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April 2011

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

This is the season of Lent. Lent is a special time of the year when we pray for penance, sacrifice and do good works to prepare ourselves for Easter. Let us follow in the footsteps of Moses and Jesus. Moses fasted 40 days and 40 nights with the Lord while waiting for the Ten Commandments. Elijah walked 40 days and nights to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Floreb or Sinai. Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights in the desert before he began his public ministry. So I feel if they sacrificed, the least we can do is our part in keeping up with our Lenten preparation. Brothers let us do something special this Lent so it will have a more spiritual meaning in our lives. Lent also means prayer. Brothers let us pray for the people in Japan who tragically lost their lives and for the survivors. Especially pray for our service men and women who are risking their own lives to save lives.

Fraternally Yours, Gary

Chaplain's Message

“Holy Week: Don't Observe—Participate!”

Last month, I entitled my message: Lent: A Journey with Christ Back to Christ. What we must realize in our celebration of the “Lenten journey” is the need to stay with Christ as it builds to a most awesome and sanctifying apex: Holy Week and The Solemn Triduum. There are no weekdays in the Church calendar of greater significance and importance than those of Holy Week in general, and of the Triduum in particular. These days of course are: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Each of these days is significant in its own right. This is why we should do everything possible to be not just observers of these great days, but participants.

The days of Holy Week begin with Pas-

sion (Palm) Sunday, in which we celebrate our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. How did our Lord feel, knowing what lay ahead of him as the events of that great week unfold?

We should place ourselves there with him during the looming prospect of his betrayal and the death it would bring as we hear it recounted in the Reading of the Passion and the Readings of Mass on the early days of Holy Week. We should try to feel the things he felt and think the thoughts he would have thought. Perhaps, we could put ourselves in the mind and person of Judas, contemplating our own betrayal of Christ through sin. Perhaps we could put ourselves in the mind and person of Peter, contemplating our own denial of him because of pride or fear. In all of this, we can see that despite what happens to our Lord, he stands ready to forgive, to heal, and to strengthen. Can we not sense that in these great events?

The very same identification with Christ and his disciples should be made by our participation in the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Solemn Easter Vigil.

What was it like at that Last Supper? What would we think of the Lord washing our feet, commanding us to love one another, allowing us to become one with him in the Holy Eucharist? We should go with him to the Garden where we will share his agony, his fear, his anxiety over what he must do for the salvation of our souls and in obedience to the Heavenly Father. The most appropriate time for this would be of course, to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration of the person whose death would bring us life.

On Good Friday, our participation allows us to put ourselves with Christ at the most critical and saving moment of his life—his suffering and death on the cross. The beautiful and stirring account of John's passion invites us to do just that. We should listen attentively to the words Jesus utters while he is on the cross and think about how we benefit from that great deed and powerful words of prayer on our behalf: “Forgive them Father, they know what they do.” Like Mary, we

express our love for his saving act of redemption as we venerate the wood of the cross.

Of course, if at all possible, we should take the journey to its logical conclusion—the resurrection from the tomb, which of course is celebrated in the Solemn Easter Vigil. In this we are reminded that for those who believe and follow him, because of all the events that precede this most solemn of liturgies and most holy of nights, we too are given eternal life. In this celebration, everything we have celebrated during Lent, our entire life of discipleship, the entire economy of salvation, is beautifully arranged so that we can truly share the wonderful truth of eternal life and how Christ has led us on the journey.

We first celebrate light—a movement from the darkness of sin and death to the exalting glory of the Risen Christ. During the second portion of this service, the Liturgy of the Word, we meditate on all the wonderful things God has done for us, his people, from the beginning. Then, we celebrate our own baptism and perhaps others, recalling the new birth we have as a result. Finally, in the celebration of the Eucharist, we come to the table which the Lord has prepared for us through his death and resurrection.

There are no liturgical celebrations that say so much and do so much for our earthly pilgrimage of faith than those of Holy Week and the solemn Triduum. We should do everything possible to participate in these events for what they say to us and do for us. Then, the fifty days that follow will be even more meaningful to us when we join the Church in proclaiming: “Alleluia! The Lord is risen!”

May your celebration of Holy Week be filled with abundant graces as you participate in the wonderful events of the Church's liturgies during those days. In doing so, may you feel the same closeness to our Lord that was felt by his mother and our patroness—Mary, Star of the Sea.

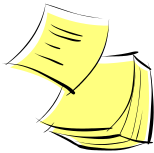
Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



Happy Birthday

Victor E. Ballash	4/17
John A Bennis	4/16
Denis M. Frank	4/10
Stephen C. Gildea	4/4
Timothy P. Gildea	4/1
Russell R. Irwin	4/9
Thomas J. Kling	4/8
Bernard J. Mikesic	4/13
Lynn R. Moyer	4/11
Vincent D. Moyer	4/26
Deacon Gene P. Neral	4/15
Vince A. Schneider	4/30
Robert J. Stanek	4/11
Thomas L. Sutch	4/27
Paul D. Yakymak	4/27



March Council Meeting Notes

A thank-you was read from Richard Gildea, Past Grand Knight for the remembrance of his wife Mary Louise.

A thank you received from Moms House in Johnstown for our donation.

A thank you was read from the Multiple Sclerosis Society for our \$100 donation.

A letter was received from the Sister Servants in Cresson advising us that they will not buy a truck for snow removal but will buy another more suitable piece of equipment for that purpose. The council agreed to our donation in support of the new equipment.

Seminarian Tickets are available for purchase. Please contact Lou Endress.

Brother Mark Frew sent an update for the Measure-up Campaign. Sam's Club will be unavailable until mid June. Council by a show of hands agreed that we could support the Campaign on July 8-9 at Sam's Club. If you are interested in volunteering your time at any of the locations please contact Mark Frew or Lou Endress.

Brother Dan Casey announced that a Red Cross Blood Drive would be held at the Council Home April 25th.

A spaghetti social will be held on March 30 for K of C Members and their guests in conjunction with the Jaffa Clowns and their guests at the Council Home. Entertainment will be a roast of Brother Jim Zimmerman. Social hour from 5-6 pm with dinner and entertainment to follow.

The District Deputy Report was given by Brother Tom Sault. Msgr. Stein is creating a Special Edition for the Ordination of Bishop Mark. Council passed a motion to allot \$150 to advertise with or separately with the other K of C Councils.

Warden Bill Nelson discussed the Blair County Veterans Honor Guard. He explained that all veterans may receive burial with full military honors if requested by the Funeral Director. Bill encouraged all veterans to make their wishes known to their families. Brother Tom Sault also reminded us that the K of C Color Guard will also attend if requested and also reminded us to inform our survivors of our wishes.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings are:

Thursday, April 7 7:00pm

Thursday, May 5 7:00pm

March 26-27 Catholic Men's Retreat

March 30, Annual Spaghetti Dinner with Jaffa Clowns, 5PM

April 25 Blood Drive at Council Home

May 6-7 Measure-Up Campaign

May 13-14 Trip to K of C Headquarters



Thoughts and Prayers

Pray for Kathy McKees a co worker of Brother Bill Hiergeist.

Brother George Husick gave an emotional plea for us to pray for his granddaughter on her pending surgery to alleviate a malfunctioning electrical system in her brain.

In Memoriam



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights that have passed away.