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Saint Blaise *Birth – 316 AD*

A message from our Faithful Navigator...

Celebrate Life and Love in February!!!

Save the date: Bishop Manogue Assembly's 100th Year Celebration; **Saturday, October 3, 2015.** The lapel pin design has been approved and is in production. The event venue location is in final selection / negotiation with announcement by March.

Reminder to complete the form 4's for our Exemplification Candidates; recruiting is in full force now!

The Right to Life Mass was held on January 26th at 953 Hall at 7:30, presided by Worthy Faithful Friar Fr. Lee. We thank SK Dick Cutting, PSD for the 953 Hall set up and arrangements for the Mass.

Mark your calendars for the Annual PFN Dinner to be held February 21, 2015, 6:30 PM at El Torito's, Mexican restaurant, 1598 Arden Way, planned by our Worthy Faithful Admiral SK Rob Reavis, PFN. See the announcement flyer with the RSVP information, herein.

Ask and you shall receive from your Father in heaven.

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-12

7 "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For every one who asks will receive, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those

who ask him! 12 So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Meditation: Do you expect God to hear your prayers?

Esther's prayer on behalf of her people is a model for us.

She prayed for help according to God's

promise to be faithful to his people. God

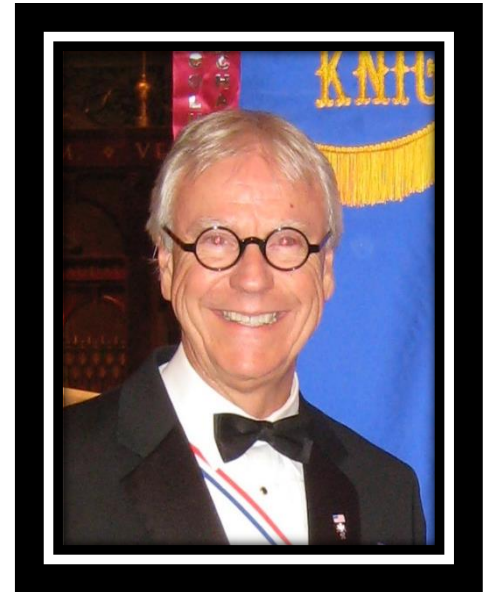
wants us to remember his

promises and to count on his help when we pray.

Jesus wanted to raise the expectations of his disciples when he taught them how to pray. Jesus' parable of the father feeding his son illustrates the unthinkable! How could a loving father refuse to give his son what is good; or worse, to give him what is harmful? In conclusion Jesus makes a startling claim: How much more will the heavenly Father give to those who ask!

Our heavenly Father graciously gives beyond our expectations. Jesus taught his disciples to pray with confidence because the Heavenly Father in his goodness always answers prayers. That is why we can boldly pray: Give us this day our daily bread.

Those who know God and trust in God's love, pray with great boldness. Listen to what John Chrysostom (347-407 AD), a gifted preacher and bishop of



Constantinople, had to say about the power of prayer:

"Prayer is an all-efficient panoply [i.e. 'a full suit of armor' or 'splendid array'], a treasure undiminished, a mine never exhausted, a sky unobstructed by clouds, a haven unruffled by storm. It is the root, the fountain, and the mother of a thousand blessings. It exceeds a monarch's power... I speak not of the prayer which is cold and feeble and devoid of zeal. I speak of that which proceeds from a mind outstretched, the child of a contrite spirit, the offspring of a soul converted - this is the prayer which mounts to heaven... The power of prayer has subdued the strength of fire, bridled the rage of lions, silenced anarchy, extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, enlarged the gates of heaven, relieved diseases, averted frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt. In sum prayer has power to destroy whatever is at enmity with the good."

Prayer flows from the love of God; and the personal love we show to our neighbor is fueled by the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Jesus concludes his discourse on prayer with the reminder that we must treat our neighbor in the same way we wish to be treated by God and by others. We must not just avoid doing harm to our neighbor, we must actively seek his or her welfare. In doing so, we fulfill the scriptural

teaching from the "law and the prophets", namely what God requires of us - loving God with all that we have and are and loving our neighbor as ourselves. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change our hearts and transform our lives in Jesus' way of love and merciful kindness towards all. Do you thirst for holiness and for the fire of God's love?

"Let me love you, my Lord and my God, and see myself as I really am - a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all whose lives I touch, those in authority over me or those under my authority, my friends and my enemies. Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself and reach out towards others." (Prayer attributed to Clement XI of Rome, 1721)

Our commitment to excellence and obedience to God are a part of our daily lives as Catholic gentlemen conducting the business of the Knights of Columbus while following the principles of our Order - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism through the conduit of our Assemblies and Councils as was the vision of our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Your Faithful Navigator, ❖ SK Michael Brady

Did you know... Two lovers who had been apart for some time were reunited on a foggy afternoon; one whispered to the other "I mist you".

Our Faithful Friar...

The Knights of Columbus have been rebuked by Salon magazine for their opposition to gay marriage. That publication asserts they are losing touch with modern enlightened trends and risk becoming irrelevant. It's easy to see how gay marriage violates the natural law given by God, and therefore can never have Church approval, regardless of modern trends or relevancy. Salon fools no one.

But there is another trap being set for the pro-lifers and the Knights right now that has a more innocent looking face on it, but is even more dangerous than supporting gay marriage in order to remain 'relevant'. It is the claim the pro-lifers in addition to fighting abortion and its related evils, should also be marching for immigrants' rights, leading the opposition to the death penalty, fighting the war on poverty and a host of other issues. Poverty, we are told, is a "pro-life" cause, and so is "immigration" to cite just two examples. Note it is only the pro-lifers who are targeted here. No other "pro-life" organization is being asked to dissipate its resources in that manner, but is allowed to concentrate exclusively on the cause for which it came into being, as it should be. Why only the pro-lifers? Well the proponents of elective abortion are becoming worried at the successes of the pro-life movement over the past few years. Here, they think, is a way to take some wind out of their sails. Make every cause a "pro-life" cause and abortion becomes only one of myriad of issues to work on.

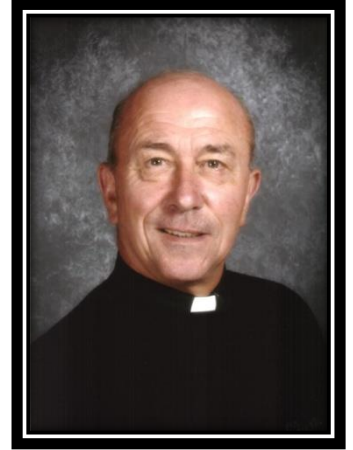
Unfortunately even bishops and other leaders in our Church fall for this ruse. There is a good reason why this "seamless garment" approach as it is often called cannot and will not work. It is as follows. Arguably the most important sentence in all that the Founding Fathers wrote is "All men are created equal". We would say "people" today instead of "men". That is a fundamental and essential principle which has guided this country since its beginning. To see how essential it is one has only to look at countries where a different ethic prevailed - an ethic based on the principle that all people are

not equal, that some have less value or no value, and can be killed off when the powerful want to kill them. Hundreds of millions of innocent people have died or suffered cruelly as a result.

Last week a lady named Mary Williams wrote a defense of elective abortion. She admitted that the creature in the womb is a living human from conception, but it is still OK to kill that creature for any reason the mother might have. It's OK because the unborn's life is not as important as the mother's life. She stated flatly that the simple truth is that "All life is not equal" The implications are staggering. What the proponents of elective abortion are trying to do is nothing less than fashioning an ethic based on the principle of human inequality, that "all life is not equal", and scrapping the essential principle of the American Experiment - that "All men are created equal". Nothing can destroy our society more effectively and surreptitiously than that. No other evil in our nation has the potential to sabotage the American Experiment under our noses without our even knowing it than that.

That is why abortion is an insidious evil in a category by itself. Other evils like mistreatment of immigrants, poverty, discrimination etc. may represent a failure or a tardiness to put the principle of human equality into practice, but none of them represent a conscious attempt to replace that principle with a grossly unjust principle of human inequality.

The pro-life movement is being relatively successful now because its members are dedicated, hard-working and increasingly sophisticated. That dedication comes from the realization that abortion is the great danger to our society that it is, and the sense of need to



hammer home that warning to their fellow citizens. To treat abortion as just one of a host of "pro-life" issues under the mantle of the seamless garment would blind people to its unique threat, and prevent it from receiving the attention and commitment that it deserves.

There are other reasons, some very practical ones - like the fact that some donors who fund some other "pro-life" issues, also fund elective abortion. But the most fundamental reason is

the one I cited above. Brother knights, let us remember Christ's admonition to his disciples "Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; be wary *and* wise as serpents, and be innocent (harmless, guileless, and without falsity) as doves"(Matt 10:16).

Yours in Christ,

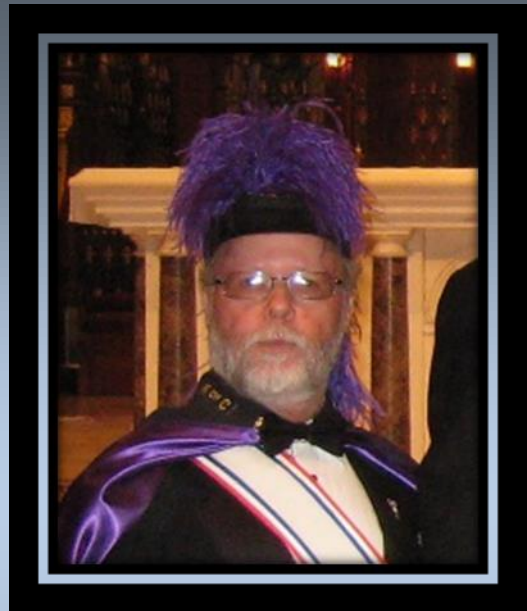
❖ **Fr. Patrick Lee**

Color Corps Report

Requests for Color Corps have been primarily for rosaries and funeral Masses in the past few weeks for deceased Sir Knights in other assemblies. We have participated in a couple of special Masses: one at St. Anthony on Jan. 25th with Bishop Cotta for Nigerian Catholics seeking canonization of a Nigerian priest for his work in Nigeria, and another at St. Mary on Feb. 4th celebrating the canonization of Kuriakosi Elias Chavara, founder of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. We also participated in the Walk for Life in San Francisco on Jan. 24th and an awards ceremony for Eagle Scouts at the Cathedral on Feb. 7th. Turnout for events by our color corps has been very low for the past several call outs. I have not seen many of those of you who used to make events. I am hopeful that when confirmations start I will see those of you that have not been coming out.

Our confirmation schedule for March is as follows. I will be issuing callouts for these to the color corps:

- March 2nd at Presentation Church
- March 3rd at St. Robert
- March 9th at Holy Rosary in Woodland
- March 10th at Holy Rosary in Woodland
- March 15th at St. Mary
- March 15th at Sacred Heart
- March 22nd at Our Lady of Grace
- March 23 at Holy Spirit
- March 24th at Our Lady of Assumption

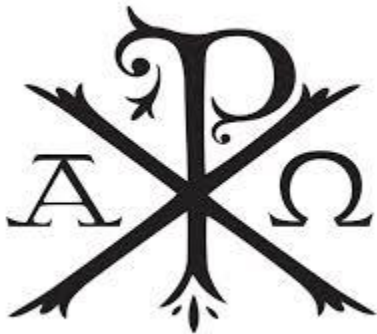


Due to the fact that our assembly is being asked to provide color corps at 29 confirmations this year, I will be doing what I can to reduce this number to a more manageable number of confirmations. If we don't have the resources, there may be many confirmations that we will not be able to provide color corps. This will be a challenge for all of us.

Your Brother in Christ,

❖ **SK Dale, Color Corps Commander**

- ❖ For the Men and Woman protecting our rights by serving in the Military, those in law enforcement, and for all of those who risk their lives every day to protect us...
 - ❖ **We Pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer!**
- ❖ For all of our dearly departed Brother Knights, family, friends, and benefactors...
 - ❖ **Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through Thy mercy, rest in peace. Amen!**



SK Eduardo Murallon

Rest in Peace

Please Remember in your prayers: SK Ron Bei, SK Charlie Popp, Marty Condon (widow of SK John Condon), Lorraine Cutting (wife of SK Dick Cutting), Aurora Wallin (wife of SK Loren Wallin), Lt. Paul Hunt (son of SK Herold Hunt), Grand Knight Dennis Zanardi – Council 724, and for the peaceful repose of the souls of SK Eduardo Murallon, SK Alan Zingleman, SK John Condon, SK Carl Ponciano, SK Tom Loftus, SK Kevin Simpson, SK George Donch, SK Arthur Munguia, Martina Okoye (mother of SK Christian Okoye), CMDR John Regelbrugge (USN) and family, Francis F. Mudd (father of SK Charles Mudd), and Eunice Stewart (wife of SK Young Stewart, PFN).

Sick or in distress...

If you know of any Brother Knight, Lady of a Knight, and/or family member of a Knight who is ill or has recently deceased, please notify our Faithful Navigator, SK Michael Brady (916.284.9882).

☼☼☼ **Please search your archives for meaningful photos of our Assembly's activities over the past 100 years. We are compiling a historic review of our Assembly for the Centennial Celebration event. Please forward any photos to: cmudd79@hotmail.com Thank you!**



ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Date/Function	Time	Chairperson/Location
February 18 Ash Wednesday		
February 21 Valentine's Day/PFN Dinner (C, S)	6:30 PM	SK Reavis El Torito Mexican Restaurant – Arden Way
February 23 RBM (T)	7:30 PM	SK Brady 953 Hall
March 2 Officers Meeting (C)	7:30 PM	SK Thomas 953 Hall
March 16 New Member Orientation (S,T)	7:30 PM	SK Cutting/SK Edwards 953 Hall
March 21 Centennial Fundraising Dinner #2 (C, S)	6:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner	SK Saldana Location TBD
March 23 RBM (T)	7:30 PM	FN Brady 953 Hall
March 29 Palm Sunday		
April 2 Holy Thursday (Triduum)		
April 3 Good Friday (Triduum)		
April 4 Holy Saturday (Triduum)		
April 4 Easter Sunday		
April 6 Officers Meeting (C)	7:30 PM	SK Reavis Reavis Home
April 12 Devine Mercy Sunday		
April 18 Exemp. of the 4 th Deg. (S, T)	10:00 AM Registration 12:00 Exemplification	SK Thomas FComp SK Saldano FCapt SK Brady FNav Double Tree Hotel (Sac)
April 27 RBM (T)	7:30 PM	SK Brady 953 Hall
May 4 Officers Meeting (C)	7:30 PM	SK Mejia 953 Hall
May 11 New Member Dinner (T, S)	6:30 PM Social 7:30 PM Dinner	SK Rositani 953 Hall
May 14 Ascension of Our Lord (Observed on Sunday, May 17)		
May 24 Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Mass (T, S)	11:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Grace West Sacramento
May 30 Assembly Social Dinner (C)	6:30 PM	SK Brady TBD
May 31 Trinity Sunday		

No RBM in May		
June 1 RBM/Election of Officers (T)	7:30 PM	SK Brady 953 Hall
June 4 Feast of Corpus Christi (Observed Sunday, June 7)		
June 12 Sacred Heart of Jesus		
June 22 RBM/ FN Dinner (C)	6:30 PM RBM 7:00 PM Dinner	SK Brady 953 Hall
July 6 Planning Meeting 2015/16 (C)	7:00 PM	FN Elect YBD
October 3 Assembly Centennial Celebration		

(T – Tuxedo for Officers; C – Casual Attire; S – Spouses Welcome!, * Unknown at this time)

Catholic Definitions...

Lent...

Lent is the 40 day season prior to Easter. It is a penitential time of prayer and fasting. The season begins Ash Wednesday and concludes at the end of Holy Saturday, with the Easter Vigil. In the Roman Catholic Church, the 40 days of this season do not include the six Sundays of Lent. Sundays throughout the year are considered “mini-Easters” – they always celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Christ.

The word “Lent” itself comes from *lencten*, simply referring to the Spring season. However, since the Anglo-Saxon period (9th century) it has been a popular term for this penitential season. The Latin name for the season, *quadragesima*, is more significant, as it means “forty days” or “fortieth day.”

A Brief History of Lent

In the first three centuries of Christianity, preparation for the Easter feast usually covered a period of one or two days, perhaps a week at the most. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (ca AD 140-202) even speaks of a forty-hour preparation for Easter. As of the 5th century, some Church Fathers, such as St. Leo, believed the 40 day fast to be an Apostolic tradition. However, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, most modern scholars reject this view. History shows a variety in

both the duration and fasting guidelines in the first three centuries.

The first official reference to Lent as a period of forty days’ preparation occurs in the teachings of the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325, which uses the term *tessarakoste*, meaning “fortieth” in Greek. By the end of the fourth century, a Lenten period of forty days was established and accepted.

Lent and Baptism

In its early development Lent quickly became associated with the sacrament of baptism, since Easter was the great baptismal feast. Those who were preparing to be baptized participated in the season of Lent in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of baptism. Eventually, those who were already baptized considered it important to join these candidates preparing for baptism in their preparation for Easter. The customs and practices of Lent, as we know them today, soon took hold.

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February 21, 2015

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At

El Torito Cantina Restaurant

1598 Arden Way

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6:30 PM

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9,699

Babies saved
from abortion
... so far

107

Workers quit the
abortion industry
... so far



59

Abortion centers
closed down
... so far



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**Contact: Susan Money at 530-320-1614
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For more info, visit:
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