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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,

"Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah this Jesus who you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

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With these bold words, Peter proclaimed the Keryma—the astonishing news that the crucified Jesus had been raised from the dead and now reigns as Lord to the crowds gathered on the morning of Pentecost. After living and traveling with Jesus for three years, listening to his authoritative preaching, witnessing his astounding miracles, and experiencing his merciful power, those first Christian apostles were shattered by Jesus' horrific death, only to be amazed by the unexpected gift of the Resurrection.

And then, just when they were growing accustomed to being with the risen Christ in this new way, he ascended to heaven, entrusting to them the Great Commission to preach the Gospel, baptize believers and make disciples of all nations. At Pentecost, Christ poured out the Holy Spirit, giving birth to the Church and completing his earthy mission.

On February 27th, Bishop Hying, began the formal process of announcing that our diocese will have a Synod. The preceding paragraphs come from Bishop Donald J. Hying's *Pastoral Letter*: "<u>Go, Therefore, and Make</u> <u>Disciples of all Nations</u>".

All of us, laity and clergy will have a very important part to play in the success of this monumental task.

The goal and fruit of the Synod will be the long-range pastoral plan to guide our faith life in our diocese for at least the next 10-15 years. Bishop Don wrote: "My hope is that the synod process will animate our local Church to embrace the mission of Jesus with a renewed vigor, an audacious hope and creative thinking regarding the major areas of ecclesial life and action."

We have a lot to do if we are to get ready to participate in the Synod. As brother Knights we can begin by reading Bishop Don's Pastoral Letter. Simply go to the Diocese of Gary website: www.dcgary.org. In the fall, each parish will host round-table discussions on the Pastoral and I encourage you to take an active part in the discussions and leadership.

The Pastoral is divided into eight areas of our faith life which stand out as defining principles of our central mission and varied activity:

- EVANGELIZATION
- SACRAMENTS, PRAYER AND WORSHIP
- DISCIPLESHIP/FORMATION
- SOCIAL TEACHING
- MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
- YOUNG CATHOLICS
- STEWARDSHIP
- VOCATIONS AND LEADERSHIP FORMATION

In the words of Bishop Don: "I invite you to ponder these parts of our common mission with me, lifting up our strengths and blessings but also acknowledging the challenges and raising the questions. Our mission is to share the Good News with every person, inviting everyone into a loving and saving relationship with God through the person of his Son, Jesus Christ."

Recently, I met with our Grand Knight because he wanted to know how the Knights of Columbus can be better contributors to the mission of our local parishes and our diocese. I want to extend my gratitude to those brother Knights who were able to serve at St. Elizabeth Seton's 24 Hour Prayer Vigil. Your presence and service to the community during the dark hours of Adoration and Prayer made the community feel comfortable as they entered the church and returned to their vehicles. Bishop Don presided at the 7:30am Palm Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton. My thanks to our Fourth Degree brothers for their Honor Guard and to those who hosted the Donut Fellowship.

Pax Christi, Fr Doug

"What unites us, is much greater than what divides us."

St. John XXIII

Words from the Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights,

I look forward to the season of spring every year even though this has been a milder than average winter. I enjoy seeing the flowers, trees and grass start to regrow. The Lord has risen and Christians around the world are celebrating and their faith is re-energized in the Easter season. The sad reality is that the influx of people attending the Easter services and practicing their faith at our church's may not be sustained throughout the rest of the year as history has shown. Let's hope I'm wrong this year and there will be a resurgence of attendance throughout the year.

During the "World Meeting of Families" Pope Francis called for a new alliance between the Church and the family and in early December announced that the Church would celebrate an extraordinary jubilee year dedicated to God's mercy. At the November Knights of Columbus midyear organizational meeting Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced a program to "Build the Domestic Church and

Strengthen Parish Life".

As was mentioned in our "Chaplain's Corner" article I had a meeting with Fr. Doug in the interest of finding out how the Knights of our council can better serve the needs and wishes of our pastors, parishes, dioceses and communities. The Knights of Columbus is a ministry to the church and it is our obligation to step-up and help wherever we are able. I recommend that the Knights go back and re-read the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's articles in the December 2015 and January 2016 issues of the "Columbia" magazine and then read the monthly articles in your copy of "Building the Domestic Church, The Family Fully Alive" #10162, I than ask, and I hope your answer to why did I become a Knight, is to better serve the ministries of your parishes and promote our Catholic teachings by the example we set.

In case you may not have noticed, in the March issue of the "Columbia" magazine there was an excellent article titled "The Radiant Charity of Madre Nati". The reason it should interesting to the Knights of our council is that should you decide to join the 4th degree this is directly referenced to the Santa Maria Venegas 4th degree Assembly 2712 of which many of our council Knights belong and may be your choice.

The month of March wrapped up with our Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council 7473 fish fry that was equally as successful as our February Holy Spirit fish fry. Our Bishop, Rev. Donald Hying celebrated the 7:30 am Palm Sunday Mass at SEAS with coffee and donuts following the 7:30 and 9: am mass's sponsored by our council. Ending the month, at our Knights of Columbus social meeting on the 30th our raffle drawing was held with 22 Knights in attendance. Congratulations to the \$500.00 winner Jo King, the \$200.00 winners Joe & Sandy Szczerbowski and the three \$100.00 winners, Bill McCarthy, Vicki Testi and Larry Caldwell. Now that the cats out of the bag don't forget to pay your taxes, Ha Ha.

April is starting out with a Corporate Communion at the 10: am Holy Spirit Mass on the 3rd with coffee and donuts to follow the 8:00 and 10: am mass's. Our council breakfast is scheduled for Sat. the 9th 8: am at the Chili Bowl in Valpo on Rt.30. There will be a 1st degree at Nativity in Portage at 7: pm on the 21st. We have two more candidates and as always I'm asking for the support of our Knights as you were supported. There is a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification that is being hosted by our brother Knights from the Saint Thomas Council 1347 At Saint Bridget's Parish in Hobart, 210 Center St. at 1: pm CDT. Enter the doors on the southeast corner of the complex. Candidates must be there no later than 12.45 pm CDT and have their current 1st degree membership card in their possession. All supporting knights must have their 3rd degree travel card in their possession. See your council Financial Secretary if you don't have a current card. Dress for all Knights is business casual.

The social for the Knights their ladies and the widows of our fallen Brother Knights that was canceled in March due to weather is re-scheduled for April 27th at the Flamingo Restaurant in Miller. Please RSVP Brother Dave Pszonka at (219) 988-2235.

There is still time for anyone that would like to sign up for the "Hebron Rebuilding Together" fixup day on April 30th no special skills needed. This is a great community service project for the Knights of Columbus. I was signed up before I found out that I'm expected to be at the Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention scheduled for the same weekend, but your welcome to join Brothers Merl Foresman, Jason Krampen and Paul Reithkneckt. This is the kind of projects that make us proud to serve as Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Gerry Glatt

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Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

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Happy April Birthdays to Brothers

Patrick Horan, Charles Balmes, John Becker, Francis Hussey, Allen Plumley, Gerald Russell, Dennis Conley, Paul Reithknecht, Harold Pendowski, James Toporski, Kenneth Miller, Rev. Thomas Mischler, Eric Dorris, and David Vandenburgh.

Remember our Brothers and their Families that are need of our Prayers

All the Veterans, past and present, Brothers Dennis Conley, Merlin Foresman, Rev. Derek Dudash, Ed Stram, Rich Schutkovske, Marty De Battista, Rich Cunningham, Dave Frohnapple, Joan Murphy, Barbara Namovich and Edward Sullivan III.

If you know of anyone that should be included or removed from this list contact Dave Pszonka at 988-2235.

Prayer to God, the Source of Health

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain; relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be your will.

Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul and body, and be with them in their hours of silence. Bless those who know not what another day will bring.

Make them ready for whatever it may be. Whether they must stand, or sit or be confined, grant them a strong spirit.

Inspire with your love those who bring healing and care to the suffering. May they bestow Your gifts of health and strength wherever they go. Grant this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



50/50 WINNER

Mike Halcarz \$39.00 Donated to Gibault & Bike Project

APRIL SCHEDULE

- APR. 7 Council Officers Mtg. at Holy Spirit 7:pm
- APR. 9 Council Breakfast at Viking Chili Bowl in Valpo 8:am
- APR.11 SMV Assembly 2712 Bus. Mtg. at Marion Council in Ceder Lake 6:30pm
- APR.13 Council Bus. Mtg. at Holy Spirt 7:pm Rosary, Mtg. to follow.
- APR.21 1st Deg. at Nativity in Portage 7:pm
- APR.24 2nd&3rd Deg. at St. Bridgets In Hobart 11:45 am for Candidates
- APR.27 Council Social TBD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY 5	Council Officers Mtg. at	
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MAY 9	SMV Assembly Wives Dinne	
	& Busir	ness Meeting at St.
	Bridget	s in Hobart 6:pm
MAY 11	Council Business Meeting at Hebron Community Center	
	7:pm	
May 14	Council Breakfast at Bajas	
	in Winfield 8:am	
MAY 17	1st Deg. at st. Pauls in Valpo	
	7:pm	
MAY 25	Council Social TBD	
2016 MEETING SCHEDULE		
APRIL	13	Holy Spirit
MAY	11	Hebron
JUNE	8	SEAS

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