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GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

By Freddie Vidrio



Greetings my fellow Brother Knights,

My name is **Alfredo "FREDDIE" Vidrio** and I am honored to have been elected to the distinguished position of **Grand Knight of Presentation Council**

#10478. I am a husband to my loving wife, **Samantha**, and a father to two wonderful and bright children, **Christian** and **Aubrey**. I have been a fellow Brother Knight for the past five years as a result of William Nahorn's persistent recruitment. I earned my Fourth Degree two years ago. The foundation for my Catholic faith began with the education I gained from growing up in San Francisco. I was fortunate my grandparent's placed me in Corpus Christi Elementary School, Archbishop Riordan High School, and the University of San Francisco, which are all prestigious Catholic schools. I am currently attending Regis University, the only Jesuit University in Colorado.

Like many of our fellow Catholic community members, I fell away from the Catholic faith for many years. God did not turn his back on me and embraced me in His loving arms pulling me back in to the faith. For the past ten years, my family has been attending Mass at Presentation Church. Through the Church's RCIA program, they were baptized and confirmed in the faith. **My wife and I were married in the Church** thanks to **Fr. Larry, Deacon Scott, Sister Kathy, and Jack and Ramona Jacobson**. My family is grateful for the inviting atmosphere of Presentation Church.

As Grand Knight, my goal is to bring prayer, education, community, and service to the Council. Prayer is essential in our daily lives. It is our communication with God. Our meetings should be one long prayer from open to close, thanking and asking God to guide us. Education is the key to keeping us in the faith. Learning about Catholicism helped me understand why we do what we do. It builds credibility for our beliefs.

Community begins with family and friends. In order to bring more people to our great organization, we need to involve the people we love. With more active members we can better serve our community through the various programs and services the Knights of Columbus offers. Examples include donating warm coats to the children who need them and providing a Thanksgiving meal to families in need. Service is our mandate and we need fellow Brothers to lend that helping hand. Thank you to the Knights who regularly attend our meetings and events. Our Council would not exist without **ALL** of our Brothers participating. Please, fellow Knights, we need you to join our future meetings. **YOU** are our lifeline!

Due to COVID 19, safety is our biggest concern. We will be discussing how to move forward with our Chapter during this unprecedented time. I do not want anyone to endanger themselves or their loved ones. More information will follow. For now, let us pray for the people who have passed away from the virus, the ones who are sick, and for the end of this virus.

SK Freddie Vidrio,
Grand Knight

SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S COLUMN

By Deacon Dr. Benjamin Joe, PharmD



All Lives Are Precious and Matter

Over the past month, the slogan “Black Lives Matter,” is seen in every place and in every nook and cranny. When it first appeared times before, I did not agree with this slogan. Why is it that only black lives matter? What about white lives, brown lives, yellow lives, and red lives, i.e. other ethnic groups? Don’t they matter too? What about all lives from the womb to natural death? Don’t these matter as well? The proper slogan should be all lives matter.

As the George Floyd incident unfolded and, after listening and reading commentary from both sides of the coin, I came to understand why black lives matter. It is not that black lives are more important than any other lives but that, unless we walked and experienced the lives of our black brothers and sisters, we do not totally understand what they go through as people of that color. All lives matter and that is a stated fact; of course, this is true. If it is not, then why do we protect ourselves and those we love from harm?

I am sure most of us have felt the pain of being excluded and treated differently in some way, from the time of childhood to today as an adult. The reasons are many including being immigrants, migrants, minorities, poor, disabled, and others. But it does seem that our black brothers and sisters have experience injustice and wrong throughout history in this country, in other countries, and even in our Catholic Church.

We have seen the frustration and anger turned into peaceful protest but also violence, vandalism, and theft (although much of the latter has nothing to do with the protest). Some of us have watched and joined in the peaceful movement but many of us have just watch and are not sure what to do. What do we do?

What we can do is to turn to Jesus and pray. We know He can do anything; we just have to believe and trust in Him. Jesus did not have leprosy but walked with the lepers and healed them. He was not blind or lame but he felt their handicap and opened their eyes and healed their limbs. He opened himself to the experiences of the Samaritan woman, the

poor, the hungry, the sick, and others and changed their lives. He even raised up Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus is the Savior and the only one. As we are the Body of Christ, how do we walk with **ALL** of our brothers and sisters who are unjustly treated and suffered from racism and other prejudices in our society? How can we experience their encounters when we truly are not in their shoes? What are our own biases and prejudices, maybe even racism?

Each of our answers may be different but the one answer is always Jesus. We have to be Christ to the world today, tomorrow, and always. We need to bring His love, His understanding, His peace, His justice and His healing to this world that is so in need of it.

May you receive His grace and love to change the world from here. Amen.

—Deacon Ben

NOVENA FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND AN END TO RACISM

Editor’s Note: This email was received from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on June 4, 2020. It is reprinted here for those members who do not have email.

Dear Brother Knight,

Following the pain, outrage and violence resulting from the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd, I send this message in a spirit of reconciliation, asking you to join me beginning this Sunday — the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity — in praying our **Novena for National Unity & An End to Racism**.

We should take to heart the words of Pope Francis. No one should “tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism.” We must all “defend the sacredness of every human life.” And we must redouble our efforts to overcome the suffering and injustice which result from the sin of racism. As we celebrate the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity, we call upon all Knights and people of goodwill to join in prayer. Let us remember that, as **Pope Francis** says, “**Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.**”

Our prayers are inspired by [our legacy](#) as Knights of Columbus — may we carry on in the same spirit of unity that has inspired the Order to welcome Catholic men of all backgrounds, regardless of race, from our very beginning. This is especially important as we move forward as “Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Unity,” which was the theme of last year’s Supreme Convention.

As the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** said, **“Time is cluttered with the wreckage of broken communities which have surrendered to hatred and violence. For the salvation of our nation and the salvation of mankind, we must follow another way.”**

We pray that we all can follow this other way and come to understand that injustice to a black person is injustice to all; that regardless of race or culture, all people, without exception, are made in the image and likeness of God, and are deserving of our respect and love.

Please join me in offering this prayer for national unity and an end to racism. May we pray for the strength to learn from the courageous example of Dr. King and from the leadership of our Holy Father, and continue to work to build a society that recognizes the dignity and brotherhood of all.

As men of faith, let us together confidently turn to prayer during the nine days of [this novena](#), beginning on Sunday, June 7, and concluding on Monday, June 15.

May God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Civilization of Love, hear our prayers.

Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson,
Supreme Knight

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The following officers have been elected for the new Columbian Year:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Phil Thomas	7/20
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Paul J Marchini	7/25
Andrew J Guzman	7/30
Eric Niessner	7/30

IN MEMORIAM

Correction: The picture of Tom Cisper in last month’s Newsletter was a long running joke between him and me on who could make the funniest face in a photo. After consulting with several members, I decided to look for a more appropriate final photo of him. After much digging, I found this photo which shows the side of Tom that we all came to know and love:



So, now you have both sides of Tom. I for one will remember the jokester side of him, and his knowledge of the good restaurants in this town. I apologize if anyone was offended by the previous photo – no malice was intended.



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EVENTS FOR JULY 2020
All Meetings and Events Are CANCELLED!