

St. Denis Knights of Columbus

ST. DENIS COUNCIL 11260

Feb 2008

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, named after St. Valentine, of course. So, who was St. Valentine? Glad you asked. Valentine was a holy priest in Rome, who with St. Marius and his family, assisted the martyrs in the persecution under Claudius II. Since he was caught marrying Christian couples and aiding any Christians who were being persecuted, Valentine was arrested and imprisoned. He was sent by the emperor to the prefect of Rome, who ordered him beaten with clubs and beheaded. He was executed on February 14, about the year 270. In 496, Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. His feast Day is February 14th. So now you know the whole story.

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At our January business meeting, our Chaplin, Monsignor Loughnane shared with us our Supreme Bishop William Lori's article in the January issue of the Columbian magazine. He began his comments by giving us a historical perspective about our Catechism. I do not recall anyone ever explaining this. Monsignor said he would try to continue presenting Bishop Lori's message each month. We, as members who receive the Columbian magazine each month, should read each month's article prior to our meeting. Having read the article prior to last night's meeting, I found Monsignor's comments much more clear than if I had not read it. I encourage all of our members come and listen. I believe, we as Catholic gentlemen, should avail ourselves of opportunities to become more knowledgeable about our faith. Thank You Monsignor Jim for your willingness to further enlighten us in our religion!

This past month, our ranks grew by two. Fa. Lucio Juarez and Greg Dial made their 1st degrees. Fa. Lucio, who had been ill all week, showed his warrior spirit, despite being bedridden most of the week. Congratulations to both of you.

On January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Ron Cox and I participated in praying the Rosary in front of the US Court of Appeals in Pasadena. There were 24 individuals, including a priest and a religious Brother. Most of the participants were Brother Knight's from around the San Gabriel Valley.

DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree

February 28 at 7 pm at St. Josephs

March 12 at 7 pm at Father Maguire

Second Degree

February 20 at 7 pm at Father Maguire

Third Degree

March 30 at 12:45pm at Father Maguire

Pope Benedict XVI will visit the United States April 15- 20, 2008. Our Supreme Knight has sent prayer cards asking for Pope Benedict safe journey. I have a limited supply of these cards. If you see me around St. Denis, I'll have these cards with me.

Any member who desires to make his 2nd Degree or 3rd Degree, please contact me via telephone, e-mail or smoke signals. I will take you to the Degree ceremony. For dates and locations, see the "Upcoming Events".

Brothers, please consider helping our Christian Services by volunteering to help at the Winter Shelter program at St. Martha's and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. (*see dates below*) Briefly, this program provides food, clothing and showers to those less fortunate than you or I. All we do is help feed, distribute donated clothing and supervise the shower trailers provided by Los Angeles County. If you have clothing to donate, the clothing needs to be clean (obviously). There is always a need for new underwear, primarily for men.

God Bless
Art Herrera

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7th - Officer's Meeting in Potthoff Hall at 7:30 PM

February 8th - Winter Shelter Program at St. Martha's on Azusa Ave in La Puente. It starts at 5:00 PM

February 20th - 2nd Degree - Fa. McGuire 4315 N. Vincent Av., Covina 91722

February 21st - Business Meeting in Potthoff Hall at 7:30 PM

February 23rd - Annual Mass and luncheon at 10:30 AM

March 7th - Lenten Soup following the 6:30 PM Mass. We will provide the soup.

March 14th - Winter Shelter at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 18378 E. Camino Bello, Roland Heights, 91748

March 29th - Women Appreciation Dinner (Location to be announced)

March 30th - 3rd Degree at Fa. MaGuire 4315 N. Vincent Av., Covina, 91722

Brothers, don't forget to occasionally go to www.stdenisknights.org for information concerning our Council or Parrish.

ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCHEON

Last year Monsignor Jim celebrated Mass for our Council and afterwards we hosted a luncheon for our Brother Knights and their families. We had our State Deputy Emilio Moure address our members. We had approximately 90 people in attendance. I am happy to report that Monsignor Loughnane will again celebrate Mass for us on Saturday, February 23rd, at 10:30 AM. This will be followed by a luncheon in Potthoff Hall. Please put this date in your calendar.

FIELD AGENTS REPORT

"I DON'T NEED LIFE INSURANCE..."

Is that your answer when you are asked to buy life insurance? You say you don't need life insurance, but what about your family? Don't they count?

There has to be food on the table every day. Your loved ones must have clothing to stay warm and healthy. The one thing they need the most is income. You supply all these things (and more!) for them now. If something were to happen to you would the money go with you?

With life insurance your family's well-being is taken care of. You say you don't need life insurance, but your family does. Call me and let's talk about life insurance for your family.

Bill Lueddemann
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COMPENDIUM OF CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Last summer our Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori met with about 12 Knights of Columbus Chaplains to reflect on what is the role of the Chaplain in the Knights of Columbus. This meeting was described in the August 2007 Columbia magazine that is mailed to each of us. As a result, Supreme Bishop Lori agreed to use his monthly column in the Columbia magazine to spread the Gospel and offer instruction in the Catholic faith. He also agreed to make use of the recently published *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, the Catechism of the Catholic Church* and many other providential expressions of the Church's faith. Bishop Lori said he would try to present these resources in a format that would be suitable for Council meetings.

Msgr. Loughnane discussed this at our January business meeting. He asked us to discuss and reflect on the following questions.

1. Possessions, while not bad in themselves, can never be great or numerous enough to satisfy the human heart. If happiness can't be bought, then why do so many people try? Think of the happiest people you have known. What was the source of their happiness?
2. Every person is created with an inescapable desire for truth and happiness, which ultimately can only be fulfilled by God. Why might many people, such as popular atheist authors like Christopher Hitchens, be annoyed by this truth? What happens when people grow to accept it, like St. Augustine in his Confessions?
3. Bishop Lori states, "Our search is not futile. On the contrary, God revealed himself to us both through the created world in all its wonder and through his plan of redemption." What is the role of reason in our search for God? What is the role of faith, and how does it relate to reason?
4. The first sentence of the compendium of the catechism of the Catholic Church states: "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life." How does this sentence compare with our own or others' understanding of God and the "meaning of life"? What implications does it have on how we should view our faith and our daily lives?

Be Ready For The Next Business Meeting

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 21 – Business Meeting with Msgr. Loughnane

February 23 – Annual Mass and Luncheon