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Grand Knight's Message

Editor's note: I did not receive a message from the Grand Knight in time for inclusion in the March Communiqué.

Chaplain's Reflection

Many of us remember the "good old days" when the church mandated a penance of physical fasting from food during Lent. But, I would like to suggest that instead, we fast from what comes out of our mouths rather than what goes in. Jesus himself told us, "It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles that person; but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one (Mt 15:11)."

So, would we dare consider a penance in which we would not speak ill of anyone for the 40 days of Lent? When our emphasis is simply abstaining from food, Lent often becomes an endurance contest. We grit our teeth and endure the season. Often we can become self-preoccupied, either congratulating ourselves on our success or berating ourselves for our failures. The one consolation we have is that we may at least be losing some weight.

Yet, Lent is not meant to make us self-preoccupied, but rather selfless. Nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus indicate a preference for thin people, only a preference for changed people.

The thought of not judging anyone at anytime strikes at the heart of much of our lives. Which do we find ourselves more interested in, the neighbor who just won a scholarship or the neighbor who just got arrested? Which gives us greater pleasure, learning of someone else's success, or learning of someone else's failure?

We may find that if we did not think ill or speak ill of anyone else, our conversations could turn to dead silence. Yet, would not such silence be revealing? Would we discover that we are mean to others because we do not yet love ourselves? Would we discover that we feel a need to put others down because we really do not believe how much God loves us?

One of the more challenging stories about judging ill of others was told by Dr. Robert Schuller.

He spoke of a young minister who visited a young couple in his church while the husband was dying of cancer. After the husband's death, the minister continued to visit the wife frequently. Neighbors began to notice that when he visited, shades were always drawn in the living room.

Soon the office staff at the church noticed that the minister smelled of perfume when he returned from his visits. Eventually, as rumors grew and gossip spread, the church board demanded the young minister's resignation.

The minister then explained to the board that he continued to visit the widow because during her husband's illness she discovered that she too had cancer. Because of the trauma to her family at her husband's death, she did not want to tell anyone.

Because she was undergoing weekly chemotherapy, she spent much of her time in her bedroom. When she went into the living room to visit with her minister, the bright lights would hurt her eyes so she drew the shades.

In addition, she developed a strong body odor so she doused herself with perfume to make the visits bearable for the minister.

The minister, of course, was exonerated by this testimony. Yet, would there have been any need for all that pain if others had not chosen to judge him and speak ill of him?

Even I'm not sure that I will be able to keep this penance through all of Lent. Yet, Jesus did tell us, "do not judge and you will not be judged."

Christianity is the only religion that dares to link God's judgment of us to our judgment of others. Keeping such a penance may not only change us. It may change our eternal destiny.

At the end of Lent, I cannot promise that we will have lost a single pound if we are faithful to his penance. But our hearts will be lighter.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of the sister of
Menthy Szabo, wife of PGK Roger Szabo.

COUNCIL

March Birthday Greetings

The Council extends best wishes for a Happy
Birthday to our Brother Knights who are celebrating
a birthday in March!

Joseph J. Kotvan – 1
Theodore D. Dang – 2 Federico A. Knight - 21
Pushparajam Arokiaswamy - 3
Rolando R. Cobarrubias – 7 Genesis S. Davison - 26
Daniel P. Sullivan – 11 Andrew Rudiman, Sr. - 27
John P. Doherty – 15 Clement J. Monsini - 28
M. Kelly Manders, Jr. – 17 Ferdinand Payabyab - 28
Andrew I. Baines – 18 Timothy DeShetler - 29

CHURCH

Ushers Needed at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's is in need of volunteers to help out as
Ushers at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses.
Contact Roger Szabo, or any one of our Brothers from
St. Catherine's to volunteer to help.

March Business Meeting Date Change

The **March Business meeting** will take place on
Thursday, March 10 at 8pm. There will be NO
meeting on Thursday March 24

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday, March 16**, beginning at 5:00 PM. The time spent will be most rewarding. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call William Trimble, PGK, 240-603-2574, for more information.

To get to Shepherd's Table, drive south on Georgia Avenue toward DC until you see Silver Spring Avenue on the left. Turn right and proceed into Progress Place. The actual address is 8210 Colonial Lane #A, Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHURCH

RCIA Help at St. Jude's

Fr. Ken Gill, one of the Parochial Vicars at St. Jude's, and also one of our Chaplains, is asking all the organizations within and associated with St. Jude to help out with St. Jude's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). No, we would not be teaching classes, but we would help out with refreshments afterwards.

COUNCIL

Admission (First) Degree Team News

The names of the degrees have been changed by Supreme to better reflect the journey to Knighthood. The First Degree is now known as the Admission Degree. The Second Degree is now called the Formation Degree, and the Third Degree is known now as the Knighthood Degree.

Council 5567's Admission Degree Team is hosting two more exemplifications this Fraternal Year, on Thursday, April 14, and Thursday, June 9. Degree begins promptly at 8pm, and candidates should report by 7:30pm and meet in the antechamber (lobby area outside of Room 11). Contact F.S. Roger Szabo to inform him of any candidates so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Blood Drive at St. Jude's

St. Jude is holding a blood drive on March 19, 2016 from 9am to 3pm. To register to donate blood, please go to the Red Cross website:

https://esibelareprod.redcrossblood.com/eevents_enu/s tart.swe?SWECmd=GotoView&SWEView=ARC+City+State+Blank+Results+View+Clone&SWEHo=esibelareprod.redcrossblood.com&SWEApplet0=ARC+BDC+Upcoming+Drives+Applet+Clone&SWERowId0=1-3HALVEH

Council to Host a Formation (Second) Degree

St. Joseph Manyanet Council will be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree on Thursday, March 17 beginning at 8pm. Please support the candidates by coming to the degree, as well as the visiting Degree Team by coming to the degree.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins on Sunday, March 13. Be sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed on the 12th.

118th Annual MD State Convention

Maryland State Council, K of C will be holding its 118th Annual Maryland State Convention on the weekend of May 13-15, 2016 in Ocean City, MD at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort. For additional information or to register, refer to the convention web page: <https://mdkocconvention.org>.

Annual Baseball Outing

The Council will once again "take you out to the ball game!" This year's matchup will be the Toronto Blue Jays vs the Baltimore Orioles at Oriole Park, Camden Yards, Baltimore. The date is Friday, June 16, so go ahead and mark your calendars. POC is Mike Holder, PGK. Watch future editions of the Communiqué for more details.

Tootsie Roll Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the annual Tootsie Roll drive to support those with intellectual and/or developmental challenges. With your help, the Council was able to raise about \$2,500.

Carnival Day at St. Jude's

On Sunday, June 5, from about 1:30pm to 5:30pm, St. Jude will be holding a Carnival Day. Our Chaplain, Fr. Gill, has requested our assistance in manning the grill station, which will be located outside Thaddeus Hall. More details to come – for now – just mark your calendars!

Attendance Prize

At the end of each Business Meeting, the Council holds a drawing and the lucky winner receives a \$50 gift card. NICHOLAS GAMBO's name was drawn on Feb. 25.

March, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 4 th Sunday of Lent	7	8	9	10 Business Meeting 8pm	11	12 SJ Blood Drive
13 5 th Sun. Lent Olive Wood Sale @ SJ	14 DST Begins	15	16 Shepherd's Table 5pm	17 Formation Degree 8pm	18 St. Patrick's Day	19 SJ Blood Drive
20 Palm Sunday	21 Spring Begins	22	23	24 Holy Thursday	25 Good Friday	26 Vigil of Easter
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		

Council Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 8pm in Room 11 of St. Catherine School (Claridge Rd. & Veirs Mill Rd.)

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