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Grand Knight's Message

Don Mesley, Grand Knight

My Dear Friends and Brothers

March was the month of our Lady of Fatima. Those of us who were fortunate to be in her company, to adore and honor her will remember her beauty and the effect she had on us, for the rest of our lives. I know she brought miracles into my life and many others.

As Knights of Columbus, we owe our Lady a special debt of gratitude and allegiance. She is our patron. This is a time when we need her special help more than ever before; with the trials we have even more than ever before. Beware of the evil that is spreading, because we are not being active and alert to what is going on in our country. The sanctity of life is being pushed aside with the pro choice movement being slid into place without most peoples' notice. So, please make your voice heard whenever possible. There are many opportunities, so find them and use them. As Knights of Columbus, we have the power and that is the power of prayers for saving our beloved country and is especially urgent and needed today. Thanks to our color guard who escorted our Lady and all who helped in her staying with us.

Everyday moments of every day, the Lord our God gives us evidence of His love. Just look around you. Spring is here; the growing and renewing of everything. The glow of a child's rosy cheeks and sparkly eyes open your heart to His love and compassion. Let us show it to all we meet and spread Christ's love. During our time of Lent, it isn't only what you give up but also the extra effort to give and I think that is the most important thing we learn and start practicing each and every day of our blessed lives.

Our turnout for the Corporate Communion was amazing and we found three new gentlemen that are interested. Every day we are finding ways to help our Brothers find the support and friendship. In these times, I know it is the blessing that helps all of us. I am so happy we are showing people ways that can become part of our band of Brothers. Thank you for all the support I feel through all of you.

A little bird told me that the gentlemen's night out was fun for all, and that there was an even better turnout than before. It's good that we can find time to have so much and relaxation.

Easter is just around the corner and with that, I hope it will be a wonderful new beginning in all our lives. We are wishing all our special blessings for you and your families.

Let our fellow men know us by our love.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting; or God willing sooner.

May you all be happy, fill your heart with love of our Lord Jesus.

Fraternally,

Don Mesley, G.K.

From the Chaplain's Desk

Dear Brother Knights & Families:

It seems like just yesterday that we began the Holy Season of Lent and lo and behold in a short two weeks we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Resurrection Day. Many magnificent events have occurred in the history of the world, yet not one, not all of them put together have had the effect on mankind that Our Lord's Resurrection has.

Our Lord's Resurrection gives us strength and hope that no matter what occurs to us here on earth, we have the ability to rise up and be with Christ in heaven at the end of time. The devil, sin, death, sickness, misfortune here on earth cannot conquer the power and victory of Christ's Resurrection.

Currently there is much pain and suffering in our country. We have just gone through several difficult years in which our economy has failed and it has had an adverse effect on the lives of many. People have become low in spirit, saddened and fearful of what the future will bring.

We all need to face the future in the light of Our Lord's Resurrection, with hope and courage. We must pray for those who are struggling and help them whenever we can with material help, but always help them spiritually with prayer and kind words.

Many people both in the Catholic Church and outside of it hold the Knights of Columbus in high regard. It is in these times of difficulty that as Knights of Columbus we must live lives of hope and encouragement so that those who are suffering material difficulty will take heart that we are there to help them and that besides whatever material help we can give our prayer and kind words will help them rise above their sufferings.

Pro Life Message

The Supreme Court is Listening!

Acknowledges pain and sorrow of abortion but needs more

Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand, the tide has turned. It's the beginning of the end of *Roe v. Wade*.

Upholding the federal ban on the horrific and gruesome "partial-birth abortion" procedure, the Supreme Court cited The Justice Foundation's Amicus Brief (also known as a friend of the court brief) in its ruling. The brief was filed on behalf of Sandra Cano, who was "Mary Doe" of *Doe v. Bolton* (the companion case to *Roe v. Wade*), and 180 women hurt by abortion.

Citing sworn testimony that The Justice Foundation presented, and acknowledging the argument that "abortion hurts women," the Court recognized that "some women come to regret" their abortions. "Whether to have an abortion requires a difficult and painful moral decision" and is "fraught with emotional consequence," the Court said. The Court also noted that "severe depression and loss of esteem can follow" an abortion.

In her dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote: "The Court is surely correct that, for most women, abortion is a painfully difficult decision."

Yale Law School professor Jack M. Balkin characterized the inclusion of the testimonies of women and the message that abortion hurts women as follows: "The new rhetoric of pro-life forces [that Abortion Hurts Women] is no longer just rhetoric. It is now part of Supreme Court doctrine. That is the big news ..."

What's next?

Your testimony can help restore justice and end abortion

Although the Court acknowledged the harm of abortion, it also stated it had "no reliable data to measure" the extent of the problem. The most effective way to show the Court the magnitude of the problem is to collect a much larger number of testimonies.

The Justice Foundation has collected affidavits and declarations through its project, Operation Outcry, from approximately 2000 women since the year 2000. This largest known body of direct, sworn testimony in the world that shows the harmful effects of abortion – has been submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; state legislatures in Georgia; Louisiana; Mississippi, Ohio, South Dakota, and Texas; and, to lawmakers around the world. In the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the ban on partial-birth abortion, the Court cited The Justice Foundation's Amicus brief (also known as a friend of the court brief) and the testimony filed with it on behalf of women hurt by abortion.

South Dakota, which conducted the first government study in 30 years that looked at both sides of the abortion issue, conclusively determined that abortion hurts women and should be illegal, based significantly on this evidence. South Dakota's courageous step to ban abortion emboldened lawmakers in a dozen other states to propose similar laws. Louisiana and Mississippi have passed an abortion ban, which will become effective when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. The declarations are now being provided to states and other nations upon request.

Your testimony in a declaration can be used in legal cases and in state legislative efforts to end or limit abortion, such as an abortion ban, informed consent, parental consent, etc. To maintain confidentiality, initials only can be used if you wish. Personal contact information is never released.

A declaration form and instructions are available at: www.operationoutcry.org (Click on "Speak Up").

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 St Joseph Palm Sunday Breakfast - we will need help starting at 6:30am	6	7 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	8 6PM - Bingo - Our Hall	9 Fonco Meeting - All Brothers welcome	10	11
12	13	14 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	15 6PM - Bingo - Our Hall	16 Officers Meeting - All Brothers Welcome	17	18 3rd degree in Victorville
19	20	21 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	22 6PM - Bingo - Our Hall	23 General Meeting - All Brothers Welcome	24	25
26	27	28 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	29 6PM - Bingo - Our Hall	30		

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2008-2009 Council 3041 Calendar of Events

April 5th St Joseph Palm Sunday Breakfast - we will need help starting at 6:30am

April 18th 3rd degree in Victorville

May Corporate Communion St Josephs (no date set yet)

May 16th and 17th State Convention San Diego

May 21st Council elections

May 25th Memorial Mass at 9:00am Green acres

May 30th council picnic anyone interested in helping contact Israel Huerta

June 7th 3rd degree at the Hall 2:00pm we will need lot's of help to make our brothers degree a memorable one. Come out and support your brothers.

June 18th Council appreciation Dinner meeting, dinner to start at 6:30pm

Announcements

Looking for a few good Brothers or a Band of Brothers. Need someone to run the Fireworks booth July 09 and someone to run the MR Drive October 09. Contact Mike or Matt. Phone numbers in newsletter.

Fireworks booth will be from June 27th through July 4th. Person would need to manage the booth.

MR DRIVE will be held mid October. Person would need to manage scheduling of brothers at all our Church's and Stater Bros. Markets.

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