



THE MARINER

The Knights of Columbus
Monsignor Dominic Blasco Council 3298
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April, 2017

News and Information

✿ The **April Business Meeting** is Monday, April 3rd. We will open the floor for nominations for officers. We are also looking for someone to cook, or pick up a meal.

✿ Don't forget that your **taxes are due** April 15th!

✿ We will be serving **Coffee and Donuts** for the Parish on Sunday, April 2nd after the 9:00 am Mass. We could always use the help! Come by and socialize!

✿ We will be **cooking for the LSU students** taking exams on May 3rd, serving at 6 p.m. We can certainly use help! Please let Raymond know.

✿ The KC Annual Convention's **Crawfish Boil** is Friday, May 5th.

✿ On Sunday, May 7th, we will be **cooking** at the Grand Opening of the new **Parish Activity Center**, and could use help. Please let Raymond know if you can help!

✿ We are looking to **recruit new members**. Please try to think of some men you think would make good Knights!

✿ *Everyone have a Happy Easter!*

The Next Business Meeting is....

**Monday,
April 3rd, 2017**

**Food—6:30 p.m.
Rosary—6:45 p.m.**

BINGO DATES:

*April 6th
and
April 20th*



*To these members
born in April:*

- Carroll DiBenedetto – 6th
- Eric Miller – 10th
- Thomas Lockwood III-12th
- Gussie Trahan – 12th
- Richard Alello – 14th
- Timothy Delaney – 16th
- Jose Corzo – 21st
- Louis Ravasio – 26th
- Sam Sylvester – 28th

Jackpots!

The Large Jackpot Winner was absent, and missed receiving his cash prize of over \$75.00!! Want to have a chance to win? Attend the monthly meetings!



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By Davis Hotard, P. G. R.

The 50 Days of Easter

Which season is longer, Christmas or Easter? Well, Easter Sunday is just one day, while there are 12 days of Christmas, right? Yes and no. To answer the question, we need to dig a little deeper.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS & THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season actually lasts 40 days, from Christmas Day until Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation, on February 2. The 12 days of Christmas refer to the most festive part of the season, from Christmas Day until Epiphany.

WHAT IS THE OCTAVE OF EASTER?

Similarly, the period from Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is an especially joyful time. The Catholic Church refers to these eight days (counting both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) as the Octave of Easter. (Octave is also sometimes used to indicate the eighth day—that is, Divine Mercy Sunday—rather than the entire eight-day period.)

Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no fasting is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

HOW MANY DAYS DOES THE EASTER SEASON LAST?

But the Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar—even more important than Christmas—the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday!

Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further—until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

HOW MANY DAYS ARE BETWEEN EASTER AND PENTECOST? 49 OR 50?

But wait—if Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long?

After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right?

There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER—ALL 50 DAYS!

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter! As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."

Please pray for any Knights or members of any Knight's family that you know of that is sick or in distress. If you know of any Brother Knight or a family member who is sick or in distress, please call Davis Hotard at 387-1578.

2016—2017 Council Leadership

Chaplain	Rev. Miles Walsh	
Grand Knight	Raymond Calandro	927-0312
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