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Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

The year 2026 is "March-ing" on! We had Super Bowl LX, and the Seattle Seahawks swooped in to win 29-13. The Winter Olympics were held, with the United States winning twelve gold medals.

Here we are in the season of Lent, and our 40th annual fish fry is underway. We got off to a great start; thanks to all who answered the call. Your dedication and support made a difference and is greatly appreciated! Our final fish fry will take place on March 27th. Please continue to donate beverages and desserts throughout the duration of the fish fry.

One note to remember - we will be springing ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8th. Also, on March 11th we plan on having another exemplification ceremony to bring in at least three new

members into our council. Please attend the ceremony, if possible, to extend a warm welcome to our newest Brothers.

Lastly, our next corporate Communion Mass will take place on Sunday, March 29th, at the 8:30 am Mass, which also happens to be Palm Sunday. It would be nice to have a good number of Brothers and their families present. You probably recall last time, instead of wearing our polo shirts, we dressed a little more formal. Let's do that again this time.

Please check out the rest of the newsletter for past and coming events. Also, please remember the names of our brothers and their families who are in need of our prayers.

Remember... "*Listen to Him.*" (Lk 9:35)

Dan Laponis, GK

Ontario Council 3672



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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT?

It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Do you know a Catholic gentleman who would like to be a Knight? Invite him to join us!

Chaplain's Message - *Lent is a time for the conversion of hearts*

Dear Brother Knights and Family,



This past Sunday, as we entered Lent, we heard how Jesus was led into the desert and was tempted – yet remained faithful to the Father. The real battle was not about bread or power. It was about trust. It was about the heart.



“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

– *Psalm 51:10*

In one of the mountains of Peru lived a farmer and his family. After a devastating frost destroyed the crops, the farmer had only a small supply of seed potatoes left for planting. When hungry neighbors came knocking, he faced a decision. One voice whispered, “Protect yourself. If you give this away, you may lose everything. Your children will starve.” Another voice said, “Trust God.” The farmer prayed. In the end, he opened his hands and shared what little he had. Later he would say, “Fear

tempts you to close your hands. Trust opens them.”

Brothers and sisters, that is the conversion God desires. Conversion is not simply changing habits. It is moving from fear to trust, from self-protection to generosity, from control to surrender.

In the desert, Jesus refused to grasp for control. Hungry, challenged, and offered power, He did not force the Father's hand or prove Himself. He trusted. He surrendered. He stood firm as the beloved Son.

Every Lent, we face the same choice. One voice says, “Hold tighter.” Another says, “Let go.” Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help train our hearts to listen to the right voice. Prayer reminds us we are God's children. Fasting loosens fear. Almsgiving opens our hands.

If our hearts are closed, our service becomes routine. If our hearts are converted, our service becomes witness.

This Lent, may we allow Christ to reshape our hearts – so that our families, our parish, and our community see in us men who trust God enough to keep their hands open.

Vivat Jesus.

In Christ,

Rev. Benjamin Le, SVD



Ontario Council Happenings

Calendar year 2026 picked up where 2025 left off, with lots on the table for our council to handle. Besides our usual two meetings early in January, we made our presentation of the check from the ID Drives last fall, to OPARC. On Tuesday the 20th, three of us met with the new CEO, Susie Pittman, Margo Welsh the Director of Development, Sugeily Lopez of OPARC's Marketing and Community Relations team and one of their long-time (30 years) and respected participants, Robert. We presented them with a check for just over \$2800 from our KofC Foundation which represents the fruits of our labor in soliciting those donations



while handing out Tootsie Rolls. By the way, our council has been contributing to OPARC since 1995 and in those 3 decades, you have helped us donate over \$51,000. Thanks again to all those who volunteered their time. You do make a difference!

At the end of the month, on Friday January 30th, we were present at the school Mass for the St. George students.

We were there to present gift cards to the winners of the KCIC Poster Contest and the Essay Contest Winner. It was also Grandparents Day at the school and the church was quite

full of proud grandparents. In the last issue, we showed some of the posters that were displayed inside the church at the end of December. PGK Ray Hoch and GK Dan Laponis presented the winners with their certificates and gift cards.



Unfortunately, not all of the Poster Contest winners were present due to many illnesses. Congratulations to those seven contest winners!

On into February we go and the first of several events was the Arrowhead-Valley Chapter's annual Clergy Night Dinner. Held this year at nearby St. Peter & St. Paul Church in Alta Loma



Ontario Council Happenings (continued)

on Friday February 13th. GK Dan Laponis had invited our priests, deacons and sister, to join in the fun. According to Dan and based on photos from the event, it was very well attended and all had a good time. Joining Dan were Deacon Roberto and Veronica Villatoro, Deacon Juan and Mariaelena Ramirez and Sister Teresa Nguyen and her friend Sister Anne Tran.

Then we get to the end of February and on the 20th, we held the first of six consecutive Friday night Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at St. George in Mary Lucas Hall. Fortunately, the rain had ended the previous day but it was still quite cold outside. A good day for soup! And our home-made clam chowder hit the spot with many of our attendees that evening. Our members and some volunteers were on hand to take on the tasks of food prep and cooking and hall set-up and take-down and cleanup. The 27th of February was our second Friday Fish Fry event for the year. Warmer weather helped out by encouraging a larger crowd. Again, we had many help-



ers, which made all of the prep on Thursday evening and Friday morning go smoothly. We could use a little more help in the kitchen on Friday night with the dishwashing and cleanup. Some of our members put in long hours on Friday and could use some help. This year during the 50/50 drawing, besides the cash prize winner, we are also drawing a winning ticket for a free 2-pc dinner. It can be on any of the remaining Fridays. We'll have a final report in the next issue of *Knightly Knews*.

We're planning an outing to Quakes Stadium in Rancho Cucamonga on Saturday May 9th. The Quakes will be taking on the new Dodger affiliate, Ontario Tower Buzzers. The Quakes are once again an affiliate of the California Angels. Tickets are \$13.00+\$2.50 fee on line. First pitch at 6:30PM. Watch our council website for more information and how to order tickets for our section.



Insurance Agent's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates — for example, if your salary changes, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus.

Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations.

Of course, we always recommend

that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition. This might also be a good time to review your investment portfolio with a financial advisor from Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

Investments have tax implications, especially with dividends, capital gains or losses, and required minimum distributions. By carefully understanding how your investments are taxed, you can work to reduce your overall tax burden while pursuing your long-term financial goals. By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. His mission of protecting Catholic families is as important today as it was for the first members who gathered all those years ago.

I'd love to talk more if you have any questions. Please message or call me and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus and God Bless!

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Knights of Columbus Prayer

O Almighty and eternal God,
Lord of the Universe, sustain us,
we beseech Thee,
Over the course of Life's
Tempestuous sea.
Keep us, we pray Thee, secure within
the Bark of Peter ever trustful
of Christ and His Vicars and guide
us along the way of peace and prosperity.
May Jesus, our Saviour, preserve us,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
and confirm our hopes of sharing,
the treasures of the Holy Spirit

with America.
Send forth the power, and the love of the
Holy Spirit, that we may be blessed
in our efforts, to set forth thy glory,
in this land under the patronage of
Mary's Immaculate conception.
Let our Fraternity flourish, in justice
and charity, and give eternal praise
and glory to the Holy Trinity.
Be mindful of each of our departed brothers,
and receive them into
Your Haven of eternal peace.

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Prayers Needed

Please remember the following brother Knights
and their family members in your prayers:

Rev. Benjamin Le, SVD	Benita Jauregui
Efrain Aguirre, PGK	Dale La Pre'
Suzanne Aguirre	Michael La Pre', PGK
Joe Alvarez	Dan Laponis
Connie Aranda	Martin "Marty" Laramie
Mary Arellano	Xavier Lopez, Sr.
Paula Carniello	Nannette Miranda
Joanne Carter	Henry Mirelez
George Cerisara	Molina Family
Dorene Escamilla	Angelina Padilla
Shaun Fesler, PGK	Ernie Ochoa
Karla Figueroa	Belinda Reyes
Heather Flynn	Carlos Reyes, PGK
Rick Foss, PGK	Steve Reza
Liz Gonzales	Don Rybarczyk, PGK
Johnny Gonzalez	Greg Salas
Laurel Goodroe	Frank Shepherd
Yvonne Hoch	Gabriel Vargas
Carol Imlay	
James Jackson	



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Rev. Joseph Gregorek	Manuel Landeros
Rev. Dominic Asare, SVD	Monsignor Lawler
Teresa Lu Thi Mai	Felipe "Phil" Ledesma
Dennis Altenburg	Bob Leonard
Mario Aguirre	Ralph Lopez
Elia Bejarano de Mendez-Aguirre	Gabriel Maldonado
Kenneth Broadfoot	James Meza
George Brunswick	Guillermo Miranda
Carl P. Carroll	Ismael Paredes
Allan Carter, PGK	Peter M. Perrone, PGK
James Cook	Michael F. Pompa
Dr. Otto Flores, PFN	Robbie Robertson, PGK
Reilly Flynn, PGK	Nora Rojas
Jessie Gomez	Maryanne Ross
Lucio Gomez	Jonathan Sanchez
Thomas Graham	William A. Summers
Mario Guzman	Clayton Trejo
Robert Hernandez	Jerry Vermillion
Richard "Dick" Hess	Dr. Stephen Wierzbinski
Murray Johnson	Glen Willett, PGK
Johnny T. Kaisaki, PGK	Richard Williams



Council Officers and Contacts 2025 - 2026

Grand Knight	Dan Laponis	██████████	████████████████████
Chaplain	Rev. Benjamin Le, SVD	██████████	████████████████████
<i>Chaplain Emeritus</i>	† Rev. Joseph Gregorek	██████████	████████████████████
Deputy Grand Knight	Lawrence Flynn	██████████	████████████████████
Chancellor	Alfredo Jauregui	██████████	████████████████████
Warden	Tony Aranda	██████████	████████████████████
Recorder	Philip Imlay	██████████	████████████████████
Treasurer	Victor Arellano, PGK	██████████	████████████████████
Lecturer	OPEN	██████████	████████████████████
Financial Secretary	Kevin Cavanaugh, PGK	██████████	████████████████████
Advocate	Michael La Pre', PGK	██████████	████████████████████
Inside Guard	Paul Hoch	██████████	████████████████████
Outside Guard	Arturo Padilla	██████████	████████████████████
Trustee 3-Year	Mark Ross, PGK	██████████	████████████████████
Trustee 2-Year	Carlos Reyes, PGK	██████████	████████████████████
Trustee 1-Year	David Schaefer, PGK	██████████	████████████████████
St. George Coordinator	Ray Hoch, PGK	██████████	████████████████████
Compassion Coordinator	Richard Carniello	██████████	████████████████████
Culture of Life Coordinator	OPEN	██████████	████████████████████
State Deputy	Ken Rose	██████████	████████████████████
Chapter President	Zaki Mustafa	██████████	████████████████████
District Deputy (Dist. 146)	Conrad Trinidad	██████████	████████████████████
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<i>Editor Emeritus</i>	† Robert Leonard	██████████	████████████████████

Upcoming Calendar

March 2026

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| 4 Officers/Planning Meeting | 6 Third Lenten Fish Fry Friday | 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| 11 General Membership Meeting | 13 Fourth Lenten Fish Fry Friday | 17 St. Patrick's Day |
| 18 Pizza Night @ Upland R/T Pizza | 20 First Day of Spring | 20 Fifth Lenten Fish Fry Friday |
| 21 Rosary Walk | 27 Final Fish Fry Friday | |

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| 1 April Fools Day | 1 Officers/Planning Meeting | 3 Good Friday |
| 5 Easter Sunday | 8 General Membership Meeting | 15 Pizza Night @ Upland R/T Pizza |
| 18 Rosary Walk | | |

Event dates and times subject to change - * Meetings available on ZOOM

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At our February 27th Fish Fry, we celebrated the birthday of one of our long-time Brother Knights, Shaun Fesler. He was born on February 27th in 1936, so if you you're good at math, you know that makes Shaun a young 90. Although Shaun is not as active as he once was, he still helps out with the Fish Fry when he can. But that night he was with his family enjoying a good meal and letting us sing Happy Birthday to him. He's pictured here with GK Dan and PGK's Kevin, Carlos and Ray. **Happy 90th Shaun!**



We hope and pray that your Lenten Season is spiritually fulfilling and you have a Happy Easter.

And as we continue to say...

KEEP AND PREACH OUR FAITH! VIVAT JESUS!

