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Next Assembly 1905 Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 7 P.M.,
at Eugene Teatum Council Hall Rio Rancho

From our Faithful Navigator

Greetings my brother Knights:

I know it has only been a couple of weeks since the end of the Christmas Season, and we can already see on the horizon that the Season of Lent is approaching.

At our December meeting I spoke about Advent being a time of self-reflection and on how to prepare for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I also commented on the prominence of the color purple during Advent and Lent; as is the case with everything in the liturgical calendar, there is a connection. Similar to Advent Lent is a time for self-reflection on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a period in which we should unite ourselves to Jesus and meditate on the forty days that He spent in the desert fasting and praying prior to starting His public ministry.

While Jesus gave up food and drink, we are not required to be as ascetic in our self-denial. During Lent, the normal tradition is to do acts of self-sacrifice by denying ourselves some activity or thing that takes away our time and attention from God, e.g., not watching TV, avoiding desserts, sodas, or some other craving. The purpose of the self-imposed discipline is to help us grow in our relationship with our Savior, Jesus, and God, our Father. In other words, spend time praying, reading Holy Scripture, visiting our Lord in the Adoration Chapel--all with the intention of being closer to God.

Hopefully, the practice of such Lenten acts might lead us to continue practicing them following Lent. Now, I don't mean that we should completely give up chocolate or TV; what I mean is that having found a way to moderate our consumption in various respects during Lent, we should continue practicing that moderation as best we can throughout the year.

I exhort my brother Knights to reflect on my suggestions of self-sacrifice as we approach the Season of Lent so that you lay out a plan that will help you get closer to God. Vivat Jesus!

VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for Your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. And grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We continue to send the Knights of Columbus Vocation **Icon** to the various households to pray for the increase of Vocations, especially for the dedication and holy vocations seeded in the truth of our faith. Our prayers are also for our Pope, Archbishop, and all our priests, that the Holy Spirit will descend upon them and continue to guide and bless them with wisdom. Please keep in your prayers all our seminarians --- Brother Knights Timothy Meurer, Christian Murphy, Joseph Archuleta; and Jordan Sánchez.

Upcoming Events

14 Feb - Ash Wednesday
17 Feb – 4th Degree Exemplification, Los Alamos, NM
20 Feb - Monthly Meeting

Mardi Gras--French for "Fat Tuesday," i.e., the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before Lenten **fasting** begins on Ash Wednesday (**Valentine's Day!**).

Suggest you give the box of chocolates to your Valentine on February 13th this year!

Ash Wednesday ~~~ Easter Sunday

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Easter Sunday, April 1



The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that during Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2446).

"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."-- Pope Francis

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Catholics are also encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as a significant part of their spiritual lives during Lent. For detailed information on the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Lenten Resources go to -- <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>