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In Preparation of Easter



The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer — through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial — for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Conventionally it is described as being forty days long, though different denominations calculate the forty days differently. The forty days represent the time that, according to the Bible, Jesus spent in the wilderness before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by Satan.

In Western Christianity Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at the Ninth Hour of Holy Thursday (44 days in the Catholic Church) or on Holy Saturday (46 day). The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter”, a celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death.

In churches which follow the Byzantine tradition the forty days of Lent are calculated differently: the fast begins on Clean Monday, Sundays are included in the count, and it ends on the Friday before Palm Sunday.

From Our Chaplain

Fr. Michael J. Salnicky

Why, O God . . .

Several years ago when the terrible Christmas earthquake tsunami hit Sumatra, Indonesia, there was a story going around that the minority Christians in this predominantly Moslem country were spared because they were forced to go celebrate their faith on a hill away from the city and were thus spared from the ravages of the destroying waves. The unspoken but

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Special Prayers For Members of our Council and Fourth Degree Assembly who may be ill or suffering. And for families members of our Council who are sick, and for our Armed Forces.

This is the Year of the priest. Keep all our priests in your prayers and pray for vocations.

Brothers, it is your responsibility and the responsibility of our families to inform the Council of an illness or passing of a Brother Knight so visitation and or help can be arranged. Please contact GK Francisco Morales 872-6094 with this information as soon as possible.

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www.kofc4159.org

If any member has anything for the web page please contact Jose Miranda, webmaster. (570) 839-9275

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ONE INJURED**

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Calendar of Coming Events

January

31 - Free Throw Contest 2 pm Clear Run Intermediate
Rt. 611 - Michael Yasenchock, Chairman

February

2 - Next Reg Council Monthly Meeting
14 - Valentines' Day
16 - Fourth Deg. Meeting at St. Ann's Hall
15 - Lent Begins in Eastern Churches
17 - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

March

14 - 4th Degree
Masters Bi-Annual Meeting 1:00 PM
17 - St. Patrick's Day
26 - ARC Campaign Wal-Mart 10 am - 8 PM

April

4 - Easter
8, 9 & 10 ARC Campaign Bill's ShopRite 10 am - 8 pm

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implied conclusion was that God was punishing the Moslem inhabitants.

Just last week, we saw the terrible devastation in Haiti because of an earthquake whose epicenter was under the capitol city of Port au Prince. The population of Haiti is 80% Catholic. Included among the dead were the Archbishop of Haiti, over 100 priests, and countless religious sisters along with the children they were taking care of in the orphanages there. A well known evangelist implied that this suffering was a punishment from God.

So many times when bad things happen, people ask the question, "Why would God let this happen?" with the answer inevitably being, "They must have sinned greatly and so God was punishing them!" How bold it is to elevate oneself to the position of God and presume that we know enough about Him that we can speak for Him.

Jesus faced this same attitude of selfish superiority in Luke Chapter 13:

"Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! ,,,. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no!" The point Jesus was making is that we must guard against judging others and instead look at the sinfulness in our own lives and make a personal commitment to repent and sin no more. From that commitment will gush a love which answers the question, "Why, O God?" with the answer, "So that we may manifest His love by caring for ALL God's children who are in need!"

Brother Knights

I would like to start by giving thanks to God for all that he has given us and our families throughout our lives. I hope you and your loved ones have a safe and wonderful New Year.

Last year was a good year for our Council and we had many projects and many of our fellow Knights turned out to help. I'm hoping we get more of our Brothers to come out and support our Council this year.

It was a sad year too since we lost two of our Brothers, Joseph A. Luvuolo who was a Past Grand Knight, and Brother Peter Bianco, Faithful Scribe. May they rest in peace.

If you get this newsletter before Sunday, January 31, I'm hoping you will turn out to help with our annual K of C Free Throw program to be held at 2 pm a Clear Run Intermediate School on Route 611. All boys and girls between ages of 10 to 14 are welcome to participate.

Coming in February we have the Night at the Races. See the details in this newsletter. I urge you to turn out and participate. This could be a good fund-raiser for us.

God Bless You All,
Francisco Morales, Grand Knight Council 4159

**Come Join Us
For A Lot of FUN!**

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RACES**

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FEBRUARY 20
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A Membership Blitz will be held in March. Francisco Morales, GK will announce the date at the next regular meeting. Every member should get a member.

**DID YOU
PAY
YOUR DUES?**

NOTICE

All Yankee game tickets purchased last year should have been returned to Bill Jones. To get your rain-out ticket for this year contact Bill at 839-2475. Or call the GK. This year's game is scheduled for Saturday, June 26 at 7 pm.

Have your goals changed? Whether or not you have life insurance with The K of C, I'll be happy to meet with you and examine how you can meet your needs and goals. If you have had any life changes since you last bought a policy, chances are your insurance needs to be updated. When we meet, you will discover the time spent will be a commitment to your future and your family's well being. Lets get together soon to review your financial goals.

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