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State Deputy's Message

As We Focus on Lent....

My Brothers,

Lent is upon us and we think of renewing our faith in Christ. How he came for us all. Many a time the scriptures tell us how he was here to save the sinner. How many theologians tell us when we say we are not worthy he is here for the sinner and not the saint. **Juan Diego and Bernadette of Lourdes both asked not to be the bearer of the message because, they were not worthy and there was someone better,** a Bishop, Prince, King or someone of higher stature. All were turned down because they were picked for the message. How Christ accepted all, you did not need to be a Jew to be saved. The arms were open to gentile as well. How lucky we are to share in the fellowship of Christ through our church and faith. Let us examine ourselves and commit to be a better servant. Yes we stumble, but we are human God knows this, forgives us and loves us. Think of how we as Christ's followers can better serve our lord maybe by changing our lives or continuing in what we are doing.

Now, let look at the Knights. **We are open to all,** from captains of industry, CEO's, sports heroes, Presidents, to farmers, mechanics, janitors, and even ditch diggers. All are welcome and work side by side. I, as your State Deputy, a simple police patrol officer, lead my peers some much higher in rank than I in the Knights. What an example of Catholic fellowship. Many organizations are very excusive or require a simple act of giving a large cash donation to join, but do these organizations do as much as the Knights? When we recruit we are open, yes there are few times when membership is declined but for good reason, and not because I just don't like him, his social status does not match ours, or "he is not just our kind of people". I remember an episode of Andy Griffith where a group wanted Andy to join but not Barney. You see Barney was not the right kind of person. He did not meet their expectations. Now as goofy and bumbling as Barney was you could not find a harder working and dedicated man. Someone, who would do anything to help, of course Andy did not join neither did Barney and they remained friends. How sad for the organization who lost 2 very good men. How lucky for Barney who had someone willing to take a chance on him, willing to mentor and guide him and accept his mistakes to help Barney make himself a better

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Message for Lent 2012

The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. This is a favorable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments. This journey is one marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter.

Pope Benedict XVI

State Chaplain's Summation

We have been using the new missal for the last couple of months now. Some may have found the new translation difficult while others may have adjusted quite well. Some may ask, "Why do we need a new translation at all?"

The missal contains all of the prayers that are used during the liturgical year at Mass. Prior to the 4th century the celebrant made up the prayers at Mass. As the Church grew and the structure of the Mass became more formalized, ritual books began to be used. In 1570, Pope Pius V issued the Roman Missal that was used in the Western Church until the Second Vatican Council. In 1970 the new missal was issued which incorporated the changes to the Mass following the Second Vatican Council. In 1973 the English translation of this missal was introduced. The translation of the prayers contained the thought of the original Latin but did not concern itself with an exact translation. This is what we used until this past November.

In 2001 Pope John Paul II called for translations of the Roman Missal that were faithful to the original Latin text. The new Latin version came out in 2002. Following a number of years of work, the new English translation was approved in 2010. The more formalized language is a much translations from the Latin and is meant to make the Mass a more meaningful and prayerful experience.

Rev. James Blaine

Utah State Chaplain

man.

I remind you we make each other better. All of us can point how we have been improved by our membership. When you give someone the chance to lead he will grow as a person. When you mentor or teach someone to do something even as simple as how to run a dinner you are helping someone to grow as a person. All our degrees remind us to grow in our faith we are encouraged to pray the rosary, take up a cross, to learn our faith more and to simply embrace Christ more. Remember you are not the catholic you should be but neither am I. The Knights will not make you a better Catholic, but the Knights will give you the opportunity to be a better Catholic. We will help guide, strengthen and support you. The Knights are here for all, give a man the chance to grow.

Men I end this with this message **Keep up your Awesome, Awesome work not just in membership, but the programs you are running.** You are clothing those who are cold, feeding those who are hungry, and doing it because you want to. A lent soup or fish dinner can lead to someone taking an extra moment to attend the Stations of the Cross, or simply reconnect with their faith. We do this because we enjoy our work, and when I hear from Fr. Grace at supreme tell me Christ asked you to do all of this for him. I am embarrassed to think I do it because I like to, it makes me happy he reminds us it makes us happy because we are sharing in Christ's love. I now pose this question, when you join your brothers for a social event, a dinner or BBQ. You enjoy each others company and support each other. Did not Christ pray for the unity of the people, and in a small way is a social event bringing us together in unity of catholic community?

Men I wish you a fulfilling and spiritual lent. I look forward to the time of lent and anticipate the day of Easter because truly... **Vivat Jesus.** Christ Lives and is with us all.

God Bless Us All!

Ray L. Lopez
Utah State Deputy

State Convention 2012
Plan to attend! To be held at the Salt Lake City Marriott.

May 4th – Past State Deputies’ Dinner
May 5th & 6th – State Convention Meetings
May 5th – Convention Banquet

State Secretary’s Corner

Brother Knights,

As we begin the Lenten season, lets work together to invite qualified men to join our Order during Lent. Recently a KNIGHTLINE article focused on Founder’s Day First Degrees to honor Father Michael J. McGivney. This year, Founder’s Day falls during Lent, the Church’s annual call for conversion and penance. During the Lenten season, each of us is asked to examine how we are living the call to holiness and to take on new practices which will aide us in our journey. Lent is a time to “turn towards” God and away from the distractions that life presents.

This is the gift Father McGivney nurtured when he founded the Knights of Columbus. Membership in our Order opens up a wealth of resources and opportunities to a Catholic man and his family. We owe it to our brothers in the Church to offer the gift of membership during the Lenten season. During Lent is the time to introduce the men of your parish to the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus through a variety of parish and council activities and programs. A Knights of Columbus council is just the help a parish priest may need as new and returning Catholics return to the Church during Lent. Check with the Director of Religious Education (DRE) to help with RCIA program or sponsorship of a candidate. Service projects for your parish, with emphasizing Lenten sacrifice and service. Remember programs are opportunities to invite new members into your council.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Masse' Jr.
Utah State Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES – MARCH

- 10TH – 2ND & 3RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS – *ST. OLAF’S*
- 15TH – STATE AWARD SUBMISSIONS DUE TO STATE DEPUTY
- 17TH – ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE – *SALT LAKE CITY*
- 29TH – K OF C FOUNDER’S DAY – *HOLD A 1ST DEGREE!*

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