

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 2490

El Campo, Texas



February 2016

93RD YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

## Desk of the Grand Knight

As we began this Lenten Season let us rededicate ourselves to prayer in the following 8 ways; 1. Make your abstinence a prayer in action. 2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer. 3. Pray the stations of the Cross. 4. Meditate on the Holy Scriptures. 5. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer. 6. Join or start a prayer group. 7. Pray with children or as a family. 8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last beyond Lent. I would like to thank the two teams of brother knights who have been preparing the Manna Meals and thank you to Sysco for their donations towards the Manna Meals. Also I would like to extend a huge thank you to all brother knights, St. Philip School parents, teachers and principal who gave of their time on Ash Wednesday to come out and help in anyway possible with the Annual Fry Fish Meal, all your help is greatly appreciated by the council.

## Winners of the Fish Fry Ticket Sales are:

**1st place**—Melaine Barker ~250 Tickets

**2nd place**—Trevor/Trace Smith ~ 107 Tickets

**3rd place**—Brittany/Bethany Baker ~ 60 Tickets

Jack & James Dorotik ~ 60 Tickets

**2016 State KC Convention will be held in Corpus Christi, April 29 through May 1.** The following brother knights have been nominated to serve as Delegates, **James A. Kocurek** and **Greg Witcher** and the brother knights nominated to serve as Alternate Delegates are **Larry Staff** and **Ray Viktorian**. Anyone wishing to attend the convention may obtain information about it from James Kocurek.



## Chaplain's Report

We come to the time of our Lenten preparation when sacrifice and mercy is on the forefront of our minds. However, this year we move through Lent during a year celebrating the eternal mercy of God and how it changes us, his people. In Pope Francis' audience of December 9, 2015, the day after the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father said, "Celebrating a Jubilee of Mercy is equivalent to placing once again the specific nature of the Christian faith, namely Jesus Christ, the merciful God, at the center of our personal life and that of our communities. It is a holy year therefore, so as to live mercy." By letting ourselves experience the mercy of the Father through the actions of the Son on the cross and in the Holy Spirit sent to us, we receive healing from past sins and hurts allowing us to share with others what we have experienced. We have the common practice of sacrificing something for Lent—"giving something up"—or strengthening a virtue by adding a good act to your daily routine. The reason for this is to become more like Christ who in his love lived mercy for all of humanity to the point of winning salvation for all of mankind. We offer mercy by first receiving mercy, and the Father has given us bountifully of mercy through His Son on the cross and continues to offer mercy to the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Maybe this Lent, coupled with the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we all could work on mercy, receiving and offering it. Let your heart be healed. Let estranged relationships be healed and reconciled. Practice mercy that it may become more a part of who you are

~Father Michael Rother~

## *\*Upcoming Meetings\**

### Regular Meeting:

February 23, 2016

### Officer and Directors Meeting:

March 8, 2016

### January Knight of the Month:

Stan Labay

### January Family of the Month:

Leonard Goerig Family

**Patriotic Rosary:** will be recited at 5:30pm on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Sacred Heart chapel.

Mark your calendars for the council's **Annual Spring Picnic** which will be held on **Sunday May 15, 2016**. Like in year's past we will need to call upon the lovely ladies to provide bake goods to be served with the meal and for the cake wheel as well. Tickets will be mailed out in the next couple of months for the drawing that is held in conjunction with the council picnic.



**Attention Brother Knights:** if you have a son or daughter that is a **Senior at El Campo High School**, please remind them to apply for the council's scholarship, applications are available on the school website or at the counselor's office and are due back into the counselor's office by **March 31, 2016**. Make sure that you are current on your council dues.



It is also time to start considering about the slate of officers for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year. Anyone who wants to run for office please let the Grand Knight know.

As a Council let us pray that God extends his healing hands on the following brother knights: **Father Dan Morales, Johnny Mican, Sylvester Cerny, John Tumlinson, Tommy Turner, Bob Staff, AJ Hlavaty, Everett Clark, Edmund Kruppa, Francis Stock, Albert Wied, Doug Hlavaty, Andrew Rod, Ed Strnadel**. As a council let us pray for the soul of our departed brother in Christ **Allen L. Naiser**

**Dates to Remember**

- February 23 Council Meeting  
Columbus Club Hall 7:00pm
- March 8 Officer & Directors Meeting  
Columbus Club Hall 7:00pm
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day 
- March 22 Council Meeting  
Columbus Club Hall 7:00pm
- March 20 Palm Sunday
- March 27 Easter Sunday 



**\*\*Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6pm at St. Philip Church\*\***

<b>2015-2016 Council Officers:</b>	
<u>Chaplain</u> Fr. Michael Rother	<u>Chancellor</u> AJ Priesmeyer
<u>Assistant Chaplain</u> Fr. Francis Nguyen	<u>Warden</u> Madsen Raun
<u>Grand Knight</u> James A Kocurek	<u>Lecturer</u> Kevin Kresta
<u>Deputy Grand Knight</u> Timothy Drapela	<u>Inside Guard</u> Zachary Edwards
<u>Treasurer</u> Raymond Viktorian, Jr.	<u>Outside Guard</u> Darrell Nohavitza
<u>Financial Secretary</u> Joseph Janda	<u>Trustees</u> Larry Staff Gregory Witcher John Tumlinson
<u>Recorder</u> Daniel E Marek	
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