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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Editor's Note

It's your newsletter. Officers and committee chairmen are encouraged to submit articles. Anyone who would like to contribute an article please send it to 7027newsletter@gmail.com by the last Sunday of the month to be published in the following month's newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor

COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Wed 7/3	Council Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Notice change of day
Thurs 7/11	Prayers in Chapel 6:00 PM Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Sat 7/20	Park Ave. cleanup 9:00 AM
Sun 7/28	Council Corporate Communion 4:00 PM Mass

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DEACON'S TEACHING

By Deacon Chris Christopher

What Does the Church Teach about Heaven?



Psalm 42-43 sings of the human heart's deepest longing: ***"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the face of God?"*** (Ps 42:2-3)

Even those who aren't aware of such a longing - even those who don't believe in God - yearn to see him, because he created them for this very purpose. They may search for ultimate happiness in other places; they may mistake this deep desire as a longing for something else. But in the end, only God himself will satisfy them.

Our desire for God in fact corresponds to his own desire for us. Though we have broken our relationship with him through sin, he woos us to return from our faithlessness, and he delights in our love (see Hosea 3:1-5; Zephaniah 3:16-20). If we repent and embrace his offer of reconciliation through his Son, Jesus Christ, we are called to a life of grace that transforms us into Christ's own likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18).

This new life begins in the present world and continues beyond death if we die in God's friendship. Once we are perfected, it culminates in eternal joyous fellowship with the Most Holy Trinity: ***"We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is"*** (1 John 3:2).

The "beatific vision," as it's called - the unending sight of God's face that grants perfect blessedness - is the full and final union with him we know as "heaven." Such a communion of life and love with God, shared with all his angels and saints, defies description (1 Corinthians 2:9). But Scripture speaks of his mystery in imagery that suggests its perfect goodness and glory: the Father's house (John 14:2-6); a river of life-giving water (Revelation 21:6; 22:1); the heavenly Jerusalem studded with gold and jewels (Revelation 21:1-4, 10-21); a crown (1 Corinthians 9:25); radiant light (Revelation 21:23-25; 22:4-5); a wedding feast (Revelation 19:7-9).

The Christian hope of heaven anchors and transforms our lives even now, for ***"everyone who has this hope based on [God] makes himself pure, as he is pure."*** (1 John 3:3).

Next month we'll deal with

How Can a Loving God Send People to Hell?



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LECTURE'S LAGNIAPPE

by Russell D. James

Faith. Faithful. These are words that we Catholics use a lot. The word "faith" has different meanings, depending on the context. Right now, the universal Church is in the Year of Faith, celebrating our beliefs and trying to increase the faith of every Catholic.

Faith is a three part process. First, God gives us faith. Second, we freely accept this gift of faith. Third, we put our faith into practice. Paul warns us in Galatians that practicing our faith with empty works like circumcision and the other six hundred some odd laws of Leviticus gives us no points in heaven. But James clarifies Paul by letting us know that if we practice works that give fruit (the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, for example), then our faith can increase and have merit.

How have you increased your faith this year? What spiritual exercises have you undertaken to build your relationship with God and His Church? What works have you performed to help others and make yourself a more faithful servant of God? Is your faith on a plateau that never seems to climb closer to Heaven?

Our parish and diocese, as well as our Order, gives us many opportunities to increase our faith. Our parish is having a Day of Reflection on July 13th dedicated to the New Evangelization efforts of the Church, teaching us how to bring our fallen brethren back to the fold and at the same time make us better stewards of the many graces bestowed upon us by Christ. Mary is especially honored in the New Evangelization efforts, but do you honor her and ask her to help increase your faith? Another Day of Reflection will be held before Advent to help us become closer to Jesus. Will you give one day of your time to God and get closer to him?

A very small group (seven Knights out of almost 250 in our Council) recently attended the Diocesan Men's Retreat in Crestview. It was a very spiritual experience, complete with Mass by our beloved Father Kurian, good singing by our many baritone and bass voices, and a wonderful talk by our very own Deacon Chris Christopher. As it happens, through the efforts of myself and Joe Scialdone, St. Rose of Lima was awarded the Advent Diocesan Men's Retreat, to be held on our very own parish campus on December 7th. Please consider attending this retreat, and bring your sons and grandsons, nephews, and any young man who could benefit from spiritual fulfillment.

Speaking of Mr. Scialdone, he and some others are trying to put together a Men's prayer group called the Men of St. Joseph, to meet one morning a week at about 6am for prayer, fellowship, and study of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Call up Joe and tell him you want to become involved in this group - it is for all men aged two to two hundred.

Many other opportunities abound for Knights to increase our faith. We are not only a Church built on the community of individuals (not the individuals themselves, apart from everyone else), but we are an Order build with the same foundations: Christ, His Mother, His Apostles. Anyone want to do a regular men's Bible study? Study some Church documents? Read a spiritual book together?

Please work to increase your faith during this wonderful year the Church has given us to especially concentrate on this effort. Get together with your Brother Knights and start something. Attend one of the many events we will be hosting this year. Start praying your Rosary daily. Do something. You will never regret giving an extra hour each week (or two or ten) to Christ, His Mother, and His Church.



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Emblems of the Order

3rd Degree Emblem

by Brother Chris Winkelmann, Richmond Heights, MO

The Emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then the first Supreme Knight. A quick glance at the Emblem indicates a shield mounted upon a cross similar to a Maltese cross, turned sideways. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The cross of Malta is the representation, in a traditionally artistic design, of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.



Mounted on the shield are three objects; a mace standing vertically, and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days of authority, which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy.

Thus the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white, and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the color of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God, and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim, and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

Faith, Hope, Charity

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white, and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the Martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith. Red, then, is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption, and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge



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and love of...Jesus Christ.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man, and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through Whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

Brothers, be thus edified of the meaning of this, the noble Emblem of our Order. Always wear it with Pride, Dignity, and Honour, and be inspired to live the virtues it proclaims.

4th Degree Emblem

The Fourth Degree emblem consisting of three overlaid objects representing the Trinity. The Globe represents God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth. The Crusader's Cross, similar to the cross which knights use to wear into battle during the Holy Crusades, represents God the Son, Jesus Christ. The Dove represents the God the Holy Spirit, Paraclete.



The colors, Red, White, and Blue are the colors of the American Flag representative of the principle of the 4th Degree, Patriotism.

Squires Emblem

The Squires emblem contains the same colors and the Third Degree Emblem. The Yellow Circle is representative of the organization to which Columbian Squires belong called a Circle. The words around the circle, "Esto Dignus" are Latin for "Be Worthy"

The Cross located in the center background is the Maltese Cross and is symbolic of the fact that Christ should be at the center of our lives.



At the center of the cross is the letter "K" which stands for the word "Knights." Unlike Councils and Assemblies which are formed based on membership numbers, Columbian Squire Circles must be associated with a Council. The large "C" and "S" stand for the words "Columbian Squires"

The S, C, P, and I stand for the following: S is for Spritual Growth, C is for Citizenship, P is for Physical Development, and I is for Intellectual Development.

Thanks to Bro. Ed Faxlanger for providing this article. Do you have information to share?