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## Grand Knight's Message

**Don Mesley, Grand Knight**

My Dear Friends and Brothers

I always enjoy looking back on our activities for the last month. This month, we have 3 new 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knights who are eager as beavers to start work. Our membership quote is met set by (who ever sets it), that does not mean we are done just that we are committed to sharing our Brotherhood with our Brothers in Christ to help them stay strong and so that we can get stronger. We are very happy for you, and look forward to a long and rewarding fraternal friendship

Clergy Night is a favorite and special evening. We had Father Joe, Father Luc, Father Casey, Father Jim and Deacon Mike as our guests. Thanks to everyone that came to help us celebrate!! Nobody went home hungry; we were given a full belly and a full heart. Everyone should make every effort to attend and make a conscious effort to be there next year. Our priests lead a stressful life and they deserve an evening of good food, good company and laughter.

With the election, we need to unite and fight for the rights of our unborn. One thing that could possibly be put on our new President's desk for signature is the "**Freedom of Choice Act**" or FOCA. This bill will undo all the gains that states have made to limit abortions and help save the unborn. FOCA is a radical bill that creates a fundamental right to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must condone and promote. A summary fact sheet for general distribution can be found at [www.nchla.org/docdisplay](http://www.nchla.org/docdisplay).

Patriotism: love of your country, prepared to pay any price including the ultimate sacrifice for her.

We pledge allegiance to the flag ("Old Glory") at every meeting so long as men love liberty more than life itself, so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers, so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in our heart old glory will remain.

We all know that as Knights we pledge ourselves to charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Without love for our neighbor, our fellow Brother Knight nothing is possible. Remember, we are beholden to imitate Christ our Savior, forget whom and what we are we are nothing we lose everything. Don't give the enemy power over you by using his tactics to critiques and belittle others.

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 and fill your heart with the love of our Lord Jesus.

Fraternally,

Don Mesley, G.K.

## March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	4 6PM - Bingo	5 Fonco meeting - all brothers welcome	6	7
8	9	10 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	11 6PM - Bingo	12 Officers meeting - all brothers welcome	13	14
15 Corporate Communion St Catherine's 9AM	16	17 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	18 6PM - Bingo	19 General meeting - all brothers needed	20	21 Poker Night 5:30 for men only - all guests welcome
22	23	24 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall	25 PRO LIFE 6:30 will be held at St. Nicholas  6PM - Bingo	26	27	28
29	30	31 Retail Clerks Union Bingo - 5PM - Our Hall				

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## 2008-2009 Council 3041 Calendar of Events

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** Fonco meeting – all brothers welcome

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** Officers meeting – all brothers welcome

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Corporate Communion St Catherine's 9:00am, We have been getting great attendance, all brothers and their families are invited.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** General meeting – all brothers needed

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** Poker Night 5:30 for men only – all guest welcome.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** PRO LIFE 6:30 will be held at St. Nicholas

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** St Joseph Palm Sunday Breakfast – we will need help starting at 6:30 am

May Corporate Communion St Josephs no date set yet.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** and 17<sup>th</sup> State Convention San Diego

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Council elections

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 27<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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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## Pro Life Message

ROME, January 30, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Archbishop Raymond Burke, in an exclusive interview last week, told LifeSiteNews.com that the issue of pro-abortion politicians continuing to receive Holy Communion is still one of major concern and that it is the duty of bishops to ensure that they are refused.

He told LifeSiteNews.com, "I don't understand the continual debate that goes on about it. There's not a question that a Catholic who publicly, and after admonition, supports pro-abortion legislation is not to receive Holy Communion and is not to be given Holy Communion."

"The Church's law is very clear," said Archbishop Burke, who was appointed last year by Pope Benedict XVI as the head of the Church's highest court, the Apostolic Signature. "The person who persists publicly in grave sin is to be denied Holy Communion, and it [Canon Law] doesn't say that the bishop shall decide this. It's an absolute."

Among the US bishops directly to address the issue, Archbishop Burke was one of around a dozen who vigorously supported a directive of the Vatican that said pro-abortion Catholic politicians "must be refused" Holy Communion if they attempt to receive at Mass. Others have refused to abide by the Vatican instruction and the Church's own Code of Canon Law, saying they would rather focus on "education" of such politicians.

Archbishop Burke called "nonsense" the accusation, regularly made by some bishops, that refusing Holy Communion "makes the Communion rail a [political] battle ground". In fact, he said, the precise opposite is true. The politician who insists on being seen receiving Holy Communion, despite his opposition to the Church's central teachings, is using that reception for political leverage.

In 2004, when self-proclaimed Catholic and candidate for the Democrat party, Sen. John Kerry, was frequently photographed receiving Holy Communion despite his vigorous support of abortion, the US Bishops Conference issued a document which said only that it is up to individual bishops whether to implement the Church's code of Canon Law and refuse Communion. The issue has remained prominent with the appointment of Joe Biden, another pro-abortion Catholic politician, as Vice President of the United States of America. Archbishop Burke recalled previous experiences with Kerry, pointing to the several occasions when the senator was pictured in Time magazine receiving Communion from Papal representatives at various public events. Burke said that it is clear that Kerry was using his reception of Holy Communion to send a message.

"He wants to not only receive Holy Communion from a bishop but from the papal representative. I think that's what his point was. Get it in Time magazine, so people read it and say to themselves, 'He must be in good standing'."

"What are they doing? They're using the Eucharist as a political tool."

In refusing, far from politicizing the Eucharist, the Church is returning the matter to its religious reality. The most important reasons to refuse, he said, are pastoral and religious in nature.

"The Holy Eucharist, the most sacred reality of our life in the Church, has to be protected against sacrilege. At the same time, individuals have to be protected for the sake of their own salvation from committing one of the gravest sins, namely to receive Holy Communion unworthily."

Archbishop Burke also dismissed the commonly proffered excuse that such politicians need more "education". Speaking from his own direct experience, he said that Catholic politicians who are informed by their pastors or bishops that their positions in support of pro-abortion legislation makes it impossible for them to receive Holy Communion, "I've always found that they don't come forward."

"When you talk to these people, they know," he said. "They know what they're doing is very wrong. They have to answer to God for that, but why through our pastoral negligence add on to that, that they have to answer to God for who knows how many unworthy receptions of Holy Communion?"

Archbishop Burke said that the issue had been debated enough. He rejected the idea that the matter should be left to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, saying the Conference has no authority in the matter. "This is a law of the universal Church and it should be applied."

"I think this argument too is being used by people who don't want to confront the issue, this whole 'wait 'til the Conference decides'...well the Conference has been discussing this since at least 2004. And nothing happens."

When asked what the solution was, he responded, "Individual bishops and priests simply have to do their duty. They have to confront politicians, Catholic politicians, who are sinning gravely and publicly in this regard. And that's their duty."

"And if they carry it out, not only can they not be reproached for that, but they should be praised for confronting this situation."

By Hilary White