

October 2016

Brother Knights:

The month of October is proving to be a very busy one for our Council. We have several activities happening this month but the most important is the fact we now have a Worthy Chaplin! Father Jayaraju or "Jay" for short, has agreed to take on the responsibility of becoming our Worthy Chaplin. This is of course a big deal for our Council and I look forward to having Father Jay's prayers and spiritual wisdom shared with us at our Council meetings.

The Worthy Council Officers decided to take up a collection amongst themselves and have generously donated enough funds for a Council ad to be placed in the Church bulletin. It was first printed in the October 9th bulletin (inside back page) and is funded until July 2017. This ad is to demonstrate our Council's commitment to Saint Mary Cathedral and to serve as an easy way for interested parishioners to communicate with us via our website. The addition of the website is proving to be a huge help in letting each and everyone one of you know what we are doing as Knights to help Saint Mary Cathedral, the Cathedral School of Saint Mary, and support the Catholic Faith. Please access it often to get the latest information regarding our Council.

Speaking of the October 9th bulletin, you couldn't help but notice the Council's full page double-side flyer inserted into it. A big thank you goes out to the Knights that took this project on, not only to have the content developed and printed out, but to stuff it into the bulletin as well. I want to single out Brothers Louis Barron, Victor Castillo, Lukasz Karwowski and Greg Vidal that I know had a large part. If I missed anyone else, I apologize. The flyer was a great way to let the parishioners better understand what we do as Knights to support our faith and our parish.

The weekend of the 15th and 16th, the Knights will be hosting display tables outside the church entrances filled with information about the Knights of Columbus. As members of our Council, I hope you will help participate in our membership drive by either directing a possible candidate to our tables or better yet, by taking some of the literature and making a point to give it to them personally. I have asked all officers and any members with name badges to please wear them to Mass that weekend so others can identify you as a Knight.

Remember, our golf tournament is coming up soon. Please consider playing and getting a team signed up. You may certainly enter as a single player and we can place you on a team needed additional players. And please don't worry if you haven't picked up a club in a while, the goal of the tournament is to have fun while making some money to help fund our many charities. You can also simply choose to donate and not play as well. You now have the option to pay for the golf tournament online via our website.

For those that attended our October meeting, you know our Worthy Austin Diocesan Deputy Kevin Brinkman honored us with his presence. We also had our Worthy District Deputy Eric Staveley attend as well. They both were impressed with the way we ran our Council meeting and were glad to see the many activities we are working on. I know Eric gave up his daughter's volleyball game to be with us.

I am pleased to announce several of the Ladies of the Knights took up our invitation to join us for the Rosary before our October Council meeting. It was moving to see a larger than normal group of Knights and their wives take part in such a beautiful prayer. I encourage you to please make a point to join us for the Rosary before our meetings and ask your wife to join you. She can then join the other ladies for an evening of food and fellowship while we Knights attend to business.

Finally, again for those that attended our meeting, you know I asked you to take part in a simple exercise to prove a point. I asked the Knights to simply stand up and place one hand in front of them and point. Then bring that hand around behind them and remember the spot on the wall where they pointed. I then asked them to bring their hand back in front of them and then move it back behind them again, but this time, try to reach farther behind them than before. I then asked them how many moved their hand farther the second time and nearly all said yes. The point being is, we often can do more than what we first give ourselves credit for.

It was this point in mind that earned Brother Isaac Winslett Knight of the Month for October. Here is a younger Knight that took it upon himself to do "a little more" and run for a Council office. He takes his responsibility seriously as our Worthy Outside Guard. Let's just say you better bring your current membership card to our meetings. I am grateful our Council has many Knights that look to do "a little more". When everyone works together and does just "a little more", we all end up doing a whole lot!

Vivat Jesus,

SK David Matocha
Worthy Grand Knight