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From the Grand Knight:

On March 21, I attended the Parish Leadership meeting. Once again, as at the first meeting, I left the meeting humbled and in awe at the energy and commitment of the people of Spirit of Christ.

I also felt a strong sense of pride and fraternity when I looked at all the people attending that day and recognized not just one or two – but many of the Knights from our Council working hard within their selected ministries to help shape the direction of Spirit of Christ. We Knights cover a lot of ground.

It's nice to see Charity in action.

Vivat Jesu
Tom

From the Lecturer: reprint from Feb 08

Why do we begin Mass with the Penitential rite? One of the greatest temptations we regularly face is that of giving into self-satisfaction. Then, in effect, we become like the Pharisee in the temple who prays, “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity” (Lk 18:11). He shows how sin, in essence, is “the reduction of God to one or another aspect of the human” (L. Giussani). Pope Benedict XVI says that “we suffer exactly for this reason: we shut ourselves up in delirium of guiltlessness and for this reason we are closed to others...Sin appears when a person refuses to recognize his own limits and tries to be completely self-sufficient.”

So the Church directs us at the start of Mass to recall our sins – not as to put us on a guilt trip, but precisely to save us from any improper way of regarding (or disregarding) our sins and to assure us that God's providence is at work even in our failings. Just as God created the world, he wills to recreate us at each Mass.

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Location and Date Changes:

Our Rosary and Business meetings will be at the offices of Personal Benefit Services, 5620 Ward Road, until the Spirit Center remodel is completed. Our next business meeting is **Tuesday, April 7, starting at 7:00 pm.**

Officer meetings will continue to be held at Spirit of Christ on the 1st Thursday of each month. Officers meetings start at 7:00 pm and all Knights are welcome to attend. The next Officers meeting is **April 2.**

Our April Business meeting is changed to Tuesday April 7 due to Holy Thursday on April 9.

Degree Schedules:

1st Degree

If you'd like to attend as an observer there are 1st Degrees scheduled regularly throughout the month. Contact Tom Lyons if you would like details on when you can attend as an observer.

Major Degrees & Exemplifications:

Major Degrees are scheduled in Littleton (04-18), Arvada (05-30) and Colorado Springs (06-20). A 4th degree

exemplification is scheduled for Security in May and Littleton in June. Contact Tom Lyons if you are interested in attending any of these exemplifications.

Summary of February Financials: The checking balance is \$2983.19, savings balance is \$2383.85. The following bills were read and referred: Bills totaling \$952.69 were paid as follows: Todd Mullen \$64.90, food baseball clinic; Tom Dedin \$286.34, baseball clinic expenses; \$75.25 Supreme Council Accounts; Dave Dudden, \$19.65, ice baseball clinic; Tom Lyons, \$81.55, newsletter printing & postage; Special Education \$400.00 for the Handicap Camp (reissue of check made in February); Price Hatcher, \$25.00 Glad Knight.

We decided to authorize payment of up to \$120.00 for each alternate delegate to the State Convention to help them pay meal expenses. Tom Dedin Sr and Todd Mullen are our Alternate Delegates. We authorized up to \$300 to pay for the Clergy at Spirit of Christ to attend the Clergy Dinner at State Convention. At the request to the Council Fr. Paul Weiker provided the name of Yura Sema as a seminarian from the Ukraine that the Council could support. We authorized and wrote a check for \$500 to Yura Sema as part of our Seminarian Support.

We authorized the issuance of checks to the seminarians we support in the amount of \$250 each: Cletus Omode, Matt McGee and Jason Bermender.

We authorized reimbursement to the Ladies Auxiliary of up to \$300 to pay for breakfast for the volunteers at the 9 Health Fair and \$25.00 for a mass card on behalf of Randy Weinert's father, Ernest.

Thanks for your Hard Work:

I would like to thank those who helped make the Hour of Prayer to Our Lady of Charity on March 4 a meaningful liturgy. Father Steven who led the service and our Sir Brother Knights Ed Dill, David Dudden, Price Hatcher, Patrick Feldman and District Deputy Bob Buljung,

Thanks to Jerry Flammang, Ron Hayduk and Rich Boespflug who served lunch at the Parish Leadership meeting on March 21.

And to Dennis Velasquez, Rich Boespflug, Tom Dedin Sr, David Dudden, Steve Feldman and Ron Hayduk who helped with set up and cleanup, made and served dinner for the Kenya Library project on Friday March 27.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:

We are once again asked to help direct traffic flow on Palm and Easter Sundays. Please come help in the parking lot on **April 05** and **April 12** either before or after the Mass you attend those weekends.

We'll be doing a Highway Cleanup along Wadsworth Blvd between 80th and 92nd on Saturday morning, April 18. If you can help just meet us at Spirit of Christ at 8:00am that morning. This is not just a Knights project – all spouses and children are welcome.

Kairos Outside is a Ministry to those who have relatives or friends in prison. They need kitchen help the weekend of **May 02** for a planned retreat. Contact Jim Gumpert 720-329-4356 for information.

Our Council has long sponsored Sister Catherine's Handicamp with funds to help defray the cost of the weekend. However you may not know that a student can only

attend if here is a Counselor willing to attend with them. Please consider taking a weekend to help at this very worthwhile project. Weekends this year are scheduled for **May 02 and May 09**. Contact David Dudden 303-940-6992 for more information.

Our 1st Degree Team continues to practice. The Team has needs beyond the speaking parts. Our April practices will be on **April 14 and April 28** at 7:00 pm at Spirit of Christ. If you are interested in being on the Team give me a call at 303-423-4015 or come to practice.

Knight and Family of the Month:

Tim Burgard is recognized as our March Knight of the Month. Tim joined the Council in December and has made an effort to be a part of each Business meeting and helped coach at the Baseball Clinic. It's great to see a new Knight get involved so quickly.

Harold and Elizabeth Armenta are recognized as our Family of the Month for March. We recognized Harold as our Knight of the Month in December 2007, and since then Harold has continued his strong contributions to both the Council and Spirit of Christ. We know that Harold wouldn't be able to do all that he does without Elizabeth's help and support. Thank you Elizabeth!

Congratulations to Tim, Harold and Elizabeth.

Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:

We have another Glad Knight!!! Price Hatcher was present at the March meeting and was rewarded with a check for \$25. Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting. The award is \$25 per meeting and if you are not there (Sad

Knight) the money rolls over to the next meeting. The pot now stands at \$25.

For the Good of the Order: At our March meeting we prayed for Seminarians Cletus Omode, Jason Bermander, Matt Magee and Yura Sema; for Father Ryan, Father Steven Voss and Father Ames; Mary Fran Dedin, Aime LaFosse, Leona Boespflug, Beth Raab, Stephine LaGrange. Larry Nelson, Rose Duman, LeRoy Acree, Derek and Jean Olson, Connie Mullen, Diane Kennedy, Herb Fahey, for Sarah and all FOCUS missionaries, all Special Intentions, for all those seeking employment, for those most challenged by life and for all unborn children.

Ladies Auxiliary:

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.

The Spirit of Christ 9 Health Fair will be April 20th and 21st at the Arvada Center and we will be serving breakfast to the volunteers. We need volunteers to help from 5:15 to 7:00 a.m. each day. Please call Ginny Trumpolt 303-423-4015 if you can help.

The annual Ladies Garage Sale will be in July. Please keep the sale in mind as you go about your spring cleaning. Household items and gently used clothing is welcome. We are unable to accept computers or mattresses.

From our Field Agent:

Greetings Brothers,

-- **WHAT ARE YOU BUYING?** --

Sometimes, we can have a wrong impression of what we are spending our hard-earned money for. For example, you don't spend \$.50 to buy a paper; you spend

that money to buy news. You don't buy glasses; you buy vision. You don't buy an awning; you buy shade. See what I mean? The same holds true for life insurance. You're not just buying life insurance in case you die. You buy an education for your children, or a life income for your wife, or a pension plan for the old man you will eventually be. (It's been said the difference between an "old man" and an "elderly gentleman" is money!) You buy peace of mind, happiness, and more than a little contentment when you buy life insurance. Call me today to arrange an appointment. Your future is my first concern.

Vivat Jesus,

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