Grand Knight’s Message
WGK Jerry Wood

My Dear Brothers:

As you know, we will be electing officers for the new Fraternal Year at our next Council Business Meeting on June 13th. The Election Committee has put forth its recommendations, and that list is in this newsletter on page 5. If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone else who is willing to run, please attend that meeting to make that nomination.

With the arrival of new officers, this marks my last monthly note to you as Grand Knight. It has been a memorable two years of my life. Memorable because of the many things we have accomplished as well as memorable for all the special times we’ve spent together both at work and at play. We have established what has to be the best Lenten Fish Fry in the area (it’s not bragging if it’s true); we had our first cash prize bingo night (stay tuned for more about that); and we managed the Parish Fund Raiser just last weekend. The results of that endeavor gained a greater profit for our church than last year’s Fund Raiser. Please don’t think that I am taking credit for any of these successes; they wouldn’t have happened without the incredible working members of our K of C Council. I could start naming them, but that would take the rest of my space here. Come to our Installation Dinner in August (probably) and see who wins the Knights of the Month/Year and Family of the Month/Year awards. This will be very difficult because we have more than “the Same Five Guys” this year. To reiterate my constant theme of the last two years: If you haven’t volunteered, you have missed some incredible experiences and successes. My Brothers, it has been a privilege and a distinct honor to be with you. I hope to continue editing this publication, and I will definitely be attending meetings and volunteering. Thank you for the past two years.

It’s good to be a Knight in so many ways! Ask an active Knight why....

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Jerry Wood
Grand Knight

“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar…” 1 John 4:20
SK Richard Welp

Knight of the Month
May 2018

SK Michael & Midi Dill
Family of the Month,
May 2018

June 2018

Happy Birthday

Ric Fichera
Santo Graziano
Gerald Gresko
Michael Kalweit
Michael Kar
Timothy Nowicki
Jerry Price
Jeremy Stafford
David Wagner
John Young

SK Gene Arvizu and SK Richard Welp at the
2018 K of C State Convention, May 18, 2018

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Saint of the Month
Saint Hilary of Arles
(c. 401 – May 5, 449)

Saint Hilary of Arles’ Story

It’s been said that youth is wasted on the young. In some ways, that was true for today’s saint.

Born in France in the early fifth century, Hilary came from an aristocratic family. In the course of his education he encountered his relative, Honoratus, who encouraged the young man to join him in the monastic life. Hilary did so. He continued to follow in the footsteps of Honoratus as bishop. Hilary was only 29 when he was chosen bishop of Arles.

The new, youthful bishop undertook the role with confidence. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor. He sold sacred vessels to ransom captives. He became a magnificent orator. He traveled everywhere on foot, always wearing simple clothing.

That was the bright side. Hilary encountered difficulty in his relationships with other bishops over whom he had some jurisdiction. He unilaterally deposed one bishop. He selected another bishop to replace one who was very ill—but, to complicate matters, did not die! Pope Saint Leo the Great kept Hilary a bishop but stripped him of some of his powers.

Hilary died at 49. He was a man of talent and piety who, in due time, had learned how to be a bishop.

Reflection

Saint Hilary teaches us to respect authority even if found in a young person. Age is not the issue: prudence and wisdom are.
Good week to all our Knights of Columbus and all Volunteers,

I would like to honor one of our volunteers who has worked in our program for OVER FOUR YEARS. He has volunteered EVERY WEEK, something that is not asked of us. We only ask for once a month for about two hours. This person never missed a day of volunteering, not for being sick or because of vacation. I would like to say congratulations and thank you to RICH SCHROEDER! He will take a leave of absence while he takes care of his wife. We wish him well and a big THANK YOU FOR HIS SERVICE.

Edward Dunai and Alex Reyes have requested to work each week. We will honor their requests, giving them more days. The new schedule came out Sunday for June/July, so please look at it to see the days for which you are volunteering.

We are adding more days per week as we add another business to our program: EINSTEIN BAGELS at 64 St/Greenway.

Keep in your prayers Edward Dunal, who lost his mother last week. We also want to keep in our prayers Rich Schroeder’s wife who is ill. THANK YOU all as we begin our fifth season in helping the poor. We are also adding more pickup days for PANERA BREAD and Rainbow Donuts. It’s all because of our volunteers.

While the river of our life may not always be free of obstacles, it is always filled with the need to help the people of Phoenix. Thank you, and have a good volunteering week.
Come Together

Let’s be Church, you and I. Never mind what others are saying or, after two thousand years, how hopeless it all seems. Let’s stick together—we call it communion, don’t we?—and practice being the people of God united in one faith, one Lord, one baptism. Anyone who agrees on that can come along!

It doesn’t matter which of the last ten popes is your favorite. It doesn’t matter if you take communion in the hand or on the tongue. It doesn’t matter if you prefer to pray the rosary, the Jesus Prayer, or the collected poetry of Daniel Berrigan. I won’t make a face if you wear gum clothes to Mass instead of a suit and tie. Your stance on female deacons isn’t a deal-breaker.

Our unity can’t hang on political affiliation. It’s none of my business what you’ve done or failed to do. Are we the friends of Jesus or aren’t we? I grant you: Jesus had a pretty strange assortment of friends. If that’s okay with him, it has to be fine with us.

Does it make Jesus sad, I wonder, to see how divided we are? On the night before he dies our unity is on his mind: that we might stick together, come what may. Jesus is right to worry about this. Today’s assembly is a minefield that wary homilists must tiptoe through. Would St. Paul dare to suggest today that, in Christ, there is no conservative or liberal? What is Church, if we don’t believe this?

Alice Camille

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Officers’ Nominations for 2018-19

*Chaplain: Fr. Scott Sperry
Grand Knight: SK Richard Welp
Deputy Grand Knight: SK Michael Dill
Chancellor: Martin Perez
Recorder: SK Frank Scarpone
Treasurer: SK Gene Arvizu
*Financial Secretary: SK Michael Smalley
Advocate: Dennis Logue
Warden: SK Vincenzo Cefalu
Inside Guard: Conrad Franks
Outside Guard: Ron Angelo
3-3-Year Trustee: SK Jerry T. Wood
2-Year Trustee: SK William Torresala
1-Year Trustee: SK Daniel Conway

*Chaplain and Financial Secretary are appointed positions and are not voted on.
Monthly Pancake Breakfast

Third Sunday of every month between September and May
$5.00 Family: $15.00

Join us in the Parish Hall!
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, and Sausage! This is the last Pancake Breakfast of the season.

May 20th (They will resume on September 16)

Building the Domestic Church strengthening our Parish

Grotto on the campus of Mount St. John, Bergamo, Beavercreek, Ohio
Pictures for you....

Figure 1: Fr. Parks and SK William Torresala after Mothers’ Day Mass. Knights handed out roses to all mothers as they left the church.

Figure 2: SK William Torresala and Tom Davey pass out roses to all the moms leaving after the Mothers’ Day Mass.

Figure 3: William Torresala, Dr. Jim Mead, George, Robert, and Madison Mead, and Jerry Wood.

The Parish Fund Raiser,

2018

Figure 4: Proud Papa Tom Hinski beams in front of Tom Jr.’s Handiwork at the Silent auction. Photo: J. Wood

Figure 5: (below, right) Joan Graziano and daughter Dawn check out the raffle items. Photo: J. Wood

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Figure 6: SK Michael & Midi Dill enjoy some cocktails before the banquet with a friend. Photo: J. Wood

Figure 7: Tom Horst, Elaine Musatto, and Tammy Polcyn enjoy their dinner. Photo: J. Wood

Figure 8: Dick & Connie Welp, Frank & Louise Scarpone enjoy Fr. Scott’s message. Photo: J. Wood

Figure 9: MC SK Michael Smalley and Josephine Perez check out the raffle items. Photo: J. Wood

Figure 10: Deacon Al, Donna, & Melissa, & Deacon Frank enjoy Fr. Scott’s message. Photo: J. Wood
All around the room....
As you can see, the Parish Fund Raiser was well attended, and everyone who attended had a good time. The Orange Tree Resort was a wonderful venue: the food, drink, and accommodations were all outstanding. The evening was a great success, as the Parish earned $10,000.00 more this year than last year. Congratulations to all the Knights who worked on this project! Especially to SK Michael Smalley, who chaired the project committee and did a wonderful job as Emcee for the evening. I suspect that the Parish might call on us again to handle this event.
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Good of the Order Prayer List—April 2018
Brothers, please join us as we pray for the following Knights and their families.

- Wilma Dunai, who passed away on May 17th, and for her husband and son, SK Dennis Dunai and Ed Dunai.
- SK Ken McDonald
- SK Virgil Grzywa.
- SK Al and Johnna Minetti SK Al is back on the breathing machine.
- Rosie Pate
- Sergio Romero, SK Gene Arvizu’s cousin, who’s suffering from cancer.
- John Mayes, Jerry Wood’s cousin who survived a deadly car crash.
- SK William Torresala.
- Debbie Wood, Jerry’s sister, who is in the hospital dealing with heart issues.
- For the Pope, every Priest and Deacon and all the clergy.
- For the safety and good health of all our military, police, and fire fighters.
- For the good health of all Knights and their families and our own Knights who continue to find the strength to keep coming out to do God’s will.
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist’s account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet’s rendition of the scene. Elizabeth’s praise of Mary as “the mother of my Lord” can be viewed as the earliest Church’s devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth’s (the Church’s) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God’s words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

Reflection

One of the invocations in Mary’s litany is “Ark of the Covenant.” Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God’s presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David’s capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another.