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Chaplain's Message



"How Are YOU
Being Interred?"

This sounds like a rather odd way to begin a Lenten article for February, but it ties in with the way we begin the season of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, February 10th, many, if not most, Catholics will look to receive ashes on their forehead. It is not a requirement of faith, but it is an ancient practice. Strangely sought by even those who don't practice their faith!

It presupposes that we find it beneficial to reflect on our mortality, and many do. It is a call to face reality and our future, to recognize our imperfections and need to change, as well as his kingdom....but we need to die first. Hopefully after recognizing that our destiny is to join God in a full and meaningful life! ." While Christians are not

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers, Just as there are two sides to a coin there are two sides to the Knights of Columbus. One side is fraternal, the other insurance.

The ideals of fraternity are expressed in actions of charity, unity and the fraternity of our brotherhood. And, taken one step further, the expression of patriotism is witnessed in the Fourth Degree. These virtues are what make our order so unique in that our actions speak louder than words as we band together in support of our church and community on a host of activities that richly display our willingness to live out the Gospel of Life.

But just as a coin can only exist having both its sides, we knights also exist on the principle that we must also support our loved ones with financial security.

We Knights believe that insurance is a fundamental act of charity within the home. The need for financial security is often overlooked but if anything would happen to you what would happen to your household? Please consider what insurance coverage is available to you!

called to be morbid and dwell on death, we are called to be realistic and take proper steps to attend to future necessities. Now-a-days we “pre-plan”, perhaps, a measure of American practicality.

The practice of cremation seems to call to mind the ceremony of Ash Wednesday. There it is before us on that day. A smear of ashes placed on our forehead as a reminder of mortality and the need to take stock of our lives. “REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN,” we are reminded. A sobering thought!

Never before has the practice of cremation been utilized by Catholics as it is now. Once forbidden because it was used as a protest against the Catholic belief in resurrection, it is no longer seen as such, and is now just a more convenient, and in some cases necessary, way of laying a person to rest.

For whatever reason, we think a bit earlier of our future, the Ash Wednesday rites most bluntly call us to contemplation and conversion. “REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS,” the celebrant may say. We then have forty days to reflect on the changes we need to make in our lives, so that we are worthy of entry into God’s kingdom. It may seem stark and tough, but it is also hopeful and promising. It tells us that we have it within us to become better. It offers us the help of the Holy Spirit in transforming our lives and relationships. It promises an unending future in a state of bliss. It is a bit of reality therapy. We know our lives and world are not all we would like them to be. There is always room for improvement, and we are a people of hope, who believe in a God who loves us and is “pulling for us.” We have a lot going for us if we take advantage.

How we are “put away” when we leave this life is not as important as who we have become in the process of living here. The Gospel calls us to conversion, not from flesh to ashes, but from sinner to saint!

(Grand Knight)

In addition to term and life insurance which covers a multitude of needs, there is also accelerated term life insurance, long term care, young adult insurance with guaranteed purchase options and disability income household benefit coverage.

There is much to consider and it may sound complicated but the good news is that our Field Agent, Michael Fischer, is available to sit down with you, analyze your insurance needs and offer his recommendations for peace of mind and security for your loved ones.

Feel free to contact Mike by email or phone. He can be reached at 201-245-2187 or by email @ michael.fischer@koc.org

Joe Laquideara, Grand Knight

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

Having survived the storm, the Lamb Assembly will hold the January 26th 2016 meeting at the Ramsey Council. Starting at 8:00 pm

During February 2016 the Assembly will have a Fish & Chips Dinner and Fund raiser on **February 26th** 2016 starting at 7:00pm .

Location: Le Neves 276 Belmont Ave. Haledon, NJ. Price: \$25.00pp.

Reservations along with payment are required and must be in by: **2-23-16**

February's meeting on the 23rd TBD.

In Closing I would like to Quote St. Isaac of Nineveh.

“What is prayer? It is the mind detached from earthly things

And the whole heart pointed to that in which it hopes.”

Be well.

Al Lukievics

Calendar of Events
February and March 2016

February

- 02/04 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 002/05 Third Degree in Dumont
- 02/06 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 02/07 Super Bowl Party, Florentine Gardens.....TBA
- 02/09 First Degree..... 7:30 PM
- 02/11 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM
- 02/13 Baby Bottle Boomerang -St. Andrew's
- 02/14 Baby Bottle Boomerang-St. Andrew's
- 02/18 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 02/27 Recruiting Weekend—St. John's
- 02/28 Recruiting Weekend —St. John's

March

- 03/03 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 03/05 Meals for the needy.....9:00 AM
- 03/08 First Degree (host 2188).....7:30 PM
- 03/10 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 03/17 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM

2016 Golf Outing

We have survived the blizzard and our thoughts should be turning to our annual golf outing. Mark your calendars for Monday, June 13 as the date to save so you can join a great group at the River Vale Country Club.

The event will again feature a hot breakfast, 18 holes of golf (hopefully with no rain), and a luncheon with door prizes, a 50-50, and a raffle for prizes. All of this for the same cost as last year, \$150.00/person. We are partnering with the Closter Council in an effort to close the course for our sole use.

Forms for gift donations, hole sponsors, and players will be posted on our Council's website. We could use your help in acquiring prize donations and hole sponsors or helping to set up and clean the hall for the luncheon or help at the course to register the participants.

Please consider being a part of this fraternal fund raiser for our scholarship funds and general charity fund. It is our goal to exceed the funds raised in last year's golf outing.

Ray Polomski



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