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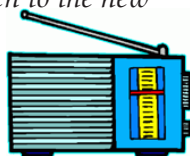
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March 2012

Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall

March Events

- 11 Daylight Savings. (Get up an hour earlier!)
- 14..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 26..... The Annunciation of the Lord.
- 28 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for details.)
- 31 3rd Degree Exemplification at Ford Ord.

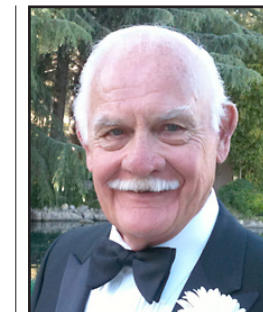
Future Events

- April 14 4th Degree Exemplification in Monterey.
- May 16-20 .. State Convention in Santa Clara.
- Aug. 6-9..... Supreme Convention held in Anaheim.

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights & Families,

An article in the latest Columbian magazine featured the struggle to keep a statue of Jesus on a mountain in Montana. For almost 60 years the statue has honored the veterans who fought in the Second World War. The U.S. Forest Service had granted the '10th Mountain Division Memorial, near Whitefish, Montana, a ten year extension. The Knights of Columbus of Kallispill Council #1328 have maintained the statue over the years and petitioned the Forest Service to let it stay at this location near the ski lift. It is too delicate to survive a move to a new location. After the permit was issued the "freedom from religion foundation," a Wisconsin-based group, formally filed a suit to block the renewal of the permit. U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg fought to keep the permit in place. Rehberg said, "Re-



moval of this symbol of hope and faith is an insult to the sacrifices they so willingly gave our great country."

The watch word of our

fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus is patriotism and this is a great example of how we need to fight every battle as it comes to our doorstep. During the Lenten season let us think about our active duty and retired military and the sacrifices they make every day to keep us safe. We ask for your prayers as a special offering for the safety and protection of the U.S. of A.

Have a blessed lenten season,
Doug Gallagher

Chaplain's Message

"MARCHING" to EASTER

In the Old Testament the Jews marched to the Promised Land with the Arc of the Covenant. It was always in their midst when they were encamped in the desert. It marched before them when they crossed the Jordan River. It sometimes went with them into battle as it did in the First Book of Samuel. But we know that it did not always lead to success. For

the Philistines captured Arc in the battle led by Ophni and Phinees, two scoundrel priests, sons of the High Priest, Heli. Fidelity to God was always essential in their success. The internal fidelity to God was absolutely necessary for their success in battle against their enemies. When the Jews were faithful to God they overcame their enemies, but when

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Monthly Social Fajitas!

Wednesday, March 28
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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they worshipped false gods, they were oppressed by their enemies. In other words when they marched with God in their minds and hearts, God marched with them. The moral of the Old Testament was that success comes personally and publicly to a nation when the goodness of God is reciprocated by those who wish to follow God morally and spiritually.



We are now celebrating Lent in preparation of Easter. The same is true for us every year as we march through Lent on our

way to Easter. In order to reach Resurrection gloriously and victoriously we must march with Jesus Christ. Success depends on us as well. Christ marches with our armies provided we do what He wants of us during Lent. Christ wants us to repent, to pray and to fast. This is the path to success and to victory. We follow His lead in prayer, fasting, and charity. If we just wait for the end of Lent to celebrate Easter, we march alone and to failure. The march of life may be long and difficult, yet the end is assured and achievable: repent, fast, do works of charity, and have fidelity during the march. Let us march with Christ during this season and Christ will march with us. Good luck on the march.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ,
Chaplain

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Thank you!

A big "Thank You!" goes out to those who helped make our February Social a success! The menu included salad, teriyaki chicken, rice with vegetables, and strawberry pound cake.

Chef: Edwin Tonkin

Sous-chefs: Jason Nielsen and Doug Gallagher

Assisting: Arnold Reyna

Opening Prayer: Fr. James Catalano, Chaplain

Appetizers: Ken Lazier, Jr. & family

Bar: Larry Rothfuss and Ken Lazier, Sr.

MC: Ken Lazier, Jr.

Raffle: Carlos and Ken Lazier, Jr.

Door: Louis Bitonti

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ron Green

Thanks to all!

Also a big "Thank You" to Kathryn Lazier who skillfully repaired the commemorative streamers on our council banner which had gotten a bit dog-eared over the years.

Membership

Dear Brothers,

We have seen a slow but steady increase in new members for our local council. This is a positive sign, and we hope that we can continue this trend. If you have friends or family in other councils, why not ask them how their council maintains and extends its membership. We may find some good ideas that we haven't thought of, and we can share them at our next council meeting. I am amazed at some of the membership numbers reported in monthly newsletters. Could we be next? I thank you again for your continued efforts on behalf of the membership.

Jason Nielsen, DGK
Membership Director

Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Barry Earl, Doug Gallagher, Francisco Garza, Frank Giaimo, Timothy Hanifin, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, Arline D'Sabato, Maryann June, and Joan Phariss.

Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

Social

We hope that you will join us for a delicious fajita dinner on March 28. Our social will be hosted by Arnold Reyna with help of Andrew Lenz, Jr.

The menu will include:

- Fajitas prepared by on-site by a restaurant chef
- Salad
- Peruvian Beans
- Rice
- Tortillas
- Chips and Guacamole
- Flan and Pan Dulce for dessert

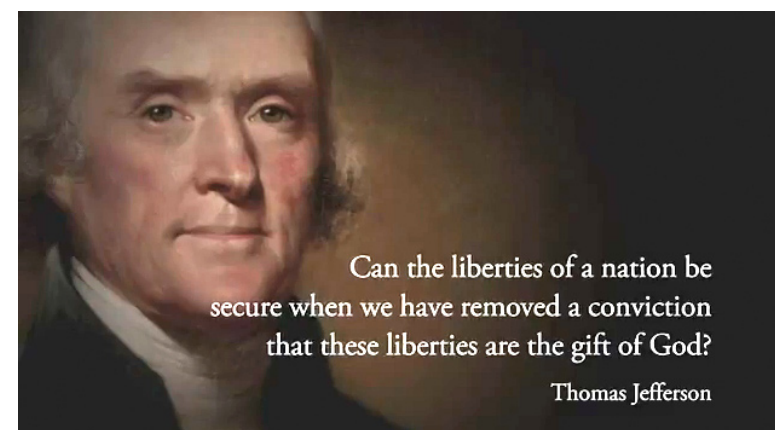
Dinner will be held at Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Table service will be provided.



We would sincerely appreciate donation of raffle prizes. Invite your friends. The dinner is to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Jason Nielsen, DGK
Program Director

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Thomas Jefferson

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Congrats!

A very happy congratulations to Bro. Brian McMahon and his wife Sherrie for the birth of their first child, a daughter, Felicity Ann Marie McMahon, at Dominican Hospital in the morning of Feb 10th. We understand that mother and baby are both doing well.

Brian says, "We give thanks to God for this miracle in our lives."

We pray in thanksgiving and for continued health and happiness for Brian, Sherrie and baby Felicity. Exciting stuff!

Dues

Several members have yet to pay their Year 2012 membership dues, so please avoid receiving your Second Notice and mail your dues to the Financial Secretary soon.

Every stamp we buy for postage is money we could be donating to charitable causes.

There are ways in which our Council may help you maintain your 'good standing' as a member even if you are suffering financial hardship. If you feel that we can help and would like to know the alternatives, please call me at 831-458-9169.

Rudy Quijance
Financial Secretary