. He promotes healthy lifestyle choices and wellness to anyone interested in living a healthier, more fulfilling life. His e-mail address is jerry4wellness@gmail.com.



Jerry Klein

Jim and his wife, Cecilia, moved to this area from Memphis 6 months ago. He is a pilot for Federal Express. His e-mail address is jimandceci@aol.com.

"Pay attention to what is happening around you. There's a good chance that God is speaking to you without using words." - - Gary Zimak

A Spiritual Message

From Friar Jeremy....

There are two wonderful and profound sources of inspiration and hope this month that I want to live to the fullest. First, spring is a great time to capture the vision and hope of St. Francis of Assisi. The new life of spring speaks to us of God's presence with us. Seemingly dead trees sprout green leaves, flowers poke through the soil, birds back from warmer climates are full of energy and song. The air is fresher and the sun is brighter. We take more time outside to see the tiny wildflowers in the woods. Praise God, spring is here!

My second source of inspiration may seem very different, but it is also a tremendous source of hope. Participation in the services of Holy Week is entering into a deep source of reality and love. I am saddened that many Catholics who attend Sunday Mass seldom experience the inspiring services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. I don't want to miss these services because, for me, they are more than reenacting what happened long ago. They engage me at a much deeper level. Here are some examples:

On Holy Thursday, we are not on the sidelines observing the Last Supper. We have a seat at the table with Jesus and his apostles. He takes off his cloak and washes our feet. He opens his heart and shares his feelings. He hands us a piece of the bread and says, "This is my body" and "Do this in memory of me." After the meal, I walk with him and share his arrest and agony in the garden.

Or consider Good Friday. When working with the Franciscans in the Holy Land, I had the privilege of making my way through the narrow market streets of Old Jerusalem, rubbing shoulders with shoppers and merchants. It was easy to imagine what it was like for Jesus dragging his cross on the way to Calvary. Making the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem was a precious experience—one I will always cherish.

But as moving as it is, it does not substitute for the Good Friday liturgy in which you are not just reliving a past event. With your fellow believers, you hear St. John's account of the passion of Christ. You kiss the cross. You enter into the death and life mystery, not just of Jesus, but your own. We experience in our own lives the paschal mystery of death and life. We have died with Christ. We are ready to rise with him in the Easter Vigil and Easter.

Christ's rising from the dead and the new life we see in nature in spring are two powerful sources of inspiration and hope. My goal this April is to experience both to the fullest. It's all yours!

You are the only person who can truly make you happy.

Motions Second Readings

At the April we will have two motions that will need second motions before being finally approved - \$600 for the Easter Egg Hunt and \$1000 as a sponsor of the 5th annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Walk for Those in Need"



New Sir Knights Bud Wilcox (L) and Mike Schramf (R)
with FN Mark Gierla

Highlights from the March Meeting

DGK Mike Manor named Dave Eliskovich as Knight of the Month and the Marshall Head family as Family of the Month.

Jim McLawson, a transferee, was introduced.

The GK thanked all the brothers who participated in the Council Corporate Communion. We made a lasting impression on the parishioners who attended that Mass and the comments that he heard were very positive. Was first event of its kind for our council and he hopes it will be carried on by his successors and become an annual event. Mark Gierla and his breakfast crew were thanked for their work as was Don Ellis and the Fourth Degree Knights who were in the Honor Guard.

The GK discussed the upcoming Postulants dinner and urged everyone to support it.

Reading of Communications: Save the date May 23 Seminary Education Dinner, Donna Hussey, Jason Hussey, Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry, Pregnancy Help Center of Smith county, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Supreme Council on staying a member.

Treasurers Report - \$20,071.61 in check book

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Soft ball team report - we will delay until next year
- b) Fish Fry Dinner report.
- c) Second vote on up to \$3000 donation to the Clarksville Council to help buy an ultrasound machine for their pro-life group. - Passed (\$2200 will be sent)
- d) Buddy Break Program report---DGK Mike Manor
- e) Kathy O'Neil who competed in the Basketball Free Throw Contest here won the State Championship for 13 year old girls.
- f) Tim Kolp - a special thank you to Tyler Ittel, Ben Mortimer, Chris Hentges, Dennis Conley, Tom Ashton, and Steve Rozek

NEW BUSINESS:

The April meeting date will change to Sunday April 23rd (the Sunday after Easter).

Paul Dana, Easter egg hunt chairman, moved that we fund this event with \$350 for toys and \$350 for candy; approved. Paul said he will need help after the 11:00 mass putting out the eggs and helping the kids collect them.

- c) John Paul II Athletic Department is putting on a golf tournament and they are asking for players @ \$125 per person. The tournament will be held at Fairvue Plantation Golf Course on April 24th.
 - d) We will have a First Degree Exemplification at the April meeting
 - e) Work on the bell tower is going to be done by licensed contractors and we don't need volunteers as previously requested.
 - f) A nominating committee has been appointed to select candidates for council office with election in May. The Committee members are: Mike Rector, Mike Murray, Thorn Schoch, Dave Eliskovich and Glen Word. See any one of them if you are interested in becoming an officer for 2017/2018.
 - g) Tim Kolp moved that the council be a \$1000 sponsor of the 5th annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Walk for Those in Need" to be held in Gallatin on Saturday, May 6th. We need walkers and runners from OLOL too. First vote passed
 - h) Novena for grace and solidarity for those who suffer persecution.
 - i) Motion for \$300 for first communion - approved
 - j) Silent Auction is May 5th setup and silent auction on May 6th and May 7th. We need to ask all vendors to provide some sort of support.
- FN Mark Gierla reported two new Brothers received their Patriotic degree.

A duck walks into the drug store to buy a Chapstick.

The cashier asks - "Cash or Charge", the duck say - put it on my bill.

Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News Minutes of March Meeting

Meeting was opened by FN Mark at 5PM.

FP Murray Wimmer reported a balance of \$9,350.

Two new Sir Knights, Bud Wilcox and Michael Schramph, joined our Assembly after completing the Patriotic Degree on March 11th at St. Rose of Lima in Mufreesboro.

FN Mark asked for a volunteer to head up the lunch for first responders effort. Further discussions on this subject will take place at the next meeting.

Color Corps Commander Don Ellis spoke about the importance of participation in the Honor Guard. Don relayed that as the "Visible Arm of the Order" we are the face of the Knights of Columbus at public events such as patriotic celebrations, parades, funerals of Brother Knights and the celebration of the Mass on special occasions. All Sir Knights were encouraged to obtain regalia and participate.

There will be an honor guard practice session at 4:15 prior to the April Assembly meeting. New and experienced members are encouraged to attend.

Don also asked for volunteers to participate in the Holy Thursday Mass. He also informed the group about the upcoming Ordination ceremony and Mass taking place at Cathedral on June 23rd. The District Master has requested of all Assemblies that as many Knights as possible attend in regalia to support this event. There will be a dressing room for Knights available at Cathedral. Contact CCC Don or FN Mark if you can attend.

The Fraternal year is coming to an end soon. Sir Knights interested in serving as an officer in the Assembly for next year should contact FN Mark.

The next Assembly meeting will be Sunday April 23rd due to the Easter holiday.

The meeting was closed with Deacon Mike leading us in prayers and bestowing a blessing.

Fraternal Benefits News

Retirement Income You Can't Outlive

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and this can be true if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

Don't forget, contributing money to an annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. These benefits are similar to those of an IRA or similar product, but ours is backed by the strength and financial stability of the Knights of Columbus.

At your convenience, I will happily to meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at jason.allman@kofc.org or by phone at 615-260-8589. I want to hear from you.

Vivat Jesus! Jason Allman