

## February 2017

Brother Knights:

This month has been a good one for our Council.

First of all, our Worthy Chaplin, Father Jay, has become a First Degree Knight! We are blest to be provided with a Priest for our Chaplin, and even more blest that a Priest the caliber of Father Jay is now a Brother Knight. Please thank Father Jay for deciding to join us as a Knight the next time you see him. And thank you to Brothers Ernesto Wallace, Rudy Gonzales, Victor Castillo and Brian Trinque for attending the degree ceremony on behalf of our Council.

And speaking of Priests, our own Rector, Father Tim, honored us at our Council Meeting. For those that might not know, Father Tim is a Knight as well. It was an honor having Father join us for our Rosary, meal and meeting. Father Tim was even kind enough to share some thoughts during the Chaplin's Report that dealt with the immigration issue that seems to have a firm grip on our nation currently. For those that attended the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Bishop Vasquez spoke on the same subject. He began his talk by stating the Catholic Church recognizes the fact countries are allowed to establish borders and the Church does not condone illegal immigration. He then went to say the immigrants are people of God and often without out anything.....very similar to Jesus and his family at the time of his birth. Father Tim reminded us that before we share our views on this issue (or any other issue), especially on social media, we need to take time to reflect and discern if our view is Christ like. While we are certainly entitled to our political views (I certainly have mine), we must realize we are talking about human beings and therefore must attempt to treat and refer to them with respect and dignity.

Our Council was awarded a beautiful portrait photo of Saint Mother Tressa of Calcutta for our success in bringing new members into the Council. Father Tim blessed it for us at our meeting. If you have not seen it, go by and take a look at it. It is in the Knight's display case in Bishop's Hall.

Our Lenten Fish Frys are starting up and it is important for each and every one of us to help out as best we can. For some, that may mean working a complete shift at all of the fish frys. For others, maybe one or two fish frys or just partial shifts. And still for others, not being able to help but at least come by to purchase a meal or two. And finally, maybe not being able to do anything but simply pray our Council does well. The point being, this needs to be a Council-wide activity and every person can contribute in some way.

Vivat Jesus,

SK David Matocha  
Worthy Grand Knight