

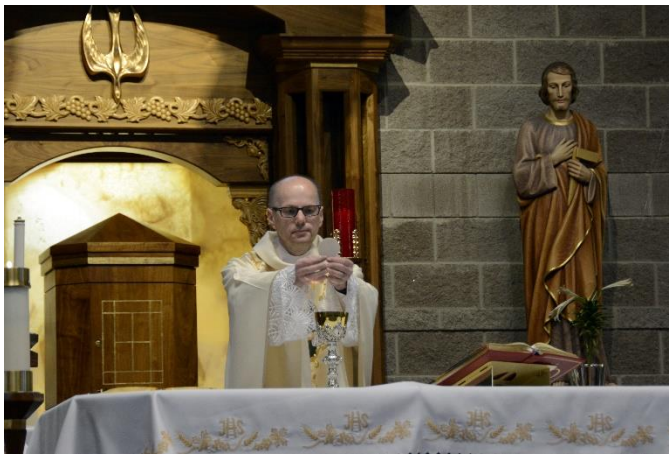


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Father Grzegorz Golyzniak

Dear Brothers Knights,

How profoundly we have all experienced the desert of Lent, fasting from our everyday routines, praying for the recovery of our world, and giving in new ways to our loved ones and communities. during this time of war and earth quakes. How closely you have journeyed alongside Jesus on his way to Calvary, sacrificing your desires, preferences, schedules, energy, or even health, to respond to the call to love one another in service and charity. And, how keenly you have felt the agony of Good Friday and Holy Saturday, in which Mary and the Disciples mourned the loss of Jesus' physical presence and experienced intense longing for his return.

On the morning of the Resurrection, some women went to Jesus' tomb to mourn a dead man. As I think about the state of our world right now, and the dramatic effects it has had on all of our lives, it appears that we, too, journey with the women to the tomb to mourn. But hear the words spoken to the women by the angel who greeted them at the tomb, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

The sign of the empty tomb is not a sign of destruction and failure. No; rather, it is the sign par excellence of our faith. St. Paul tells us that without the Resurrection, our faith is in vain – it would be meaningless. (1 Corinthians 15:14) The empty tomb is the physical reminder of the Resurrection and the evidence that our faith is not in vain.

After seeing the empty tomb, the angel instructed the women to go tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead. I invite you this Easter to consider how you will share that message of faith, hope and love with those in your lives who may need this message of hope.

Let this Easter be a time of renewal for our faith. See the sign of the empty tomb and rejoice in Christ's victory over our sin and death. Resolve to return to him with your whole heart, trusting that he will provide for your every need. Live in the joy of the Resurrection and share that joy with those who have yet to experience it. I pray continually for all of you.

With Easter joy, I remain, yours in Christ

Fr. Grzegorz Golyzniak



Saint of the Month

Month of the Holy Eucharist

Saint **Æbbe of Coldingham** (also **Ebbe**, **Aebbe**, **Abb**), also known as **Æbbe the Younger**, (died 2 April 870) was an Abbess of Coldingham Priory in south-east Scotland.^[1]

Like many of her fellow female saints of Anglo-Saxon England, little is known about her life.^[2] She presided over the Benedictine Abbey at Coldingham.^[3]

She is best known for an act of self-mutilation to avoid rape by Viking invaders: according to a ninth-century chronicle, she took a razor and cut off her nose and upper lip in front of the nuns, who followed her example.^[4] Their appearance so disgusted the invaders that the women were saved from rape but not from death, as the Danes soon returned and set fire to the convent, killing Æbbe and her entire community in the flames in 870.^[5] It has been suggested that this is the origin of the saying "cutting off one's nose to spite one's face".

Her feast day is 02 April



Grand Knight's Column

It is always fun to talk and work with our new and younger (not fully retired) Knights at our food serving events. Here is a common question (paraphrased). I cannot make all the meetings and service events. Is that bad? – I'm doing the best I can!

My expectation is that you try to make at least one service event (fish fry, pancake breakfast etc.) a year. And, if you can make a monthly business

meeting or two in a year that's great too. My own experience is that I was not able to participate the many Knights until I was fully retired. And don't forget to log your service hours – even with a couple of meetings they will add up.

Second question: Who are the officers and why a meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month? The officers are nominated and approved by vote by those attending a spring business meeting. I look to the Council officers to provide guidance to the GK and the Council and help build the agenda before the business meeting. Becoming an officer is a steppingstone to leadership of the Council. Please consider one of the positions when we recruit for our officers in May. (July 1st starts our new year)

Thanks for all you do to make our council, our parish and our faith successful and important in the lives of many of us!

~ GK Alan Feldkamp



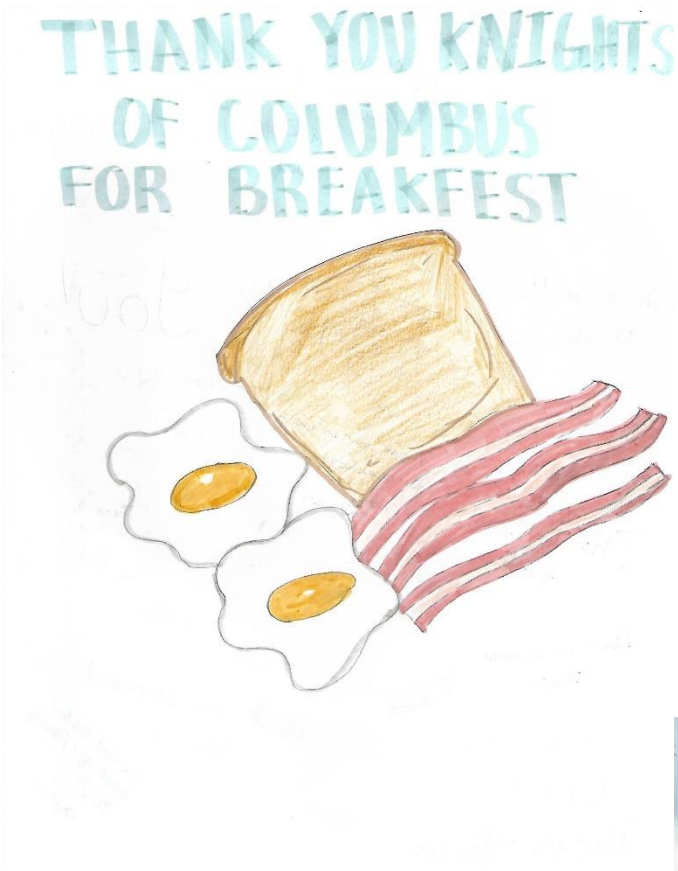
Council members continue to transport parishioners who reside in assisted living and independent living facilities to and from Mass each weekend.

Additionally, Knights under the direction of PGK Bob Knapp moved furniture for a widow and also at another home set up a hospital bed in a home.

Thanks to these men who do so much without recognition.

Below

The thank-you card was given to PGK Bob Leise, on behalf of all the Knights who helped provide a breakfast for the confirmation class. Inside, the students signed their names and wrote individual notes of thanks



Right

Sir Knights in regalia march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Colorado Springs. Leading the group is Bob Knapp, PGK and District Marshall.





Knights in Action



Jim Taylor and Brian Haines greet customers at the fish dinners and, as cashiers, also relieve them of some money.



02 Mar – first fish fry- Bill Kaelin, Art Bell and Dick Peters, who took this picture, prepared salmon on a cold and snowy afternoon.



Satisfied customers at a fish dinner who raved about the food, especially the grilled salmon prepared with Dick Peters' secret recipe.



Left: Father Rajeev helps on the serving line by adding coleslaw to the plates of hungry customers.



Hard working volunteers at the fish dinner L to R: Macy Keenan, Jay Kajs, Dennis Balitski, John Devlin, Bob Lynn, John Wishart, Frank De Lalla, John Bode III, Ellen Nelson, Bob Knapp, George Sawyer, John Horvath



A photo of more hard-charging workers making a success of a fish dinner. L to R: John Hartling, Al Castinado, Jim Mack, Patrick Finnegan, Ed Paulovich, John Russ, Dick Peters, John Bode II, Steven Roy



Right: Past Faithful Navigator Robert Knapp (center) receives the Civic Award from District Marshall Bob Knapp (right) as Faithful Navigator Michael Pietsch looks on.



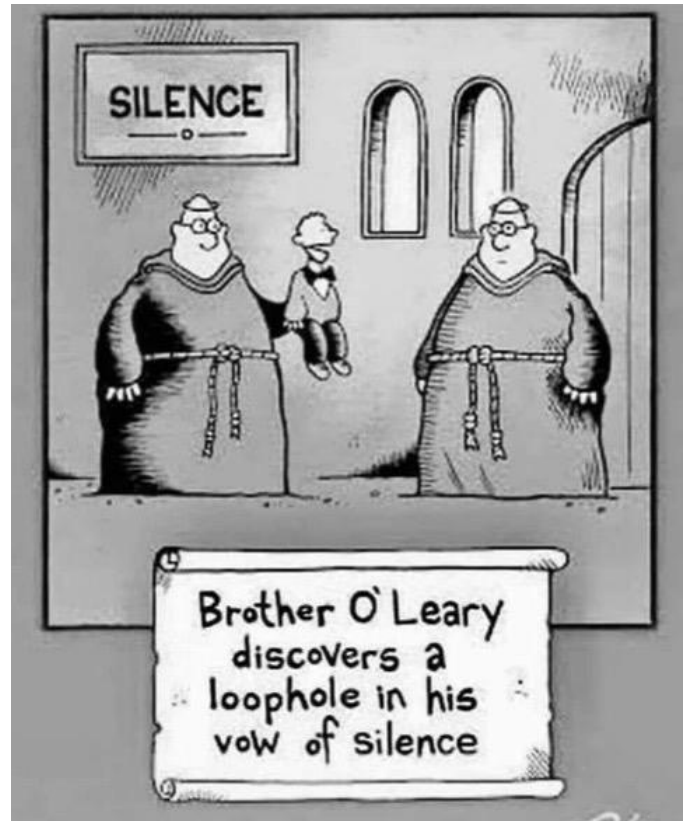
March FOM Randy and Patti Farley-Barker in the gathering area.



Randy Barker receives the Family of the Month Award from PGK Bob Knapp during the council meeting.



March Knight of the Month Award is presented to Jim Bergeron by PGK Bob Knapp.



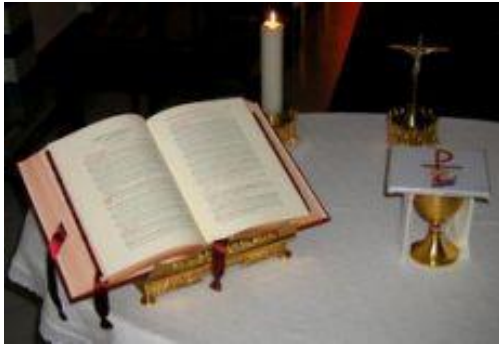


Three Council winners who won at the Free Throw District level on 04 March 2023 and became eligible to compete at the State contest on 25 March.

L to R: Rob Hoette, Jackson Weiler, Macy Keenan, Jack Sheehan, DD Mike Kavanaugh

Right: Macy Keenan of St. Peter's School took 3rd place in the State Free Throw Contest on 25 March 2023. Congratulations, Macy!!





Sermonette

Easter joy gives meaning to loss and enables us to endure.

In the Easter story, as in our own lives, there is death followed by resurrection; there is grief followed by joy. Jesus teaches us that we will be able to endure loss and anguish because of this Easter joy. Such joy, promised to us by Christ, gives meaning to our experiences of death and pain.

Word of the Month



Reliquary: A vessel for the preservation and exposition of a relic; sometimes made like a small monstrance.

Catholic Word Book



FRATERNITY is boyhood memories

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.
~ John 2:12

A priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to press a doorbell on a

house across the street. The doorbell is just out of reach of the young man.

After watching the boy's efforts, the priest steps smartly across the street. He walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiles benevolently and asks, "And what now, my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

~ Author unknown

Recall a favorite boyhood memory. Were you mischievous? Today, are you more likely to err on the side of doing what you shouldn't or not doing what you should?

The wildest colts make the best horses.

~ Plutarch

From the *Knights to Christ* booklet



- 02 Apr – Palm Sunday – No Corporate Mass
- 05 Apr – Council Business Meeting at 1900
- 06 Apr – Holy Thursday – Honor Guard in Church and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament in gymnasium
- 07 Apr – Good Friday
- 09 Apr – Easter Sunday
- 13 Apr – Student speech contest 1105 until 1510
- 15 Apr – 4th Degree Exemplification Sacred Heart Cathedral, Pueblo
- 20 Apr – Council Officer Meeting at 1815
- 20 Apr – 4th Degree Assembly meeting at 1900
- 22 Apr – Spiritual Retreat in Parish Center at 1000
- 28-30 Apr – Colorado State Convention- Hyatt-Regency in Aurora



Keep in our Prayers: Jim Desautel, Jack Benoczi, Father Golyzniak, Chris Otto, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christiansen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Laura Gomez and Charlie Bergeron.
 Pray for our priests, deacons, nuns and for vocations to the religious life.
 Remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, especially those in combat roles.
 Pray for our departed Knights and their families.

We Are Called

Yes Brothers, we are called. From our very beginnings in 1882, our Order has been based on three principles: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We have not wavered from these principles, but have developed specific means to meet the challenges each principle represents. Our first calling was to aid wives and children of fallen brothers.

We have been called upon to support works of charity far beyond the boundaries of our parish, diocese, and even church. We have been called to aid fellow Knights in Puerto Rico, Florida, and California as they rebuild from the devastation of natural disasters. We have been called upon to aid Ukraine against the powerful Russian armies.

We have been called upon to aid fellow Christians in the Middle East as they recover from the scourge of ISIS. In fact, we have been called to defend our church and faith against the ever increasing attacks against Christianity.

We have been called upon to defend the unborn as well as the aged and infirmed. We

have been called upon to support the clergy who serve us, and our parish to which we belong, and the youth of this parish who are our future.

We have been called by our Council to support its many activities and functions to make it better. We currently have a membership of 200 men. Roughly, 15% attend meetings regularly. Look around- you are that 15%! These same 15% participate in council functions throughout the year. Ask yourself: What can I do to encourage current members to play a more active role in our Council? Lead by example!

We have been called to make each member, young and old, newbie and veteran, feel welcome and needed. Don't think that just because you've been a Knight for so long and have done your fair share that you are not needed. It takes all of us!

Remember – Unity and Fraternity!
 Yes, Brothers, We Have Been Called!
 Vivat Jesus

~ SK Michael Pietsch, Council Lecturer

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