

Newsletter

Knights of Columbus
Council 12833
Mater Ecclesiae

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of every month.



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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Brothers

As we go into the month of June we have only one change in the roster of Officers. Bro. James Moon has been nominated for Deputy Grand Knight, by none other then our present Deputy Grand Knight Bro. Henry Verrecchia, so I guess there will be no decision to be made at our meeting in June; all the other Officers will remain in their positions for the coming year.

All the Choral Masses are finished for the year. I expect the list of the new Masses will be coming out soon.

We are still working on the 4th of July parade. Bro. Don Marion suggested we buy plastic flowers for the float this year. He knows of some beautiful ones being sold, so I told him to pick them up and we will have them for future years.

The hoagie sale, that we had in May, was a suppressing success, especially with the rise in price; unfortunately, we are going into the hot months of the summer, so we won't be having them anymore until the weather breaks in September.

I will make arrangements with our District Deputy to have our Installation of Officers as soon as possible.

I want to wish all of you a happy and blessed vacation season.

Please don't miss the next council meeting; we need your vote in the election.

Fraternally Yours,

Jim Delaney

Vivat Jesus!

COLOUR CORPS

There are no Colour Corps events scheduled for this month. We have two extra sets of Regalia, so if you have taken the Fourth Degree and own a tuxedo, you are welcome to participate in future events. Contact our Colour Corps commander, GK Jim Delaney, on +1 856 693 1143 for details.

HOAGIE SALE

There are no hoagie sales scheduled for this month.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

This month's Nocturnal Adoration will begin at 10:00 pm on First Friday, 6th June, and continue until 7:00 am on First Saturday, 7th June. All are welcome to participate. Contact our Nocturnal Adoration coordinator, PGK Danny Fean, on +1 856 981 3258 for details. All new members are encouraged to schedule a time for adoration.

LECTURER'S CORNER

by Brother Ron Coppola

With the recent celebration of the feast of Pentecost, it is interesting to reflect upon several aspects concerning the birthday of the Church.

First, Pentecost Sunday is also known as "Whitsunday" and marks the start of the week called Whitsuntide. Although the vestments on Pentecost or Whitsunday are red, the name is derived from "White Sunday" since there was a time when those who had entered the church at Easter would once again don their white robes.

Second, Pentecost is prefigured in the Old Testament when **God reveals Himself to Moses and the Israelites at Mt. Sinai.** *“The Lord said to him: Lo, now will I come to thee in the darkness of a cloud, that the people may hear me speaking to thee, and may believe thee for ever...And now the third day was come, and the morning appeared, and behold thunders began to be heard, and lightning to flash, ...And all Mount Sinai was on smoke: because the Lord was come down upon it in fire...” (Exodus 19:9, 16, & 18)*

Similarly, Jesus, before He ascended to Heaven, promised the **coming of the Holy Ghost and commanded the apostles not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for His Father’s promise.** *“And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.” (Acts2:1-4)*

Thirdly, in terms of customs, the figure of a dove, which is the form the Holy Ghost took at Jesus’ Baptism, is the primary symbol of Pentecost and in the medieval times, there were “Holy Ghost Holes” in the roofs of some churches from which a dove either real or a model was lowered over the congregation as trumpets sounded. When the dove was lowered or “descended” red rose petals (or **incredibly sometimes pieces of burning straw**) symbolizing the tongues of fire would rain down.

And finally, a reminder at this great feast of Pentecost for those who have the custom of marking their homes with the initials of the three Wise Men and the year on the feast of the Epiphany. It is now at Pentecost when this marking should be wiped away. On the next feast of the Epiphany rewrite the symbols over the inside of your front door. As you know the inscription was written as follows:

20 C+M+B 08.

For those who may not be familiar, the “20” designates the millennium and century, the “C” standing for the first wise man Caspar, the “M” standing for Melchior, the “B” standing for Balthazar, and the “08” standing for the decade and year. It is also interesting to note that it is believed that the Kings’ initials also stand for “**Christus mansionem benedicat**” that is, Christ bless this house.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

It is the intent of the Council that distribution of this monthly newsletter is to be by e-mail to the greatest extent possible to reduce expenses. If you

received this month's newsletter by surface mail but do have internet access, it is requested that you send an e-mail to: wrtg@verizon.net. In this way future editions of the newsletter can be sent to you by e-mail. Again this month **14** copies of the newsletter have to be sent by surface mail.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8th June.

Join with your brother Knights in reciting Our Lady's Rosary at 7:30 pm; the meeting follows at 8:00 pm.

Vivat Jesus!