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Happy Valentine's Day



Gung Hay Fat Choy!
Year 4717, Feb. 5th

Editor's Note: I apologize for the lateness of this Newsletter. I became ill with a sinus infection on the Sunday after the Walk for Life in San Francisco.

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

By Bill Nahorn III



Dear Brothers,

Wishing all my Brothers and their families a very Happy Valentine's Day. May this month of love bring you the joys of your youth and rekindle the warmth all year long.

A few words of love from the bible:

“So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.” [Genesis 29:20](#)

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” [Psalms 37:4](#)

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.” [Ecclesiastes 4:9-10](#)

“Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth— for your love is more delightful than wine.” [Song of Songs 1:2](#)

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” [1 John 4:16](#)

“We love because he first loved us.” [1 John 4:19](#)

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” [Colossians 3:14](#)

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” [John 15:13](#)

A H U G E Thank You to **Brother Ed Hendrickson and Brother John Tucker** and their team for a wonderfully orchestrated Crab Dinner. I have heard nothing but compliments for the dinner. Everything was run well and all had a great time. Thank you everyone that made it a success and filled in, in my absence.

We are now on the heels of our last major event of this Columbian year. Our **Corned Beef Dinner** will be **March 2, 2019**. We will need help for this event. Please join us at our regularly scheduled meeting February 13, 2019 and fill the position of your choice. We are here for you to accept your choice.

Council 10478 sponsored bus trip to San Francisco for the annual **Walk for Life West Coast March** was a big success. The bus was sold out and the weather was very pleasant. We attended mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, proceeded to the civic center for talks and lunch and began our march down Market St. the walk was about 1.8 miles and was rather uneventful. We were blessed. We only had a block or two that there were some counter thoughts voiced. Your Council and I would like to see more of our Knights in attendance next year.

Brothers and my readers have a loving Valentine's Day with Yours.

Peace,
GK Bill Nahorn III

PRAYER FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

By GK Bill Nahorn III

Lord, we pray for a fruitful increase in the membership of our Knights of Columbus Catholic Men's organization.

Through your grace, may our words and actions draw many young and saintly men from all walks of life.

May they be inspired by the virtues of our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney and through the intercession of Your Blessed Mother, may we welcome them into our councils.

We ask this in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, In union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S COLUMN

By Deacon Dr. Benjamin Joe, PharmD



Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed

"For truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." – Matthew 17:20

In reality, it is impossible to move a mountain from one place to another. But if we have true faith, anything is possible from reality; some of these we call miracles. Jesus demonstrated a few of these in his time.

In Jesus' day the mustard plant was considered a common weed. It was everywhere and a nuisance. It was something that people want to get rid of. Jesus' words in today's verse would have been thought of as scandalous since matters concerning faith were considered "high and lofty" and were only attended to by the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and the Pharisees were revered for their holiness and were far removed from the problems and concerns of the world around them. This was the problem that Jesus had with them.

What Jesus is trying to teach the people in his time and us is that faith can be found in the simplest of things. Faith is something that we can all have regardless of where we are with God. We do not need to be perfect for Him to love us. It is while we are in the midst of our trials, our tribulations, and our sufferings that we should turn our eyes to God. If we truly believe what Jesus says, then all we need is a little bit of faith. We only need to trust in God's promise that He will never leave us or forsake us.

May God Bless You,
Deacon Ben

NEW YEAR'S EMAIL FROM SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON

Editor's Note: Supreme Knight Carl Anderson sent this email to all members on January 3, 2019. It is reprinted here for those members who do not have email.

Dear Brother Knight:

There have been times in our country's past when uninformed or prejudiced people questioned whether Catholics could be good citizens or honest public servants. That's why Father McGivney chose the name "Columbus" for our Order — because the discoverer was the Catholic figure from American history most admired and accepted at the time. In fact, from our founding in 1882, until the election of Brother Knight John F. Kennedy in 1960, many still held that Catholics were unfit for public office. Throughout that time, the Knights of Columbus worked to counter such prejudice.

Sadly, it seems that in some quarters, this prejudice remains¹. First, in 2017 a Notre Dame Law professor was deemed unfit for a federal judgeship by a United States Senator who feared that "the dogma lives loudly within you." Now, two more senators have questioned a Brother Knight's fitness for the federal bench precisely because our Order holds firm to the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life and marriage.

Such attacks on the basis of our Catholic faith are hardly new. The Knights of Columbus was formed amid a period of anti-Catholic bigotry. We stood against that then, and we do so now. We have spoken out against persecution around the world for nearly a century. At the same time, here at home we stood against the Ku Klux Klan, including its attempts to ban Catholic education, and we published books on the black and Jewish contributions to American history decades before the Civil Rights movement. More recently, we stood with the Little Sisters of the Poor in their fight for religious liberty and have worked with both the Obama and Trump administrations — and both sides of the aisle in Congress — to help Christians, Yazidis and Shi'a Muslims targeted for genocide by ISIS.

From our very beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been an organization adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church. As with the Church, our primary motivation in everything is Christ's great commandment, that we love God completely and our neighbor as ourselves.

As the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church explains, "Jesus Christ reveals to us that 'God is love' and He teaches us that 'the fundamental law of

¹ *The New Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice*, Philip Jenkins, Oxford University Press, 2003.

human perfection, and consequently of the transformation of the world, is the new commandment of love².”

This love impels us to our great charitable endeavors on behalf of those in need. From inner cities in the United States to refugee camps in the Middle East our Order’s donations over the last decade — more than one billion dollars and hundreds of millions of hours in volunteer work — are the result of this faith.

These works of charity have practical impacts that transform lives as we help people here at home and around the world. Our charity helped typhoon victims in the Philippines rebuild their lives and livelihoods; it brought prosthetics and rehabilitation to thousands of Haitian youth after the earthquake there; it puts coats on poor, cold children in some of our country’s most impoverished neighborhoods each winter; it gives wheelchairs to those who otherwise could not afford them in countries like Vietnam and Mexico; and it provides education, housing and medical care to AIDS orphans in Africa.

This love also motivates us to stand with the Church on the important issues of life and marriage, precisely because the Church’s teaching reflects and is based on that love. We stand with our Church because we believe that what our faith teaches is consistent with reason, is timeless and transcends the changing sentiments of any particular time or place.

We do not stand alone.

In his first message to our international convention, Pope Francis asked “each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality.”

And our positions on life are not new. My two predecessors as supreme knight spoke out forcefully to defend the rights of the unborn. In 1973, Supreme Knight John McDevitt wrote that Roe v. Wade was “a mortal blow to all who consider human life sacred.” He urged the Order to “to initiate or increase efforts to offset the harmful effects of this lamentable decision.”

My immediate predecessor, Virgil Dechant, said in 1977: “With some 1.2 million unborn babies being killed by abortion each year in the United States alone, we are confronted with an outrage against human life paralleled only by the ravages of a bloody war.”

Simply put, our positions are now, and have always been, Catholic positions.

We must remember that Article VI of the U. S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any

² *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2005, no. 54.

suggestion that the Order’s adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a Brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.

Let us continue to express our love of God and neighbor by helping those in need and by standing with our Church, regardless of the popularity of doing so. Let us remember that our “Christian witness is to be considered a fundamental obligation³.”

Let us also remember that, from our founding, we have embodied the truth that a good Catholic is a good citizen who shows civility and dignity even in the face of prejudice.

As we begin 2019, Dorian and I wish you a new year filled with the joy and wonders of His love. Thank you as well for all the many ways in which you have brought joy into the lives of millions around the world. May the inspiration of our founder prompt us to greater confidence in that love and encourage us to even greater works of charity.

Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The **Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**, our last fundraiser of this Columbian Year, is schedule for **Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Guadalupe Hall**. As mentioned in the Grand Knight’s Column, **please attend the Meeting on Wednesday, February 13th**, to volunteer to help out at dinner.

2019 CRAB DINNER



³ *Ibid.*, no. 570.



Our biggest fundraiser, the 2019 Crab Dinner, was a great success! The Community Center was nearly filled to capacity. Everyone I saw had a great time. The raffle tickets flowed as well as the bar drinks.

Helping co-chairmen **Ed Hendrickson** and **John Tucker** were: **Jim Beahm**—soft drinks and water; **Gil Cisneros**—setup, bar, and cleanup; **Wilfred DeCoite**—raffle tickets; **Paul Jacobs**—raffle and drink tickets; **Ken Ogella**—admissions table & funds; **Michael Ornelas**—raffle tickets; **Dennis Raio**—admissions table; **Steve Shelton**—waiter; **Ed Sullivan**—bar; **Stan Trent**—Master of Ceremonies; **John Tucker**—50/05 raffle; and **Tim Yun**—50/50 raffle tickets, reporter, and cleanup.

Unfortunately, **Grand Knight Bill Nahorn III** was unable to attend the Dinner that he worked so hard on, due to a death in the family.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST



On a cold Saturday morning of January 26th, parishioners from Presentation boarded a bus to San Francisco for the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Organized by **Bobby and Kathy Chinchiolo** and **Grand Knight Bill Nahorn III** and his wife **Marji**, the bus arrived at St. Mary's Cathedral just in time for the Solemn High Mass.

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone celebrated the Mass, escorted by the **Knights of Columbus Color Guard**, a company of priests, and **seven bishops**. In his homily, Archbishop Cordileone mentioned about the continuing efforts to make a human being without the need for a human egg or sperm, and warned of an "Aldous Huxley"—type world unless people of good conscience act to maintain the God-given dignity of human life. To underscore the im-

portance of the Walk for Life, **Pope Francis**, for the **first time, granted a plenary indulgence and the Papal Blessing**, which was **imparted by Archbishop Cordileone** as his Final Blessing, to those attending the Mass.

This year, the Asian Art Museum requested a \$5.00 donation in order to use their cafeteria and bathrooms. The caterer for the cafeteria has also changed. But it still costs \$4.30 for an 8-oz. glass of ice tea, including tax!

The Walk was bigger than last year, estimated at **50,000** by CBS Affiliate KPIX. Also, there were only a small group of protestors, numbering about 30.

Thanks to a new feature for locating the buses after the walk, we found out that our bus was another ½-mile up the Embarcadero across from the Exploratorium, north of Green Street. However, it felt more like a mile; I ached by time I got to the bus! We left around 3:30 PM and arrived back in Stockton around 6:00 PM.

JANUARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



A frigid morning greeted diners to the first “World Famous” Pancake Breakfast on January 6, 2019.

Once again the following dedicated brother knights assembled to help **Head Chef Peter McCormick** make the breakfast a success: **Guillermo Cisneros—setup and serving; Tom Cisper and Paul Jacobs—admission/raffle table; Matthew Hymes—serving; Joe Mingram—eggs and serving; Bill Nahorn III—food, setup, cleanup, host, and lockup; John Ray—setup, eggs, serving; José Tarango—serving; Stan Trent—Crab Dinner tickets; John Tucker—Crab Dinner tickets; Elvin Tyler—sausages; and Tom Vidulich—kitchen support.**

Once again, **Gail Gulick-Tucker** made the raffle prize basket, which was **won by Betty Mendonca**, John Mendonca’s wife.

MEETING RAFFLE WINNERS

The “**winners**” of the Nov. 28, 2018 and January 23, 2019 Meeting Raffles were **Steve Carpenter** and **Roger Roman**. Since neither showed up at their respective meetings, the **raffle pot** will be **\$150** for the **February 13th Meeting**.

Please attend the meetings. Who knows, you might walk out with a sizeable pile of free cash!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Stanley (Stan) C Trent	2/1
Thomas D Rautert	2/3
José Refugio Reyes	2/4
Bob R Yeley	2/8
Paul J Cournoyer	2/9
Robert J Mestayer	2/13
Thomas F McMillan	2/22
Paul C Shane	2/22
Anthony L Pruitt	2/23
Steven M Carpenter	2/24
Jesse Martin	2/24
Peter A McCormick	2/26
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Events for February 2019

General Meetings			
Wednesday	13	St. Joachim	7:00 PM
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Pancake Breakfast			
Sunday	3	Guadalupe Hall	After the 7:00 and 8:45 Masses