

## August 2018

Brother Knights:

“It was the best of times....it was the worst of times.” For those that have studied classic literature, you will recognize those words as the beginning of the classic novel, “A Tale of Two Cities” written by Charles Dickens. Hey Grand Knight.....didn't you start out your last month message the same way? Yep, guilty as charged.

It seems the month of August for me was almost a repeat of July. As far as it being the worst of times, all I have to say is “Have you been reading about all the horrific tales of catholic church clergy regarding exploiting seminarians and laity? It's sickening to know men in catholic robes could do such things. Where will it all end? Perhaps only God knows at this point. I believe it will be up to the laity to help push for meaningful reform and just punishment for the evil doers. Sometimes we may forget the power of Satan and what better disguise than to be dressed as a catholic priest? The church is undergoing a struggle of good versus evil and liberal versus conservative. I hope we don't end up having a decree nailed to the church doors and have the catholic church split in two. I can't help but think Satan is laughing mightily right now.

I just keep praying for God's intervention and keep reflecting that while the church is perfect, it is run but imperfect people. Keep our church in your prayers.

As far as it being the best of times, I had occasion to learn of a fellow Knight having great news about a health issue that literally could have been life threatening. I consider him a friend and his loss would have been tragic; not only for his family of course, but for me personally. So I know God is still at work regardless of what the catholic church is going through right now. Thank you for all those that prayed especially for this Knight and thanks be to God for his gift of health.

It has also been a good month to see our council working together for the common good. While I had business travel in August and will again in September, the Deputy Grand Knight has stepped up to run our council meetings. We have more Knights helping with our breakfasts and everyone appears to be in good spirits and having fun working together. This is what fraternity should be. We all love our families, but sometimes men just need to spend time with other men of like-mind. The Knights of Columbus allows us to do this. The lack of complaints and negative comments has truly been refreshing.

Remember, this is your council. The more you get involved, the more you will get out of it. Hope to see you at our next council meeting or council event.

Vivat Jesus,

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Worthy Grand Knight