



# Presentation Council #10478 Newsletter



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

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*Editor's Note:* I apologize for the tardiness of this Newsletter. I was ill with a bad case of bronchitis.

At the request of some of the members, I have increased the size of the print. Please let me know if the print is still difficult to read. Thank you.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

By Bill Nahorn III



Dear Brothers,

Happy Valentine's Day to all! I wish all my brothers and family a loving and happy month.

GREAT news! We had a wonderful annual crab dinner. The final accounting is not in as of this printing. I can tell you that we were completely sold out; all 424 seats were sold! Our other profit centers also did well. This was our first event that we sold tickets on-line. The on-line option was convenient for all that ventured to try using it. It showed us that this is the way we should sell tickets. About 1/3 of all the tickets were sold on-line for the Crab Dinner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Bro. Ed Hendrickson** for chairing the event. His **co-chairs were Bro. John Tucker and Bro. Gil Cisneros** and many other brothers, wives, friends of our family and volunteer all helped to make our dinner a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of my brothers to join us for our meeting on Wednesday, February. 12, at 7:00 PM in St. Joaquim room. Your input and thoughts are welcomed and needed.

We are in the stages of finalizing and coordinating our plans for our March 21<sup>st</sup> Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. **Bro. Freddie Vidrio** will be chairing

the dinner. He would like your thoughts and help. There are many jobs to make this dinner run smoothly. You are an intricate part in making this puzzle complete. Don't be the missing piece that we need to look for.

### Corned Beef Dinner tickets available ON-LINE

A BIG thank you to the World Famous breakfast crew (brothers, wives and friends) for the great job all did on Feb. 2, 2020. This monthly breakfast is looking for a few more brothers to be involved. Stop in and lend a hand. We need help between 6:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Just stop in and help for a few hours if you can't make it for the entire event. We will gladly take the time you are willing to share.

Peace and Blessings to you and yours.

Vivat Jesus

GK Bill Nahorn III

## SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S COLUMN

By Deacon Dr. Benjamin Joe, PharmD

### Remembering Kobe



On January 26, 2020, Kobe Bryant, one of the most iconic basketball players for the Los Angeles Lakers and the NBA, perished with 8

other people (one of which was his 13-year old daughter, Gianna) in a helicopter crash in Southern California.

Most fans and non-sports people know that Kobe was a legendary player. He was well known for his awesome basketball skills but, unfortunately, was also known for a scandalous life and a troubled marriage. After a 20-year basketball career, Kobe retired in 2016. What was not known in the secular world and

media was that his Catholic faith transformed and sustained him during those troubled times.

As a sports fan, I am awed by athletes who are talented and not-as-talented alike. When I saw Kobe coming into the NBA as an 18-year old kid, I was awed by the skills and talents that he had. He was the heir apparent to Michael Jordan, the greatest basketball player ever. But as the kid became a young man, I became disenchanted with him, in spite of his talents, because of his arrogance, chip on his shoulder, and trash talking. Then the Colorado rape allegation occurred. This further made me dislike him. The incident cost Kobe many things, including sponsors, supporters and his image.

Kobe was a lifelong Catholic. He married his wife, Vanessa, in 2001 in a Southern California parish. During these difficult times, he recognized that he had committed a serious sin. His turning to his priest for advice and keeping his faith helped to turn his life around. Eventually, the charges were dropped and he issued a public apology.

Life for Kobe was about ups and downs, just like any of our lives. He and his wife formed a family foundation to provide minority students with life-changing experiences and scholarships. His wife filed for divorce in 2013 but he chose to fight for the marriage because of his faith; the divorce petition was withdrawn. The couple and family have been seen at Mass together on many occasions. Kobe has been reported to even have attended weekday Masses as well. Social media have reported that he and his daughter attended Mass just before the crash.

It is clear that faith was important to Kobe Bryant and it transformed him during his difficult times. This is how faith should work. If it does not transform a person, it is not faith. Faith guides us and gives us strength. It calls us to avoid and abandon sin, to fight for our marriages, to attend Mass, to do works of charity, and to be active in our parish and secular communities.

As for me, as I saw Kobe grow from a young man to a devoted husband and family man, I grew to admire, respect, and appreciate him in totality, not just for his basketball talents. He still awed me with his 81-point game, his aggressive play, his desire to keep improving, his will to win, and his 60-point last game ever but he is forever a brother in faith. Rest easy, Kobe.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

—Deacon Ben

## CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

On the heels of the Crab Dinner, our annual **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** fundraiser is scheduled for **Saturday, March 21, 2020** in **Guadalupe Hall**. The Dinner starts with **Cocktails at 6:00 PM**, followed by **Dinner at 7:00 PM**. **DGK SK Freddie Vidrio** volunteered to chair the event, but he really needs help to put on a successful dinner.

## 2020 ANNUAL CRAB DINNER



The evening was chilly when diners descended on the Community Center for our Annual Crab Dinner. The place was sold out! For the first time we had to turn away walk-ins. There were so many diners that we ran out of crab!

Many thanks to **Chairman Ed Hendrickson** and his **Assistant Gil Cisneros** for putting on a VERY successful event! Assisting them is a partial list of Brother Knights, Daughters of Isabella, Lady Knights, and others: **Nick and Breeanna Arbini, Jim Beahm, Linda Bradshaw, Xavier Contreras, Julie Ebenhack, Glenn Garcia, George & Elizabeth Garret, Sarah and Matt Helm, Kathy Hendrickson, David Lagesse, Bob McKay, Tom McMillan, Joe & Helen Mingram, GK Bill & Marji Nahorn, Ken Ogella, Sherry Oneto, Emanuel Ponte, Dennis Raio, John Rayray, Rick Reineman, Steve Shelton, Ed Sullivan, Gail Gulick-Tucker, John Tucker, and Tim Yun.** Unfortunately, I was unable to get a complete list of all those who helped.



January 5<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup> were both cold winter mornings for the World Famous Pancake Breakfasts. **Head Chef Peter McCormick**, along with **Chef-in-Training Ed Hendrickson** and the following Brother Knights and volunteers, tirelessly made a success of both breakfasts: **Gil Cisneros, Xavier Contreras, Glenn Garcia, Kathy Hendrickson, Matthew Hymes, David Lagesse, Anthony Martinez & son, Joe Mingram, GK Bill Nahorn III, Marji Nahorn, Ken Ogella, John Rayray, Rick Reineman, Paul Shane,, José Tarango, and John Tucker.** We also had two volunteers at the February Breakfast: **Andrew and Malena.**

### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST



On a cold and foggy morning on Saturday, January 25, parishioners boarded the bus for the Walk for Life West Coast. Almost all of the seats were sold to Presentation parishioners, and they went fast, with a majority of the seats sold during the first weekend of ticket sales. **Pastor Fr. Mark** joined the parishioners on the bus.

**Bobby and Kathy Chinchiolo** deserve a special thank you for organizing the trip. Our Council also helped to rent the bus.

While I was unable to attend this year's Walk, I hear that it was a very well organized event.

### JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PAN-CAKE BREAKFASTS



**Gail Gulick-Tucker** made the raffle prizes.

The attendances at both breakfasts were good but below the normal.

The next Pancake Breakfast will be on **Sunday, March 1, 2020**, after the 7:00 and 8:45 Masses.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anthony Martinez	2/3
Thomas D Rautert	2/3
José Refugio Reyes	2/4
Bob R Yeley	2/8
Robert J Mestayer	2/13
Thomas F McMillan	2/22
Paul C Shane	2/22
Anthony L Pruitt	2/23
Jesse Martin	2/24
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**EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

General Meetings			
Wednesday	12	St. Joachim	7:00 PM
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Pancake Breakfast			
Sunday	2	Guadalupe Hall	After the 7:00 and 8:45 Masses