

## Grand Knight Report

February 21, 2015

Vivat Jesus

Congratulations are in order for the progression to the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at St Michael's in Garden City, Saturday, February 14. Alan Bunal, Kevin Koren, Matthew Servedio, and Pete Vainoris received their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree cards after interrogation by conferring officer Tom Endl. As 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights they are now eligible to participate as officers and are encouraged to assume their role in Council affairs.

Ash Wednesday services signal the start of Lent February 18. Those Knights who function as ushers and Eucharistic ministers were ready to meet the needs of our parish. Our Knights' Fish Frys start Friday, February 20, and continue through March 27. We are featuring flounder this year and have added clam chowder as an included item on the menu. Sign up by Knights for helping is going well. The Columbiettes will continue to assist at the serving line as well as running other interactive activities in the dining room.

Per direction from higher authority, Council 5086 now has a waiver of sales tax and a series of liquor licenses for our events. Thanks to W. Treasurer Anthony Ross for his patient support of this winding and frustrating path through State regulation.

Fr. Jim LeBlanc is planning a ceremony to bless the new Processional Cross and Thurible at our next business meeting date of March 2. I encourage you to contact your brother Knights to maximize attendance. At Fr. Jim's direction, we will have a jeweler inscribe the Cross with "Knights of Columbus Council 5086, March 2, 2015" to commemorate the dedication.

Please consider attending the Men's Conference in Fort Mill, Saturday, March 7 at St Philip Neri Catholic Church. Cost at the door is \$52. Pre-registration is \$42, Knights are further discounted to as low as \$22, depending on registration date.

We are in process of creating our slate of officers for election. Please consider offering your talent to the council. We are always looking for new ideas and better methods or directions for our effort.

Encouraging you on your path of a prayerful and repentant Lent.

Bruce Miller, GK