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Grand Knight's Note

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Brothers,

As we are entering the Lenten season I am gaining excitement for the spring. The last month has been cold and the days have had a bitter chill. It is not time for excitement but time for preparation. We are called to prepare for the coming of savior. During these 40 days we are called to **pray, fast and practice almsgiving**. In a nutshell every person 14 years and older are called to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. In addition, all those from 18 years old to 59 years old are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

We use this time to prepare ourselves to meet our Creator. We work to follow Jesus' example of fasting in the desert for 40 days as we approach the holiest Season in our liturgical calendar. Jesus gave us the path to salvation, but we must be willing to participate.

I know my Brother Knights work hard to have a strong prayer life, but during this time lets work a little harder to build our relationship with God. As an option, we gather together to pray the Rosary at 7pm prior to the meetings and I invite you to join us and we lift each other up in prayer.

In addition to the obligatory fasting most of us will work to deny our earthly selves of something in order to strengthen our spiritual selves. I offer as an opportunity to follow Pope Francis' recommendation which is attached to this newsletter. Fast from the thoughts and actions which separate us from God and work to increase those that strengthen our bond.

When we think of almsgiving, we generally consider sharing our treasure. As Knights we know and understand the importance of caring for the poor and needy. We should continue our efforts to support those in need, while trusting that together we can help many. I call on you also to try to increase the gift of your talents. Several of us doubt that our talents are worthy of helping others, but I assure you, the talents offered by the Knights of Columbus are needed and appreciated.

With Lent comes our **annual fish fry's** at the Columbian Home Event Center (1096 E. Bridge St), each Friday 4:30pm-7pm. Join us by helping to cook, serve, clean or just to enjoy a meal and some fellowship. We will need the help of every willing man as we expect to have a strong turn out with COVID appearing to be on the downturn. The Catholic Daughters have graciously offered to provide desserts again. The meals will be boxed for to-go but the tables will be available for in house dining.

Also included in this newsletter is the flyer and announcement for our **KofC Clay Shoot for Life Tournament**. Join us Saturday May 7th at Colorado Clays, as a participant or a volunteer. Please share the flyer with anyone you think would enjoy the tournament or would like to sponsor.

We have a lot of opportunities to help directly and/or to help fundraise. Keep a close eye on our calendar and read our events in the minutes. Let me know if you aren't receiving the newsletter in your email, we will get you added. If you would like to receive text updates let us know we will get you added. Join our efforts to be of service to those in need. In our efforts to see God in the face of those in need and serve his children we learn to Love God more and learn to put Him above all things.

Vivat Jesus!

Antonio D. Ledezma

Grand Knight, Council No 3285



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*Christmas Season
in the Catholic
Church ends on
Jan. 10th, the
Baptism of the Lord*



State Convention

The State Convention will be in Cortez June 4-6 2021. At this time, we vote in new State Board Officers. The local state Courts get to give the state board their input.

Please think about being a delegate or alternate, anyone interested may email the Regent. Please also pray about running for a State Office.

We may also turn in a bid to host the next State Convention in 2023, if we choose before the 2021 Convention, that's 2 years to plan.



National Workshop Presentations

Even though the National Convention in 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19, the National Board thought members could benefit from viewing the presentations. Click here or paste in browser.
<https://www.catholicdaughters.org/convention-workshop-presentations>

Colo Bishops on COVID-19 Vaccines

“In our current circumstances, when better options are not available, the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines remains a morally valid option,” the bishops wrote. “On the other hand, vaccines such as AstraZeneca-Oxford use aborted fetal lines in design, development, production and testing, and therefore are not a morally valid option because better options are available.”

NOTE

National March for Life
January 29, 2021

National Recruiting Drive
goes from August 2020 -
June 2022. 1st Place
court wins \$200.

Fall 2020 "Share"
magazine came in the
mail.

Next Zoom Meeting
January 4, 2021

From the Council Lecturer

Saint Padre Pio

Padre Pio was an Italian Franciscan Capuchin, friar, priest, stigmatism and mystic. He is now venerated as a Saint in the Catholic Church. Born on May 25 1887, he lived to be 81 years old, before passing on September 23, 1968. He was canonized on June 16 2002 in Saint Peters Square.

I remember Padre Pio from my childhood and often reflected on his reverence in charity and piety. Saint Padre Pio's life and works have inspired countless people and lay ministers of the church. Pio suffered from several illness most of his life and bled daily from stigmata wounds for 50 years. The church sees Padre Pio and his miracles as a humble reflection of Christ himself.

As a humble Capuchin priest, he was the recipient of some of the most astonishing spiritual gifts: the stigmata, bilocation, prophecy and the ability to read souls. He quickly gained the attention of thousands due to the countless miracles attributed to him. Crowds traveled from all over the world to meet him, or to have him hear their Confession. To this day, the stories about his miracles continue to inspire belief in those who were previously skeptical.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines miracles as *"a sign or wonder such as healing, or control of nature, which can only be attributed to God."* While reading stories of Padre Pio's miracles, what struck me most was how similar the miracles performed by Padre Pio were compared with those performed by Christ! Of course, the saints do not perform miracles by their own power, but are channels of God's power. He works through them and through the conformity of their will to His. Still, we can see that Padre Pio and his miracles were a humble reflection of Christ Himself. Consider these miracles that led to his beautification and canonization;

- 1, The Healing of a crippled Man-** *"Rise, take up your pallet, and walk."*- John 5:8 Francesco Santaraello was a crippled man with clubfeet. Unable to walk, he would drag himself along the ground with the assistance of small crutches. He frequently stationed himself outside of St. Padre Pio's friary to beg for money from the crowds of people who came to see the famous capuchin. One day, as Padre Pio was walking by, Francesco cried out, "Padre Pio, give me a blessing!" Padre Pio looked at the man and said, "Throw away your crutches!" and left the man, walking into the church to say Mass. The crowds watched in amazement as Francesco threw his crutches away and, for the first time in his life, walked on his deformed feet. Francesco would never use crutches again.
- 2. Healing the Blind-** And Jesus said to him, *"Go your way: your faith has made you well."* – Mark 10:52 Lello was a Jewish man who had suddenly become blind. He was brought to Padre Pio by a priest in hopes of a cure. Upon meeting him, Padre Pio was kind to Lello, but told him, "The Lord will not grant you the grace of physical sight unless you first receive sight of your soul. After you are baptized, the Lord will grant you the gift of sight". Lello converted to Christianity and was baptized. Months went by as his faith was tested, before Lello would return to Padre Pio with his sight fully restored.
- 3. Miracles through an Object-** She said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well." – Mark 10:52 Sister Teresa became bed-ridden at 58 years old. She suffered from gastric disorders and a painful abnormality of her aorta. The nun had extreme pain, weakness and vertigo, and her condition deteriorated until she was near death. Her fellow sisters were distraught. Many of them had heard of the stories about Padre Pio's holiness and miracles. They wrote to Padre Pio, asking for his intercession for a cure. About one month after the sisters wrote to Padre Pio, a priest arrived at her convent bringing with him a glove that had been used by Padre Pio. The priest asked if he could touch the garment to the tumor in the nun's side and to her throat. Shortly afterwards, Sister Teresa fell asleep and Padre Pio appeared in a dream. He touched the side where her tumor was causing her pain, blew into her mouth, and spoke to her about heaven. When Sister Teresa awoke, all of the physical sufferings caused by her conditions were relieved. The nun lived years without suffering from the effects of her abnormalities.

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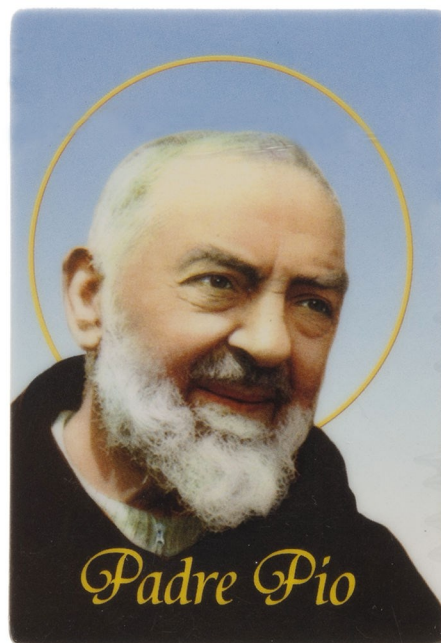
- 4. Casting Out Demons-** *“Soon afterward [Jesus] went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities; Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out”.* – Luke 8:1-2

Padre Pio cast out demons from several people, and had physical altercations with Satan himself. People often turned to Pio when they suspected that demonic possession had over taken their loved ones, as in the case of a young wife who had lain in a coma for a year. Her family brought the woman to Padre Pio's friary one evening, and while Padre Pio was blessing the congregation with the Blessed Sacrament, the woman suddenly awoke and began snorting like a bull, while her body swelled like a balloon. Once the service was over, Padre Pio quickly brought the woman and her husband into the sacristy, where he performed a formal rite of exorcism. During the prayers, the woman became calm once Padre Pio had finished the prayers, and her normal appearance returned. Taking her husband's hand, she quickly became aware of (and appalled by) her disheveled appearance, asked for a comb, and left the friary.

- 5. Defying the Laws of Nature-** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, *“Peace be with you.”* When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. – John 20:19-20 *Perhaps* Padre Pio's most surprising spiritual gift was the gift of the bilocation. Padre Carmelo of Sessano, was a superior of Padre Pio's friary between 1953-1959. He was with Padre Pio and some of the other friars attending a show at a concert hall that adjoined the friary. Padre Pio followed along during the show with great interest and enthusiasm. During the intermission, Padre Carmelo recalls seeing Padre Pio lean forward and rest his head and arms on the back of the chair in front of him, silent and motionless the friars assumed he was tired and did not disturb him, while he rested in this position for five minutes. Meanwhile a visiting sick man in town thanked Father Carmelo for allowing Padre Pio to visit him the previous evening. He had been with Padre Pio at the concert hall and he went straight back to the friary after the show ended. Pio hadn't left to visit anyone that evening. When Father Carmelo explained this to the man, he and his entire family continued to insist that Padre Pio had physically been in the house. When Padre Carmelo asked the precise time of this visit, the answer was the exact time of the show's intermission-during which, Padre Pio had appeared to be napping!

A sick woman, whom he had cured, asked if he was a saint. “No,” he replied. *“I am a creature who serves the Lord through his mercies.”* Padre Pio did not like the attention he received from being a miracle worker. Whenever a person came to him for a cure, he usually gave a quick reply such as; *“Let us pray to God.”* He always made sure to point people *back to the source of the miracles*; God. Padre Pio referred to himself as a poor sinner who prayed, and encouraged others to do likewise. When people thanked him for performing a miracle, he would reply with embarrassment, *“Don't thank me. Thank God.”*

As a Knights of Columbus, we would do well in following Padre Pio's example.





Report from the Faithful Navigator

Our last meeting was well attended and the Sir Knights who made the effort to be there. On February 19th, four 3rd degree knights attended the Patriotic Degree hosted by Holy Cross Church in Thornton. Please welcome Antonios Ledezma, Antonio D. Ledzma, Jerad Ledama and Joseph Gantt to our ranks and congratulate them on this worthy accomplishment the next time you see them.

We are in need of more 4th Degree Knights in the new Regalia. Please consider getting yours on order by going to www.Coloradokofc.org and clicking on the link for ordering it. Please be sure to verify your sizing before ordering. The cost is around \$500 and the Assembly is offering to pay half of it's cost.

Our next social is scheduled for March 10th at Heaven Dragon Chinese Restaurant located at 99 N Kuner Road with a start time at 6 pm. The event is open to all knights and their wives.

Bob McLaren
FN 2606

- * The meeting occurred on February 8th
- * 14 SIR KNIGHTS attended.
- * The rosary began at 7pm.
- * The meeting was called to order at 7:29pm by our Faithful Navigator (FN).
- * 6 officers were present (Bob, Fidel, George, Bob H., Lee, Jim H.)
- * The preceding meeting minutes were approved.
- * 3 bills were approved by the Trustee.
- * The Faithful Comptroller reported as of February 1st we have 73 members of which 37 have paid their 2022 dues. His 2nd bill mailing will occur soon.
- * We have 4 new potential candidates that have been approved.
- * Assembly action taken: *2 new SIR KNIGHTS were introduced. *13 vests are being redone (due to fire loss) and paid by our assembly. *Our FN regalia was lost in the fire and a motion was made and passed for our assembly to pay for it. *Another motion was made and passed that our assembly pay 1/2 the cost of regalia for any member desiring it.
- * Unfinished business: we are postponing our mass escort until we have enough SIR KNIGHTS in regalia.
- * New Business: *Our FN stressed our assembly needs a project to tackle. *Lee is to contact Jim Braun to locate a Pregnancy Resource Center near us. *Our next social will be at Heaven Dragon on THURSDAY, MARCH 10th with a start time around 6pm.
- * 3rd Degree notes: *there is a skeet shooting tournament scheduled for May 7th with proceeds routed towards an ultrasound machine. *Their next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 13th. *There is a World Youth Day sponsored raffle. *Fish fries start March 4th. They always need help. *In the plans is an exemplification that hopefully will be put in the books for February 4, 2023. We must schedule this event early to lock in the date.
- * Prayers are requested for: Celia Rangel (95 years old), Mike Jean Ferne, Jim Herrera family, Deacon Bill, Robert Montoya, Basil & Sally Torres, Arlene Bush.
- * Our FN lead the closing prayer at 8:29pm

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

