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Grand Knight's Note

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Brothers,

As we are approaching the Easter season let us remember that our Lord humbled Himself to take our sins. In our world of today we confuse which holy day or which holiday is the highest. Simply put, without Easter nothing else we can do would matter. In Easter, the Creator of the Universe offered himself as the perfect sacrifice in order to save us from our sins. This was not an act of justice, nor could we ever earn this Grace. He does this as an act of mercy and love. Our Lord loves us and has always fully committed Himself to our salvation. We must be willing to receive it. Once we receive his grace, we are called to extend his love and mercy on those in need. That is a fitting example of why many of us joined the Knights of Columbus, in humble thanks for the many blessings, God has bestowed upon us and our families.

I want to thank all the Knights who have been helping at our Breakfasts and at the Lenten Fish Fry's. We have received a multitude of compliments and thanks from the community for providing these enjoyable meals, while providing them the opportunity to share in each other's company.

As part of 40 Days for Life, Friday, April 8th from 7am to 6pm, St. Augustine is looking for people to pray in front of Planned Parenthood (7155 E. 38th, Denver). If you are able please join in person and prayer to help end the brutal tragedy of abortion. Please contact our Worthy Warden Jim Braun to let him know what time you can cover. Our Parish will also hold Mass at that location at 1pm on that day as well.

Our April Breakfast is Palm Sunday April 10th, following the 8am and 10am masses. Please wear your Knight's vest that day and as a reminder there will be a Palm procession prior to the 10am mass.

At the end of this month April 29 – 31st, all of the Knights of Columbus Council's across Colorado will gather Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver for our state convention. I encourage all of our members to register and join us at this event. The schedule is attached and the link to register is on coloradokofc.org.

We are continuing to take registrations 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. Let's work together so our Council can sponsor an ultrasound machine for a Pregnancy Resource Center to help serve families in need.

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

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From the Council Lecturer

Staying the Course

I think all of us feel a bit fatigued as we near the end of our Lenten journey. Maybe we have resolutions and devotions that have been difficult to maintain, and we find ourselves dangerously close to coasting to the end. Either way, chances are the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here, we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire. Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight, or we stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices- just with their motivation.

Every relationship, if it is to grow, requires surrender and the gift of self. To love another person, requires that we turn away from seeking only our own good. First offered to God, we sacrifice ourselves for the love to flourish. We know one of the reasons that marriages are on the decline today, is due to the prevailing culture that focuses on ourselves and fulfilling our desires before sacrificing for others. Because of this cultural influence and our fallen nature, it takes determination and supernatural grace to limit our freedom, and abdicated control to experience a deeper relationship by narrowing our options. Today, "what I want" is the dominant driving cultural force. If the goal in life is to accomplish my own will, then others, with their own needs, dreams and desires will always get in the way.



This is exactly opposite of what Jesus Christ shows us is the way to personal greatness when He offers the real path to our flourishing, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).

Surrendering ourselves is the core of our Catholic faith, and it is God himself, who has led the way and "gone first", Jesus tells us. If we are to grow as His disciples, we must learn how to surrender to God again. To give love, for love. Surrender is a lifelong process, in which we surrender our hearts, minds, wills bodies and souls to the Trinity. A moment of trust and surrender was required when Joseph, after learning of his betrothed pregnancy, decided initially to save them both by shame by "divorcing her quietly" (Matthew 1:19) The angel Gabriel appears to Joseph, and encouraged him to not be afraid to follow God's plan. This reveals how all of this was the action of the Holy Spirit. Then, the Gospel tells us "When Joseph awoke" he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24).

Many of us have a preconceived idea of what we want to do to follow God, or to help the Church. It is only through the abandonment of our own power and submitting to the will of God, that we can grow in our relationship and closeness to God. My hope is that you finish your Lenten journey strong and experience the joy and peace of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Worthy Sir Knights;

Thanks for attending last month's social at the Heaven Dragon. Twenty-Five 4th Degree Members attended and it was an enjoyable evening.

This month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at the CHEC. The rosary starts at 7 pm and the business meeting follows at 7:30 pm. We have a lot to go over this month, including planning for hosting a State 4th Degree Ex-emplification on February 4th, 2023 and information to share from the State bi-annual Assembly meeting Jim Braum and I attended in Monument on March 26th.

Please plan on coming to the meeting to discuss membership and programs adopted by the State of Colorado. Remember that recruitment is fostered through our visibility, and reaching out to council members to support our programs. For those of you needing an Assembly vest, these will also be available after the meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob McLaren

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Slate of Officer Nominations for Council Positions

Grand Knight	Antonio Ledezma
Deputy Grand Knight	Rumaldo Cisneros
Treasurer	Harold Thiesen
Recorder	Ken Kirwin
Warden	Jim Braun
Advocate	Pat Costello
Chancellor	Samuel Gaona
Inside Guard	Antony Deneke

Slate of Officer Nominations for Columbian Home

3rd Year Trustee	Antonio Lucero
2nd Year Trustee	Bob McClaren
1st Year Trustee	Cesar Espinoza
At Large Members	Alex Hernandez
	Rumaldo Cisneros
	Kevin Dudak
	Jim Herrera

Fun at the Friday Fish Frys

Come join the fun this Friday!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	4:30p-7:00pm KofC Fish Fry (CHEC) 01	02
6pm KofC Bingo (Turn2Bingo) 03	04	7:30p Rosary (CHEC) 7:30p 4th Deg Business Meeting 05	06	7pm Rosary (CHEC) / 7:30pm 3285 Meeting (CHEC) 07	7am - 6pm Prayer for Life @ Planned Parenthood. 4:30p-7:00pm KofC Fish Fry (CHEC) 08	09
Palm Sunday 8a/10a KofC Breakfast 6pm KofC Bingo (Turn2Bingo) 10	7pm Columbian Home Meet(CHEC) 11	12	13	Holy Thursday 14	Good Friday 15	Holy Saturday 16
EASTER SUNDAY!! NO BINGO 17	18	19	20	7pm Rosary (CHEC) / 7:30pm 3285 Meeting (CHEC) 21	22	23
6pm KofC Bingo (Turn2Bingo) 24	25	6:30pm KofC Exemplification (CHEC) 26	27	28	KofC State Convention, Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver 29	KofC State Convention, Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver 30
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