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Grand Knight's Message

Edward V. Ruhnke, Jr.

Brother Knights,

Well, Brothers, I hope Lent has turned out well for you all. It is always wise to take stock of our spiritual progress several times a year: Christmas, Easter, our birthday. Did we get closer to God this year? It's rather hard to pray too much in our busy lives, but do you ever stop to think of why we pray? Prayer has four purposes. The acronym ACTS fits.

A is for adoration. We adore God, the Creator of ourselves and all that we see around us in this wonderfully created world of ours. We adore Him simply for being the Supreme Being, He Who Is, the great I Am.

C is for Contrition. We are always sorry for not having lived up to God's expectations of us. Too many bad deeds, many missed opportunities to do good. In short, too many sins and shortcomings.

T is for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving does not come just once a year, it should be in front of our souls every day. Our very lives are generous gifts from God. Our money, our spouses, our jobs, our children and grandchildren, our friends, etc., came from God's generosity towards us.

S is for Supplication. We continually ask for help in being good and avoiding evil. We always need help daily in our dealings with others, to be good fathers and husbands, to serve our Council well in whatever capacity our talents lead us, to be loyal Brethren in an organization much bigger than ourselves. We beseech God to help us leave a mark in this world, to leave it in a better state than when we entered it.

It is time to assess our roles in the Council. To everyone's delight and surprise, we had a total sellout of our Sportsman's Delight raffle. We sold 400 tickets for \$20,000. Then we had a wonderful drive-through dinner for all of the ticket holders. We received many compliments for the high quality of all our food offerings. A good time was had by all participants. A heart-felt sincere thank you goes out to each of our brothers who worked so hard to sell tickets for our only fundraiser for 2020. Now we need to think of how to have a successful 2021 Summer Fling and restart the Bingo program. Each of us has untapped talents we can offer to our Council in both of these endeavors. Step up to the plate without being asked. God will bless you in your efforts—guaranteed. If God does not bless you, double your money back !!!

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Deacon Will Hunter

Benefits of following Christ

It is because of Christ that we have all benefitted from his grace and his mercy. It is because of Christ that we have all received the opportunity to sit at the table of the Lord. For no other reason have we received the benefits of eternal life sans the crucifixion of Christ and his grace.

We use the benefits of eternal salvation each day because we have been given the right to do so by Christ. Rightly or wrongly, we have been given the choice to live in the benefits bestowed on us by the Lord.

So many of us take the benefits given to us by Christ for granted as if we are owed these gifts by the Lord. We commit all types of atrocities against one another because we have more money, or we have more political influence, or because of our ethnicity and so on. This was never the purpose of Christ giving to us the right to eternal life and freedom from the bondage that sin keeps us in.

We gladly accept the fruits of the labor and suffering of Christ as our own. Yet we do not want to experience the same suffering and sacrifice that gave us these fruits to enjoy. Why is that? It could be surmised that we have a selfish nature and have little to no interest in following the examples set forth for us by Christ. How many people did you ever hear Christ turn away when they reached out to him for help?

How many people did you hear Christ turn away because of their ethnicity or gender or religious or political affiliation? Christ welcomed any and all to come to him so that he could bring them into the house of the Lord. It did not matter to Christ what a person looked like, what that person did for a living, what organization that person was affiliated with, or whether they had the same religious beliefs as him. The only criteria Christ set forth was a person's willingness to serve his Father.

No doubt was left by Christ that we are to follow his examples of grace and mercy toward each other while we are in this world. Yet we continue to ignore the examples of Christ and treat each other with such disdain and contempt that our world has continued to come apart at the seams. The most astonishing part of our world coming apart at the seams is that we see it coming undone and we continue to pull the string to help it unravel with discrimination, prejudice, lies and any type of ism that you can think of.

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Assistant Chaplain's Message *(continued)*

This is certainly not why Christ gave his life for us to act as if his sacrifice did not matter. What is the purpose of us calling Christ our savior if we are unwilling to follow his example to make this world better to live in for all people? Why do we go to church if we are unwilling to listen to the words of Christ and follow them? Why do we hang signs and symbols of Christ in our homes and vehicles yet we have no intention of treating others the way Christ treated people?

It is necessary for us to put into practice the examples and words of Christ if we are to change this world into a better place for all people, not just certain people. Each word from the mouth of Christ is filled with wisdom and truth yet we as his people choose not to listen to them. We choose not to put into practice consistently the words and examples of Christ when it comes to treating all people equally.

We must remember that Christ did not die for certain people to have eternal life. Christ suffered and died so that all people may have the benefit of eternal life. When did we become so unaware of that fact? Maybe it is not that we are unaware of that fact as much as we just do not care anymore about why Christ died for all of us. It seems as if the benefits of the death and resurrection of Christ are more important to us than actually doing the heavy lifting of being a good follower of Christ.

It is impossible to receive the complete benefits of salvation from Christ if we are unwilling to also accept the sacrifice and suffering that come along with it. Salvation, sacrifice and suffering to enter into eternal life are a packaged deal. You cannot have one without the others. Work hard to accept the sacrifice and suffering of Christ to make this world a better place to live so that at the appropriate time Christ will grant us the benefit of salvation

Council Officers meeting is April 7

***Council* meeting is April 12**

**Northside Columbus Club meeting
Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Workday is Saturday, April 17



**KC Council 2917 meeting will be
held in person at the hall on
Monday April 12 at 7 PM.**

Financial Secretary

Benny Okruhlik

Brother Knights,

**Membership dues are now due. If
you do not have a current travel card
you will not be allowed into the
meeting.**

Congratulations to

- Deacon Will Hunter, Knight of the month for January.
- Charles & Angie Heinrich, Family of the month for January.



Northside Columbus Club

Meeting Place of Bishop Odin Council 2917

Our March volunteer work day was a late decision, but we still had these wonderful volunteers—Bennie Bronikowski, Paul Heidbreder, Richard Pavlas, David Cornelius, David Roe, Kenneth Bollom, Dennis Roeder, Nick Navarro, Earline & Bernard Okruhlik, Janet & Edward Ruhnke who brought their 2 grandchildren—Warren and Jubilynn, and John Buck. We had 20 chores on the list, the group performed 12 of the 20 chores. Janet with Warren and Jubilynn swept and picked up leaves at the front driveway.

The NSCC has decided to officially reopen the hall in April for council and ladies events and we are accepting rentals. With the hall being closed for several months, many chores around the hall were left unattended. Now that we are showing the halls for rentals, we need help—volunteer help with bringing the halls and grounds up for show and use. Please do volunteer your time and skills when called upon or if you see something that needs to be addressed and you have the skills, please offer your assistance.

I mean this now more than ever before, with no rental income for most of a year now, the NSCC desperately needs rental income, please suggest our, "your" hall to your family, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners and co-workers that may need a hall for birthday/anniversary parties, fundraisers, celebrations, graduations, weddings and more, we can even handle seminars and classes. The halls and grounds are available for rent for most any situation where people come together for an event.

John Buck
NSCC President

Next work day is
April 17



Program Director

John Buck

Summer Fling—details are being decided now about the 2021 Summer Fling. Please attend the April Council Meeting for voting on the event details.

We are slowly reopening the hall for council-sponsored events.

We will provide a financial statement from the Sportsman's Delight Fundraiser at the April Council Meeting.

FAMILY FINANCIAL SECURITY

Easter greetings to all my members and your families! As a time of preparation, Lent helped us focus on the sacrifice of Good Friday and the hope of the Resurrection. I hope this season brings you much joy and happiness!

That sense of rebirth that comes with our Easter celebrations also can be noticed in the change in weather. Some daffodils and tulips are poking through the soil, the temperature is creeping upward, and we hope April showers are in store and not that precipitation that has to be shoveled! As I look around my yard I see much that needs tending to after the winter weather. I've got a few plants to transplant, some clean-up needed around the outside of the house, I see a window that's been cracked...and my "honey do" list is getting longer and longer.

I've found that I'm much more efficient with a list of chores if I write down all that I need to do. Then I go back through my list and rank order them for importance. Sometimes I get to choose the order; sometimes the order is chosen for me. In either event, the best part comes when I get to cross off the chore as being done. Maybe it's the visual of seeing one more item completed...it gives me a sense of accomplishment.

In addition to the outside chores, I have several others that always come at this time of year. I've got windows to wash and other "spring cleaning" in the house. The vehicles could use a good cleaning inside and out and I know there will be some major project to sift through a pile or maybe even a room of things we don't need, don't want, or don't fit anymore.

In keeping with that list theme, put me on your list—up at the top since it relates to your family's financial security. A virtual meeting over the computer is a way for us to meet safely and efficiently. We can discuss your needs, wants and desires. What's changed? Let's make sure nothing stands in the way of reaching your goals. The Order has provided me with a new needs analysis program (either Profiles Professional or NaviPlan) to help you track where you are, where you want to go and how well you're progressing on your financial journey.

Mine is an item you can cross off your list and really feel good about it.

Wishing you Easter joy!

Vivat Jesus!

Zach Scardino, FICF, LUTCF

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**Deadline for the May
newsletter is April 16.**

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Robert Miller	April 1
Wilbert A. Storemski	April 1
Donald Eisterhold	April 2
Bradley D. Bawner	April 4
Ross J. Gagliano	April 5
Paul A. Heidbreder	April 5
Benny Okruhlik	April 5
Larry W. Tobias	April 8
Rev. Narciso Bordignon	April 9
Albert Anthony Castle	April 9
Charles W. Falco	April 11
Bruce Marek	April 12
Joe M. Okonski	April 12
Emery J. Robertson	April 12
Michael D. Borski	April 13
Raymond G. Borski	April 13
Thomas V. Gorka	April 14
Ronnie Kristynik	April 14
Joseph A. Wick	April 14
Rev. Albert Zanatta	April 15
Joseph L. Anderson, Jr.	April 16
Gerome J. D'Anna	April 16
Gregory A. Okonski	April 16
Alfred C. Rodriguez	April 20
Joe Walkowiak	April 20
James M. Golick	April 21
Neil McWhorter	April 22
David G. Navarro	April 22
Gregory J. Borski	April 23
James E. Bilnoski	April 24
Steve Bugaj, Jr.	April 26
John J. Salerno	April 26
Ray A. Wisniskie	April 26
Joseph E. Braunagel	April 27
Paul L. Nevlud	April 28
James A. Borski	April 29

Please pray for our sick:



- Brother Benny Okruhlik
- Rev. Albert Zanatta
- Brother George Mendel
- Brother David Wilgus
- Brother Robert and Pansy Miller
- Brother Chris Mocek
- Brother Felipe Ramirez
- Brother John Hernandez
- Brother Frank Garcia
- Angie Januszewski
- Rafael Davila, uncle of Brother Anthony Gonzales

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Knight Guadalupe Gonzales went to be with the Lord on January 7, 2021. He joined Council 2917 in 1952. He was a member of the council for 69 years.

Diane Nanette Lima, born August 7, 1942 won her battle over pancreatic cancer when she met Jesus, March 7, 2021, at home, in Houston, Texas. She graduated from Lamar High School in 1960 and attended Sam Houston State University where she met the love of her life, Vincent. Her passion was round and square dancing which they did for over 25 years. She loved her family and friends fiercely and never met a stranger. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Preceded in death by her husband, Brother Knight Vincent of 59 years, her sister, Schalamahar Brunson, parents J Howard and Betty Ruth Brunson and grandson, Hunter Gregg. Diane will be missed by her Twins, Tamlyn Gregg and Tyron Lima and grandchildren Victoria Gregg, Tyler Lima, Taryn Lima.

May God have mercy on these loved ones and grant them eternal rest. Please remember Guadalupe and Diane and their family in your prayers.

Names on our "Sick Prayer List" will appear in our newsletter for 3 months, after which they will be removed unless notification is received to have the name remain.

Please contact Brother Floyd Supercinski, Chancellor, at 713-861-6725 if you would like to add anyone or have the name remain on our prayer list. You can always read the prayer list on our website as well.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/sick-distressed>

Pray for our Military

Especially:

Tyler Kubiak, serving in the U.S. Navy. Tyler is the son of Brother Michael Kubiak and grandson of Brother Dennis and Birdie Kubiak.

Austin Clark, U.S. Marines *and*

Noah Clark, U.S. Army Drone Program.

Both young men are grandsons of Brother Alvin and Bobbie Clark.

Shawn Hrcir, son of Brother Bob Hrcir.

If anyone has a relative in the military and would like his/her name added to our prayer list, please submit the name and branch of service to kbroniko@hotmail.com

LADIES AUXILIARY

Lydia Clifton, President

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

What a joyful time of year for us as the wildflowers bloom, the sense of renewal of spring and the Risen Christ! Praise God for the fulfillment of his promises. Let us continue to praise God even after the Easter season has passed.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque has explained in one of the letters promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that the Heart of Jesus is like an inexhaustible fountain of mercy for sinners.

Three streams flow from the heart of Jesus. One is a stream of mercy for sinners. The second is a stream of love for those who are burdened. The third is a stream of love and light for Jesus.

Wherever you are in prayer, just remember that Jesus has a place for us and wants us to return the great love that he has for us.

**Source from Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Book*

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/ladies-auxiliary>

Upcoming Events

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/calendar>

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| Apr. 7 | Council Officers' Meeting |
| Apr. 12 | Council Meeting—in person—7 p.m. |
| Apr. 17 | Council Work Day |
| Apr. 21 | Northside Columbus Club meeting |
| Apr. 26 | Pro-Life Rosary |
| May 3 | Domino Tournament |
| May 5 | Council Officers' Meeting |
| May 10 | Council Meeting—in person—7 p.m. |
| May 15 | Council Work Day |
| May 19 | Northside Columbus Club meeting |
| May 24 | Pro-Life Rosary |
| May 31 | Domino Tournament |
| May 31 | Memorial Day |

Pro-Life Program Director

Floyd Supercinski

We will hold our pro-life rosary at the hall on April 26 at 7:00 p.m.



Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on

Saturday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

1505 Kane St., Houston

Followed by Prayer & Sidewalk Advocacy:
Houston Women's Reproductive Services
5225 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77007
(Parking off Nolda St.)

If you cannot join, please pray for a conversion of heart for all those involved. Visit archgh.org/prolife for more information.

For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/pro-life>



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

There will be a **zoom meeting** on April 6.

If you are interested in the Catholic Daughters, please contact Pat Koteras at 713-864-4490.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/catholic-daughters>



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