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## GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

By Freddie Vidrio



"Feed my sheep", the famous request Jesus gives Peter in John 21:17 is what I recall when thinking about Presentation Church's Food Pantry. I know Jesus was referring to "spiritual" food, but people need nourishment too!

When the Israelites escaped Egypt, God did not let them starve. He provided Manna, the bread from heaven, to satisfy their hunger. The Mass gives us food for our soul, and the Food Pantry provides food for the body. Together, it is a fulfillment for the person in need.

Since our Food Pantry is running low on supplies due to the pandemic, Fellow Brother Knights, William Nahorn and John Tucker, gave me the idea to hold a Knights of Columbus Food Drive. Our plan is to collect non-perishable items in a safe manner to stock up Presentation Church's Food Pantry. I will discuss the plan with Church Leadership to gain their approval. We would like to hold the Drive after one of the Food Pantry's designated Saturdays. For everyone's safety, the Food Drive will be touchless, meaning donations would be driven up to a specified area near St Joachim Hall where items will be left in the trunk for volunteers to handle. Fellow Knights, please keep your phone lines open because we will need a few volunteers and a lot of Knights donating food.

This pandemic had been difficult for all of us. We have not been able to hold meetings nor participate in functions. This event will be a great way to wave a social distant Hello to our fellow Brother Knights

who we have not seen in a long time. The most important thing is to be safe, so people not feeling well should stay home and not participate in the Drive. Once we know the specific details, we will reach out to all of our brethren. Thank you in advance for all of your help! May God bless us, the sick, and the needy.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Freddie Vidrio, Grand Knight

## SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S COLUMN

By Deacon Dr. Benjamin Joe, PharmD



**Love, Forgiveness, and Empathy**

On July 6, 2020, in the midst of challenges in policies on tolerance and inclusion, the National Football League was thrown into the firestorm of another controversy. Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson posted deeply troubling anti-Semitic comments on this Instagram page. He posted a quote that he attributed to Hitler, saying that the white Jews will blackmail and extort America; their plan is for world domination, which will not work if the black community knows who they are. In addition, Jackson also praised Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who has a long history of being anti-Semitic.

The reaction to this has been swift. The NFL, the Philadelphia Eagles, Cal-Berkeley, the Anti-Defamation League, and others have responded and commented. Jackson, since then, has apologized and called it a mistake. He pledged to educate himself and to work with organizations and the Jewish community to be more informed and to make a differ-

ence. But one of the more impressive and worthy of praise response came from fellow NFL wide receiver Julian Edelman, who is Jewish. This is what he had to say:

“I’ve been getting hit up by everyone asking me about this DeSean Jackson post, and I wanted to take some time before I respond because it’s a complicated issue and I wanted to be thoughtful. I wrote down some of my thinking. I have seen DeSean play in his career, make outstanding football plays, we’ve communicated over social media. I’ve got nothing but respect for his game. I know he said some ugly things, but I do see an opportunity to have a conversation. I am proud of my Jewish heritage, and for me, it’s not just about religion, it’s about community and culture as well. I am unusual because I didn’t identify as Jewish until later in my life. Whenever I encountered hatred, it never really felt like it was aimed at me. It was only after I was part of this community that I learned how destructive hate is. Anti-Semitism is one of the oldest forms of hatred. It’s rooted in ignorance and fear. I remember experiencing a little bit of this hate in 2011 when I was called a ‘kike’ on the football field. There’s no room for anti-Semitism in this world. Even though we’re talking about anti-Semitism, I don’t want to distract from how important the Black Lives Matter movement is and how we need to stay behind it. I think the Black and Jewish communities have a lot of similarities. One unfortunate similarity is that they are both attacked by the ignorant and the hateful. It’s really hard to see the challenges a community can face when you’re not part of it. So what we need to do is, we need to listen, we need to learn, we need to act. We need to have these uncomfortable conversations if we’re going to have real change. So to that end, DeSean, let’s do a deal. How about we go to DC and I take you to the Holocaust Museum and then you take me to the museum of African American History and Culture. Afterwards, we’ll grab some burgers and we have those uncomfortable conversations. This world needs a little more love, compassion and empathy. Take care.”

The last sentence says it all: love, compassion, and empathy. These are the things that Jesus taught and demonstrated in his ministry. He was all of those things. Julian Edelman was not reactive when this all went down. Instead, he took time to be reflective. He demonstrated his love for his fellow man and was forgiving in his response. He showed his willingness

to understand, to communicate, to collaborate, and to educate himself and DeSean Jackson so that they can work together on a common goal. As of this writing, the two men will be going to a Holocaust museum and an African-American museum as suggested. This is what it means to love your neighbor. This is what it means to forgive others. This is what Jesus taught in Scripture and this is what He is teaching us today. When you recite the Lord’s Prayer the next time, close your eyes and reflect on each part of that prayer. This is how we can change the world from here.

Be Safe and Well,  
Deacon Ben

### **EMAIL FROM SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON ON ANTI- CATHOLICISM**

*Editor’s Note: This email was received on July 15, 2020. It is reprinted here for those members who don’t have email.*

Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order’s namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junípero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacks on statues and history. They are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith.

In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.

However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom

behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Carl A. Anderson,  
Supreme Knight

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

José L Echániz	8/2
Eugene B Even	8/3
Bill Kichline	8/3
Miguel Lara	8/4
Robert J Herrington	8/7
Josue I Parra	8/7
Richard A Reineman	8/10
Wilfred N DeCoite	8/11
Jeff P Furtado	8/11
Conrado S Mendoza	8/14
Benjamin M Morelos	8/14
Charles J Argus	8/15
Sarkis S Reshwan	8/15
Aaron Yarrington	8/19
Michael C Saccomagno	8/20
Michael L Miller	8/23
James T Beahm	8/26
Gregory A Louis	8/26
James M Keating	8/27
Matthew A Bettencourt	8/30

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Your prayers are requested for Roger Roman and Sylvia Rayray.

## **IN MEMORIAM**



**Mike Detoro**  
**July 7, 1936 – June 1, 2020**

Mike passed away in the early in the morning on June 1, 2020. He was the former Chaplain of the Port of Stockton. Mike would also visit the veterans' homes until he was unable to do so. He felt so strongly about the veterans being left alone, that he asked the Council for more abled bodied members to take his place. He is inurned next to his wife, Susan Sherman, in Cherokee Memorial Lawn.

We have lost a lot of members in the recent past: Stan Trent, Ernie Phillips, Bob Pemberton, Paul Jacobs, Robert Schweikher, Tom Cisper, and now Mike Detoro and his wife, Susan Sherman. Let us keep them and the other Brother Knights who are not mentioned here in our memories, thoughts and prayers.



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**EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2020  
 ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE  
 CANCELLED!**