



THE MARINER

The Knights of Columbus
Monsignor Dominic Blasco Council 3298
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
March, 2018

News and Information

- ✂ The **March Business Meeting** will be held on Monday, March 5th.
- ✂ We will be serving **Coffee and Donuts** for the Parish on Sunday, March 4th after the 9:00 am Mass. Please come and help if you can!
- ✂ The Special Olympics are being held on Saturday, March 3rd. If you would like to volunteer, please call (985) 345-6644 or online at volunteer@laso.org.
- ✂ The Audit is complete and has been sent to Supreme. The Grand Knight would like to thank Danny Miller, Eric Miller, Davis Hotard, and Jim Rodney for making this possible.
- ✂ At the February Meeting a large donation was made to Student Vets of LSU. This money will be put to good use helping our veterans at the new Student Vet Center.
- ✂ We will be getting together one evening in March to stamp 500 books titled, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic." We will be handing them out after all the masses on Easter weekend. We would like to thank Brent Altazin for spearheading this project.
- ✂ The State Convention is May 4th-6th in Baton Rouge. We will be holding an election for voting delegates for the convention at the March Meeting. If you would like to attend the Convention, please contact Raymond Calandro at rctrees1@gmail.com. You do not have to be elected to attend, just to vote.
- ✂ Message from Raymond Calandro, Grand Knight: "It is sad to say that I will be soon retiring from my position as Grand Knight. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight and soon I will just be a member. I would love to serve a 3rd year but I will be devoting a great deal of my time to my new business and being a Grandfather. It is time to start looking at next year's slate of officers. If you or someone you know would like to be an officer in our Council please contact Raymond Calandro. The elections will be held in June."

The Next Business Meeting is....

**Monday,
March 5th, 2018**

**Food—6:30 p.m.
Rosary—6:45 p.m.**

BINGO DATES:

**March 3rd
and
March 22nd**



**To these members
born in March:**

- John Dunlap – 2nd
- Wilbur Johnson, Jr. – 8th
- Alfred Bayhi – 9th
- Jerry Fackrell III – 22nd
- Joseph Amorello – 24th
- Boyd Holmes – 26th
- David Dawson – 28th
- Karl Robillard – 28th
- Brian Charrier – 31st

Jackpots!

The Large Jackpot (\$68.00) was won by **George Richard**, who was absent. The Small Jackpot was won by **Aaron Cherry**. Want to have a chance to win? Attend the monthly meetings! You also get a great meal!!



Jeff gives it up for Lent.

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By Davis Hotard, P. G. R.

Three Refreshing Gifts of Lent

Lent is a beautiful time of renewal that is often missed. Yet, just like an unexpected afternoon free, a chance to walk quietly alone in the forest or along the beach, Lent can provide the space to lean back into the now and take a deep refreshing breath with God when we see it in the proper perspective. The two questions remain though:

- Will we take this opportunity?

- If we do, how should we best go about it in a simple, sincere way?

The classic Lenten approaches are by sacrifice, almsgiving, and prayer. They are beautiful guides to living this season to the full. However, in these stressful times, it is important that we revisit them in ways they can offer us spiritual refreshment and new perspectives. Otherwise, we run the danger of seeing Lent as just another thing to do in our already overburdened lives.

Freedom: When we think of fasting, it is often seen as a negative act: We are giving up what we like and sometimes even feel we need. Yet, if we reframe the sacrifice of Lent as asceticism, then we see it in a different light: Making our desires and needs smaller so we can appreciate all that is already in our life more deeply. Sacrifice, the first element of Lenten discipline, then becomes something so much more.

Once when I was sitting with spiritual writer Henri Nouwen in the kitchen of his apartment located just outside of Harvard Square, we were speaking about the importance of pruning. When you prune something properly, it blossoms more deeply—not less. The same can be said of what we “give up” or sacrifice during Lent. Hopefully, what we choose—be it something to eat or drink, or a behavior that is not serving us or others well, such a sacred blossoming will take place.

Compassion: As children we were often given a little cardboard container to provide money for the poor and vulnerable. This is a nice lesson in generosity that remains today for both young and old as parishes still often distribute little containers in which we can put our coins, allowances, or the money we would spend on extras. But, what if we also saw almsgiving from the perspective of giving of ourselves? What if we did things for others without expecting anything in return: not a “thank you,” not a smile, nothing. What a true gift that would be—not only to them but also to ourselves as we would learn one of the essences of Grace: giving and expecting nothing in return.

Spiritual Awareness: Finally, what if we changed our view of prayer during Lent. In other words, rather than simply adding a few prayers, we also sought periodic momentary periods of alone time (being in solitude or simply reflective within ourselves while in a crowd) during the day? Lent is designed to help us move from chronos (secular time and ways of viewing the world) to Kairos (embracing God’s perspective more deeply). Taking a few moments in the morning, when we are walking or driving, on the way to having a cup of coffee or answering the phone, can help us lean back, breathe deeply, and know God more deeply.

Don’t miss this Lent. Greater inner freedom, a richer sense of compassion, and a deeper sense of our relationship with God are waiting. Catholic author and physician Walker Percy in one of his novels wrote, “What if life is like a plane and you miss it?” Well, that is easy to do in today’s stressful world. And so, since Lent can help us prevent that from happening, isn’t this season a pure gift to us when we look at it, and act upon it, from that perspective?

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.

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