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IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS

SEE THE ENCLOSED CALENDAR - POST IT AND SHARE IT!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

The Lenten Season



Several years ago, a news came on Ash Wednesday that a hamburger chain was introducing a new hamburger called the Triple/Triple. It's a nine-patty burger with nine slices of cheese, lettuce and tomato stacked between two pieces of bread. It had 5,100 calories and 117 grams of saturated fat. The price was \$12.99. Coronary bypass surgery not included.

In "Hamlet," Shakespeare famously wrote that "The devil hath the power to assume a pleasing shape." I'm wondering if that includes nine hamburger patties on a bun. And I wonder if this is anything like the devil Jesus encountered in the desert. I have no doubt: the temptations he offered Jesus were just as tantalizing and designed to make his mouth water. Whatever they entailed, they are things all of us would recognize. And that's one reason why Jesus resisted them.

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our 40-day Lenten Journey. It will be a day of fasting and abstinence. The Sunday following Ash Wednesday is the First Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent, we are presented with three particular temptations: hunger, power and the absence of pain. Those are three of the most urgent desires anyone can have. They go to the heart of who we are. Hunger can be more than just a craving for a hamburger; there is the hunger for love, for sex, for attention or for approval. Power is about more than ambition or world domination or celebrity; it is also about control - not being accountable to anyone and being able to do what you want whenever you want, however you want. And the absence of pain is about more than just being protected by angels. It is also about never feeling hardship, or sickness, or sorrow.

Think of what the devil is offering: total satisfaction... absolute power... total protection and comfort and ease. That would be irresistible to many of us. But not to Jesus. And for one reason: These are all things that would deprive Christ of his humanity. In saying "no" these temptations, and not giving in to them, Christ is saying "yes" to being one with us. He is saying: I will know what it is like to be hungry, to crave something that I can't have. He is saying: I will know what it is like to want power, but to be powerless. He is saying: I will know what it is to hurt, and to bleed, and to die.

As his earthly ministry unfolds, He will share our hardships and frustrations, our temptations and trials. He will feel what it is like to be denied, and betrayed. He will know every kind of person. He'll know St. John, the beloved disciple, and Judas, the ultimate betrayer. He'll meet the woman at the well, and Mary and Martha. He will know what it is to weep at the death of a friend, Lazarus. He will know what it is to be powerless and captive, as He walks the last mile to Calvary in chains. He will know all that we know, feel all that we feel - a man like us in all things but sin.

The gospel indicates this wasn't the last time Jesus faced temptation. The final words of this passage are: "When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time." We don't know what other temptations Jesus faced. But the devil did not stop testing

him. He doesn't stop testing us, either.

The same day they announced this new hamburger, the Hamburger Chain announced plans to expand chain and build more restaurants. But for those of us fighting to stay away from red meat, I wouldn't be surprised. That would be just like the devil, wouldn't it? But I'd be in good company. The devil continued testing Jesus, too. Why should any of us be any different?

As we begin our journey through Lent later this month of February, we are offered this powerful reality: we do not go into the desert alone. We don't go through life alone. We go with Christ. He knows what we are living with and living without. He knows our appetites and our hungers, our insecurities and needs.

Let us turn to him in moments of temptation or weakness. Let us take his hand, receive his strength and look into his eyes, the eyes that have shed tears, and blinked away sweat and smiled at a wedding feast. Let us turn to him - not just during Lent but also when we think no one else will understand, no one can relate, no one can grasp what we are going through. Jesus will. Jesus does. He is God. But - as the temptation in the desert reveals - he is also us. May we all have a fruitful Lent.

Fraternally,
Rev. Andy C. Ligot, JCD
Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

Hope everybody is in good health and strong after the various holiday celebrations. We still have the remnants of Covid 19 and it's predecessors but if you are vaccinated and following the guidelines of Covid 19, I think there is no concern. Be vaccinated.



Last January meeting, we held our Installations of Officers which was conducted by our District Deputy, Bro. Ruben Esguerra. They were appraised of their duties and responsibilities and they even raised their right hands and promised that they will faithfully do their duties and responsibilities to the best they can.

After the Installation of Officers, District Deputy, Bro. Ruben Esguerra bid farewell and turned over the District Deputy Office to our new District Deputy. So we have a new District Deputy now. Be kind to him and let us give our full support to him by getting that In case you are wondering who it is. It's me.

Our web master reported that our website is online already except for some touch up. But it's there already. You can visit it: <http://www.kofc8747.org/>.

It was also reported that we will have our Blood Donation Program this coming April 2. So spread the word.

Another thing is, the San Jose Chapter is having a fund raising for the projects of the Diocese and they are selling tickets for an "All you can Eat Crab" and tickets will be available soon. So please help by buying tickets and enjoy the delicious crabs.

We need to recruit more members and our quota is 6 minimum and we have 2 already, so we need 4 more. So, we will be conducting a Recruitment Drive after all masses on March 11 and 12. Please ask a parishioner to join us. We will also schedule 2 benefit seminar so we can

complete our star council award for this year.

Thank you so much. See you at the meeting specially the officers and let the spirit of knighthood be with us this year.

Vivat Jesus,
Bro. Manuel Mallabo III,
Grand Knight

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Brother Skip Yenchik
Brother Timothy Crews
Brother Bill and wife Sally Paulsen
Rev. Paul Weisbeck
Brother Greg Dessel
Brother Ernesto Bautista
Brother Bill Poehlman
And all those listed in the Church Bulletin Prayer List.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Just a reminder that the 2023 Lenten season will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22 this year. It is not too early to think about what you could do during this Holy Season of 40 days to prepare yourself to become more like Jesus Christ in your daily life at home, at work and in social situation. If you are undecided, one could simply follow the past advice of Pope Francis where he suggests, *"Lent is a time of conversion and a time to deepen one's*



faith, demonstrating and sharing it through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy".

There are two booklets in the KofC Catholic Information Service that are especially informative during this coming season of Lent. The booklet "Penance" (#115) of the Luke E. Hart Series' will assist you in overcoming your fears and misconceptions during your required Sacrament of confession preparations. Then the booklet "Way of the Cross" (#363) of the Veritas Series provides both traditional and modern meditations for your use in Way of the Cross sessions. These and other information booklets can be located and downloaded at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html>.

Also continue reflecting upon the information in the pamphlet released by Supreme entitled "The Family Fully Alive", Building the Domestic Church. The term "domestic church" describes the identity and mission of a Christian family. Its roots are scriptural.

Please continue to follow the articles in this current bulletin for the contributions from our four Faith In Action Program categories Directors: (1) FAITH Director - Brother Khai Phan, (2) FAMILY Director - Brother Guillermo Uribe, (3) COMMUNITY Director - Brother Frank DeSmidt, and (4) LIFE Director - Brother Vinh Nguyen. All programs that our council participates in are positioned in one of these categories for reporting purposes to Supreme. If you have an interest in supporting one of these Programs please contact myself or the Director of that Program category.

Building the Domestic Church Theme for December is - THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love

that is necessary in marriage and family life.

Scripture Reading — Psalm 128

A prayer of the happy home that follows the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways.

What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper:

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home,

Your children like young olive plants around your table.

Just so will the man be blessed who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see Jerusalem's prosperity all the days of your life, and live to see your children's children.

Peace upon Israel!

Following is a summary of the council events for the month of **January 2023**

January 9 our council held the Officers/Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the St. Elizabeth room.

January 16 our St. Joseph Assembly 2246 members held their monthly Officers meeting in the St. Elizabeth Room & online at 7:00 pm with the Business meeting following immediately afterward.

January 21 fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond stood up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. The walk was preceded by A Mass at 9:30 AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally began at 12:30 PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and processed down the city's Market Street.

January 22 this year's Pro-Life Mass of Reparation, the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children was celebrated at St. Justin Catholic Parish, Santa Clara. Councils & Assemblies provided their banners for display in the church and all family members were invited to attend and support the annual event.

January 28 The 146th Exemplification for the Provincial wide Fourth Degree was held at St. Mary Parish, Gilroy, CA.

Following is a description of the council events scheduled for the month of **February 2023:**

February 6 our council will hold the Officers/Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in either the St. Christopher or St. Elizabeth room & online. All our council Brothers are invited to attend and give us your input for our programs.

February 11 & 12 will be our council's recruitment drive weekend after each mass on Saturday & Sunday. Please attend this month's meeting in person or online for details.

February 13 our St. Joseph Assembly 2246 members will attend their monthly Officers meeting in the St. Christopher or St. Elizabeth Room & online at 7:00 pm with the Business meeting following immediately afterward.

February 15 our council has scheduled this evening for an Information night for anyone interested in learning more about joining the Knights of Columbus.

February 20 is the day California celebrates President's Day - there is no school this day so please drive with care and watch for our little people running about.

February 22 is Ash Wednesday, the start of our Lenten season. This is a Holy day of obligation so schedule your time for mass and to receive the Ashes of Lent.

If you would like to share with me your ideas for the council or committees, have comments, suggestions,

complaints or perhaps just need to talk, I can be reached by email at cnhudson@sbcglobal.net or on my Cell: (408) 881-3444.

Fraternally,
Charles Hudson,
Program Director,
St. Elizabeth Council #8747

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Shameless

The practice of religion is serious stuff. After all, we're not just living out the string here on earth. We're making a commitment to our eternity—in one place or another. That's no laughing matter. But thank God, one of His great gifts is the ability to laugh at ourselves as we muddle on our way. Without it, we all would have crashed and burned long ago.

John R. Powers' 1973 novel, *The Last Catholic in America*, helped us to heartily laugh at ourselves. Eddie Ryan grew up in mythical St. Bastion's parish on Chicago's South Side in the 1950-60s. In the day, Catholics identified themselves not by their towns but by their parishes. "Where you from? . . . I'm from St. (Fill-In-The-Name)," was standard talk. In funny, sad, and poignant ways, Eddie brings back those days. As Eddie remembers it, pain and guilt were big parts of the Catholic experience. In one hilarious chapter, a young Eddie makes up stuff in Confession so he'd have something to say. Catholic boomers can relate.

Around the time of Powers' book, Catholics were hearing more and more the message: "you're too guilty about everything. Relax, have some fun." There was even a rock song about how "Catholic girls start much too late." As the sexual revolution took hold, the focus of many Catholics noticeably changed. It was no longer on sin. It was on personal fulfillment and gratification—on "me" and "my thing." Catholics stopped making regular Saturday visits to the Confessional. The numbers are still way down. That's not because we've learned to live sinless lives. It's because, in big and small ways, we no longer see our conduct as sinful.

The unwillingness to objectively define our conduct is evident in how the culture seeks to de-stigmatize legal abortion. Recently, several religious leaders in Texas gathered to bless an abortion clinic and its staff and patients. "*Hallelujah!*"—God be praised—flowed from their mouths. Sure doesn't seem like the right word for a place that kills for money. A well-known actress is planning to star as a late-term abortion activist. A writer in Minnesota says that "only religious zealots" accept the pro-life view. At a Catholic college, a college Democrats club held a "sex week" slamming Church teachings on abortion; participants were encouraged to hold signs saying "shameless." The goal of all is to remove from our hearts the stigma of abortion.

This past October our parish displayed on the front lawn 3-4,000 white crosses, signifying the number of unborn babies killed by abortion each day in our country. This year marked the 20th anniversary of the display. Generally speaking, it is well received. But not unanimously so. The major complaint is that it casts shame on women who have experienced an abortion. It's a serious complaint. But it loses sight of another of God's great gifts: regret. And it loses sight of His even greater gift: conscience.

God has endowed each of us with a conscience. Deep within our hearts, God has planted His law, the universal moral law governing the natural order of all things and

our relationships with others. He gives it to all people, regardless of faith. For people of faith, it is engrained through the Scriptures. Our conscience is where that moral law resides. It is where we make moral judgments about concrete things that we plan to do or have already done. If we have chosen virtuously, our conscience will tell us. If we have chosen sinfully, our conscience will tell that, too. It tells us so through the blessing of regret, guilt, and shame.

Blessing? To understand, imagine a world in which we do not feel guilt or shame over our actions. What if we could lie to each other without feeling bad? What if we could cheat on our neighbors, or our workmates, or our spouses, without any regret? What if we could kill others at any time, for any reason or no reason at all, without remorse? In a world without guilt or shame, we would quickly become human predators. It not only would be ugly, it would be downright scary. For predators need their prey, and because there is always someone stronger, everyone becomes prey. Our consciences help guard against it.

Conscience isn't indestructible, and the culture of death knows it. That's why with increasing frequency the culture calls women to celebrate their abortions and escape the stigma that, for millennia, has come with it. The culture of death's strategy is to advance abortion by killing consciences. The thought is that if women and men can be conditioned to feel no remorse about killing an innocent unborn baby, they will more readily agree to it. But the problem for them will be that consciences don't die easily, for conscience deals with the unchangeable law of God, not the fleeting laws of man. So women and men get caught in a conflict. They hear the voice of God in their hearts and the clamor of a culture that puts abortionists' profits and a politicians' power ahead of human decency. What they don't hear is us.

We are called to proclaim the truth about the evil of abortion, not because it shames others, but because it can help them find a way out. If seeing a bunch of crosses on a lawn makes people think twice about our national tragedy, if it makes them steer a different course, then that's a good thing. A very good thing. Proclaiming the truth can also help those who have made the wrong decision get back on track. This is where regret, remorse, guilt, and yes, shame, can be such huge blessings. They can motivate us to seek God's forgiveness. So we are also called to proclaim that there is light for those who have known abortion's darkness, hope for those held in its cruel clutches of despair. If we fail to invite those hurting to know God's forgiveness, then shame on us, because forgiveness may be His greatest gift of all.

It is why He sent His Son. He came not to shame but to save. He came not as a man but as a baby and before that as an unborn. He came through a virgin who embraced God's plan and a husband who trusted in it. Their lives were not without pain. But they knew no shame.

Paul V. Esposito is a Catholic lawyer who writes on a variety of pro-life topics. He and his wife Kathy live in Elmhurst, Illinois and have six children.

You can also visit our Supreme Website at <http://kofc.org/un/en/liberty-life-family/culture-of-life.html>. Stay Safe and Take Care
Vinh T. Nguyen,
Life Director and Culture of Life Chairman



FRATERNAL INSURANCE AGENT'S CORNER

New CLTC Designation-Press Release

Dion Dangzalan FICF of the Knights of Columbus Gutierrez Agency has been awarded a professional designation in the field of long-term care, Certified for Long-Term Care (CLTC). The course of study is independent of the insurance industry and focuses on providing financial service professionals with the tools needed to help their clients plan for long-term care needs.

"It is my responsibility to help people understand the emotional, physical and financial consequences associated with providing or paying for care over an extended period of time. While I cannot offer tax or legal advice, I can assist my members and their families in understanding what resources and services they might need as they age and what options may be available to help pay for them," said Dangzalan.

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The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal benefit society, with more than 2 million members in more than a dozen countries. Founded by a priest to help provide financial aid to Catholic families, the Knights of Columbus also helps support a multitude of charitable causes. In the last decade, the Order has given more than \$1.55 billion to charity.



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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

My Brothers,

We will be conducting a Recruitment Drive on March 11 and 12 after all masses. Please ask a parishioner if he would like to join the Knights of Columbus. If he is interested or needs more information, bring him to our table out front.

You know what I always say, **don't forget, the best way for us to get new members is for you to ask them.** You can use the flyer, "Why You Should Become A Knight", in the church vestibule to help a member join the Knights. My information is on it or he can scan the bar code for more information and/or join on line. Once he joins as a Online Member he can take the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and become an full member of the Knights of Columbus and our Council #8747.



Andy Dyson,
Membership Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

Here it is!

Community Meetings

Milpitas City Council: Usually 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Broadcast on Community Channel 15 and webcast on city website:

<http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov>

Milpitas Planning Commission: Usually 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Broadcast on the Community Channel 15 and webcast on city website

<http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov>

MUSD School Board: Usually 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in MUSD Boardroom. Broadcast on Community Channel 15. MUSD website:

<http://www.musd.org>

Community events:

The Chamber's next Networking Mixer is planned for

Thursday, February 23, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at TBD. Enjoy delicious food, refreshments, and network with business professionals. Contact and register at the Chamber office at 408-262-2613 or check with: www.milpitaschamber.com for more information.

Also, check out the 2022 Chamber Directory at

https://emflipbooks.com/flipbooks/Milpitas_CoC/MD/2022/

There it is.

Frank De Smidt,
Community Director





**FOR
THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2023 (date),
TO:
TIEN V. DAO (02)
PATRICK DEROSA (12)
MARCIANO NAVARRO, JR (27)**

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2022-2023 OFFICERS**

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3rd Year Trustee-----	Greg Dessel--408-433-1651

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM'S MEMBERS

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Council WebMaster-----	Gwan Ali-Santosa
Newsletter/Bulletin Editor-----	Andy Dyson
Council Fund Raiser Chairman-----	Per Event
PWID Chairman -----	Gwan Ali-Santosa
St. Elizabeth Knight Sounds DJ-----	Andy Dyson

ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION UPDATE
THE ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION AT
LAST MONTH'S MEETING
WAS \$91 COLLECTED FOR
COLUMBIAN CHARITES
THIS MONTH AT OUR REGULAR
MEETING WILL BE FOR
AID & SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY

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<u>JANUARY</u> Greg Dessel	<u>FEBRUARY</u> TBD
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