



# The Knightly News

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## Chaplain's Column

Dear brother Knights,

This is a month when every year bishops in the whole world ordain priests. This year in our diocese, two men will become priests who will serve the diocese. Who is a priest? You might have a very quick and easy answer to this question. Let's look deeper into the priesthood. A priest is a man, taken from among men, who is consecrated by God

for the sacred action of sanctification. The Catholic Priesthood was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper as a means by which those men whom He calls to stand in His place carry on His ministry in the world, through His Church. Pope Saint John Paul II once said that , "A priest is a man who offers his whole humanity to God so that God might use him as an instrument of salvation." God ordains the man to serve, as Christ came to serve, and lead people to their greatest good - heaven. The priest does this in many ways, but the dignity and essence of the ordained priesthood resides not first in what he does, but in who he is: an Icon of the Christ in the World.

### Who is a Catholic Priest?

Perhaps instead of asking the question "What is a Catholic Priest?", we should really ask the question, "Who is a Catholic Priest?" The reality of the Priesthood is seen most clearly not in what he does, but in who he is. His vocation is not a career, but a calling. It is a calling to be configured to Christ and to stand in the midst of the world as a Man after the Heart of Jesus Christ.

A catholic priest is a baptized man who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Through this sacrament, a man enters into the ministerial priesthood which gives him a sacred power to serve (CCC 1592). The ministerial priesthood, exercised by an ordained priest is given to serve the common priesthood (CCC 1546-1547). A priest is "a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads His

Church”; therefore, it is the mission of the Catholic priest to “feed the Church by the word and grace of God” (LG,11). As such, a priest is a mediator or “bridge-builder” between God and man, he does this by participating in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ, who unites God and humanity in his very being. The priest carries out this “bridge-building” through teaching, divine worship and leading the people, (CCC 1592).

A priest offers the ministry of Jesus Christ to us today. When a priest offers the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is Christ who offers the sacrifice. When he absolves sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is Christ who forgives. When he partakes in the mission of the Church to teach and evangelize, it is it is Christ who speaks through him. When he offers love, comfort and support to God’s people, Christ is truly present with them. For this reason, St. John Vianney explained the priesthood in the following terms, “The priest continues the work of redemption on earth...If we really understand the priest on earth we would not die of fright, but of love... The priest is the love of the heart of Jesus”. (CCC 1589)

Thus, a priest is an alter Christus, which is Latin for another Christ. He is called to be a witness of Christ to the flock that has been entrusted to him as their shepherd. He is a minister of the sacraments, proclaimer of the word, teacher of the faith, and steward of the Church. The priest is meant to accompany and lead the flock entrusted to his care through this world in such a way so they can reach the eternal kingdom of heaven.

**Community Life:** Son, Brother, and Father. In addition to the community of the presbyterate, and the community of personal friendships with brother priests, each diocesan priest also enjoys the community to whom he ministers. For a Diocesan Priest, typically his community is the parish where he serves. He is engaged in the daily lives of his parishioners, as a friend, brother and spiritual father. Lastly, the basic community that a diocesan priest enjoys is his own family, including his parents, siblings, and extended family. Regardless of whether or not he lives close or far from his natural family, he still enjoys these relationships and enters into their lives, very often in a profound way, as a priest, and as a son, brother, uncle, etc.

Because a diocesan priest usually serves as a parish priest, caring for the people in his parish, his daily

life revolves around the life of the parish. He is to be a Man of God, chosen by God, a Man of the Eucharist, a Man of the Word, a Man of Pastoral Charity, a Sign of Contradiction, and a Living Instrument of Christ. “The priesthood is a call, not a career; a redefinition of self, not just a new ministry, a way of life, not a job; a state of being, not just a function; a permanent, lifelong commitment, not a temporary style of service; an identity, not just a role. We are priest; yes, the doing, the ministry, is mighty important, but it flows from the being; we can act like priests, minister as priests, preach as priests, because first and foremost we are priests! Being before act! We were born from the Eucharist. If we can truly say that the whole Church lives from the Eucharist, then we can say the same thing about the ministerial priesthood: it is born, lives, works and bears fruit “de Eucharistia” (cf. Council of Trent, Sess. XXII canon 2: DS 1752). There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist. Pastoral charity is the virtue by which the priest imitates Christ in his self-giving and service. It is not just what the priest does, but his gift of self which manifests Christ’s love for his flock. Pastoral charity determines our way of thinking and acting, our way of relating to people. It makes special demands on us. In a culture like ours, the priest’s life is a sign of contradiction to much of what the world imagines to be true. The priest is not a contrarian, however. His being different is not an end in itself, an indulgence in idiosyncrasy. The priest is a sign of contradiction so that the world can learn the truth about itself and be converted. The radical openness to serve others that should be manifest in a happy, holy priest’s life is a living lesson to the world that self-giving, not self-assertion, is the royal road to human flourishing. Priests have become living instruments of Christ the eternal priest, so that through the ages they can accomplish the wonderful work of reuniting the whole human race with heavenly power. Therefore, since every priest in his own way represents the person of Christ himself, he is endowed with a special grace. By this grace, the priest, through his service of the people committed to his care and all the People of God, is able the better to pursue the perfection of Christ whose place he takes. The human weakness of his flesh is remedied by the holiness of him who became for us a high priest.

Thank you for accepting me as your shepherd and my priesthood is dedicated to you.

Fr. Gregory



## Saint of the Month

*Month of the Passion of the Sacred Heart*

Carthusian monk and bishop, defender of papal authority. Anthelm was born in 1107 in a castle near Chambéry, in Savoy, France. He was ordained a priest and visited the Carthusian Charterhouse at Portes, where he entered the Order at the age of thirty. Two years later, in 1139, he was appointed abbot of Le Grande Chartreuse, which had been damaged. Anthelm made the monastery a worthy motherhouse of the Carthusians, constructing a defensive wall and an aqueduct. As minister-general, Anthelm also united the various charterhouses of the Order. Rules were standardized, and women were given the opportunity to enter the Carthusians in their own charterhouses. After a few years as a hermit, starting in 1152, Anthelm returned to Le Grande Chartreuse and defended Pope Alexander III against the antipope Victor IV. In 1163, the pope appointed him as bishop of Belley, France. Anthelm reformed the clergy and regulated affairs, going as far as to excommunicate a local noble, Count Humbert of Maurienne, who had taken one priest captive and murdered another priest trying to free him. When Humbert appealed to Rome and won a reversal,

Anthelm left Belley in protest. Pope Alexander then sent Anthelm to England to mediate the dispute between Henry II and St. Thomas Becket. Anthelm was unable to undertake that journey. He returned to Belley to care for the poor and for the local lepers. On his deathbed, Anthelm received a penitent Count Humbert. Anthelm died on June 26, 1178. His feast has been celebrated by the Carthusians since 1607. His relics were enshrined in Belley. In liturgical art, Anthelm is depicted with a lamp lit by a divine hand.

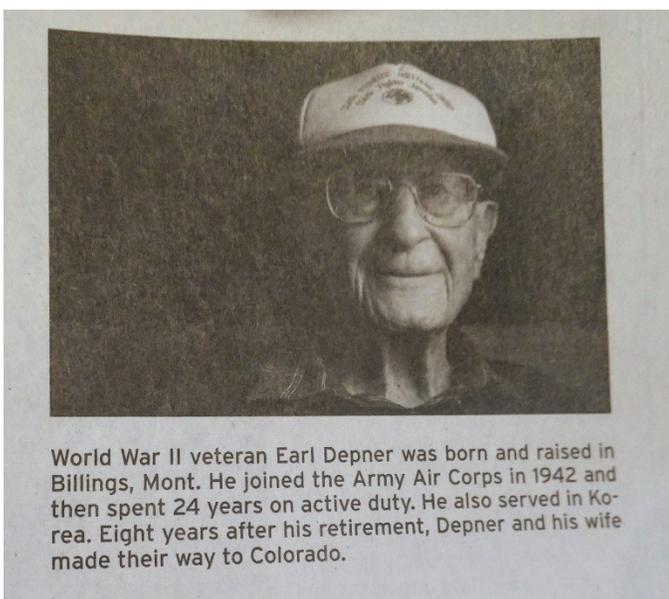


## Knights in Action

Knight of the Month is **Dick Peters** who is involved with every aspect of the Council, and most recently assumed the duties of Financial Secretary during the absence of Jim Desautel who is recovering from a major illness.

Family of the Month goes to **Bob and Glen Leise** who are both very active in council and parish activities, and once again procured Rosaries for each of the St. Peter's students receiving their First Holy Communion.

Photos not available due to the corona virus pandemic keeping everyone away from meetings.



World War II veteran Earl Depner was born and raised in Billings, Mont. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and then spent 24 years on active duty. He also served in Korea. Eight years after his retirement, Depner and his wife made their way to Colorado.



Col. Depner was flying a P-51 like this one when he was shot down by a German fighter.

## Earl Depner

Earl Depner was flying his beloved P-51 Mustang on a fighter sweep into Germany ahead of advancing Allied troops in 1945 when a flock of Me-109s dove in through a deck of clouds.

Even late in the war, the Me-109 was a deadly foe. Nearly as fast as the Mustang, it carried deadlier guns than its American rival.

A 20 mm shell detonated near the nose of his fighter, destroying its 12-cylinder Merlin engine and turning the 465 mph Mustang into an overweight glider. Depner muscled the dying plane onto a path toward Allied lines.

At 101, Depner remembers the events that followed with crystalline clarity.

“By that time, I had disconnected my oxygen mask and my radio and my seatbelt and jettisoned the canopy of the airplane. All this time I was losing altitude. I finally tried to get out,” he said. “The wind blew me back to the cockpit. So, I stood up on the seat and jumped out.”

Depner’s head slammed into the tail of the plane as he pulled the ripcord on his parachute. He was unconscious for the fall to the Earth.

“I came to dangling in my parachute harness, 3 feet off the ground my parachute caught up above in the tree kept me from hitting the ground. ... The next thing I remember was some bad guy said he’s an American. So I look up and here is one of our American soldiers.”

Depner wound up hospitalized for seven broken ribs. The downing was one of 100 missions he flew in the war, most of those in a P-51 he named after his hometown in Montana, the Billings Belle.

He went on to fight in Korea and logged 24 years in uniform.

But Depner said he’s no fan of war.

“War is hell. And that’s my attitude,” he said. “Now I want to see peace prevail.”

Gazette journalists Parker Seibold, Jessica Snouwaert, Evan Ochsner and Devon Martinez contributed to this report.



## Requiescat in Pace

Council 11514 member Rudy Tamayo passed from his earthly home to his heavenly home on Thursday, 30 April 2020 at age 95. Rudy was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus for 22 years and attended daily Mass until recently when health issues interfered. He was devoted to the Rosary and prayed it daily.

Rudy was born in the Philippines and served as a Filipino Scout as a teenager waging guerilla warfare against the occupying Japanese. When he was old enough, he joined the United States Navy and made it a career. Rudy eventually earned a PhD and taught at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila.



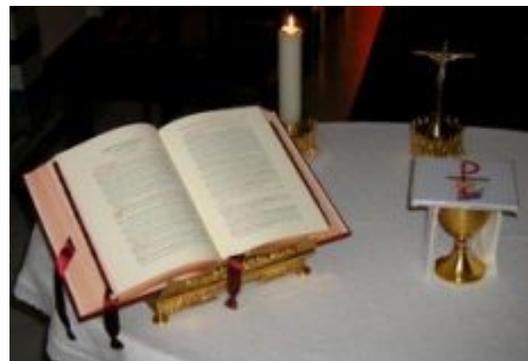
It was another sad day for Council 11514 to learn of the passing of Third-Degree Knight of Columbus Philip (Phil) Andreski who departed his earthly bounds on Wednesday, 13 May 2020. Phil was a retired Air Force colonel and was active in the St. Peter parish until illness prevented him from being active in the church and the council. Phil leaves his wife Marilyn and five children.



## Thank You

During the corona virus pandemic that kept people inside their homes and avoiding people-to-people contact, Council 11514 Grand Knight Bob Knapp and Fr. Kekeisen Assembly 2594 Faithful Navigator Ed Paulovich kept the ball rolling and business went on utilizing Zoom. Elections were held and members were able to participate and see each other on their home PC screens.

Father Golyzniak was not to be outdone and celebrated extra Masses and streamed them so parishioners could view them in their homes without being in danger of exposure to the corona virus.



## Word of the Month

**PHARISES:** Influential class among the Jews, referred to in the Gospels, noted for their self-righteousness, legalism, strict interpretation of the law, acceptance of the traditions of the elders as well as the Law of Moses, and beliefs regarding angels and spirits, the resurrection of the dead and

judgment. Most of them were laymen, and they were closely allied with the scribes; their opposite numbers were the Sadducees. The Pharisaic and rabbinical traditions had a lasting influence on Judaism following the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.



## Monthly Council Mass

The Knights celebrate Mass as a group on the first Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The Council also has these Masses said for members or family members who are ill or deceased. Unfortunately, Mass for parishioners has been limited throughout the State of Colorado due to the spread of the Corona virus until further notice, and our priests continue to celebrate Mass daily with 40 parishioners allowed to attend. The Mass intention for 07 June is for the repose of the soul of Phil Andreski.

If you know of any Knights, or family members, who should have a Mass intention, please contact **Bob Leise at 302-681-2182.**

**Remember in our prayers:** John Doyle, Jack Banoczi, Jim Desautel, Father Golyzniak, Jimmy Carter, Dave Nelson, Fred Wolfe, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Father Brownstein, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Laura Gomez, and Joan Durbin. Pray for our priests and vocations to the religious life.

Pray for our military men and women, especially those in combat zones.

Remember our departed brothers and families, especially for the repose of the souls of **Rudy Tamayo** and **Phil Andreski.**

## Upcoming Events

03 Jun- Council Meeting – at Parish Center and also on Zoom – 1900

14 Jun – Flag Day- ? ceremonial destruction of used flags depending on pandemic restrictions and a fire burning permit

18 Jun – Council officer's meeting at 1800- Parish Center and also on Zoom

18 Jun – Fr. Kekeisen Assembly meeting at 1900, Parish Center and also on Zoom

21 Jun – Father's Day



## Memorial Day

### Assembly News

#### Newly Elected Officers for 2020-2021

F. Navigator.....Robert Knapp  
F. Friar.....Fr. Golyzniak  
F. Captain.....Chuck Hardy  
F. Admiral.....Ed Paulovich  
F. Pilot.....John Russ  
F. Comptroller.....Jim Taylor  
F. Purser.....Dick Peters  
F. Scribe.....Rob Hoette  
F. Inner Sentinel.....Art Bell  
F. Outer Sentinel.....Mike Pietsch  
F. 1 Year Trustee.....Jim Bergeron  
F. 2 Year Trustee.....John Wishart  
F. 3 Year Trustee.....Bob Leise



On the day set aside to honor those men who gave their all in wars past and present, the annual ceremonies normally conducted at the Monument cemetery were cancelled this year because of the corona virus pandemic. However, that did not deter Fourth Degree Knights who were at the cemetery for an impromptu gathering practicing social distancing to pay tribute to our fallen soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen. Members of the VFW and American Legion were on hand to raise the American flag to half-staff for the day.

Fourth Degree members participating were:

**Ed Paulovich**

**Chuck Hardy**

**Randy Fritz** (also a Legion member)

**John Hartling** (also a Legion member)

**Jim Bergeron** (also a Legion member)



**Flag raising ceremony on Memorial Day,  
Monument Cemetery**

## June Birthdays

- ❖ 01 Jun – Bob Rissacher
- ❖ 02 Jun – Thomas King
- ❖ 02 Jun – Ross Hadley
- ❖ 04 Jun – Chuck Hardy
- ❖ 05 Jun – Bill Mann
- ❖ 06 Jun – Bob Banoczi
- ❖ 11 Jun – Paul Durbin
- ❖ 11 Jun – Edward Flocchi
- ❖ 12 Jun – John Russ
- ❖ 16 Jun – Jeff Vandebussch
- ❖ 19 Jun – Brian Haines
- ❖ 20 Jun – Anthony Schmitz
- ❖ 20 Jun – Jeffrey Wolan
- ❖ 27 Jun – John Anderson
- ❖ 28 Jun – Roger (Mac) McFarland
- ❖ 28 Jun – Matthew Thompson
- ❖ 30 Jun – George Vantiem



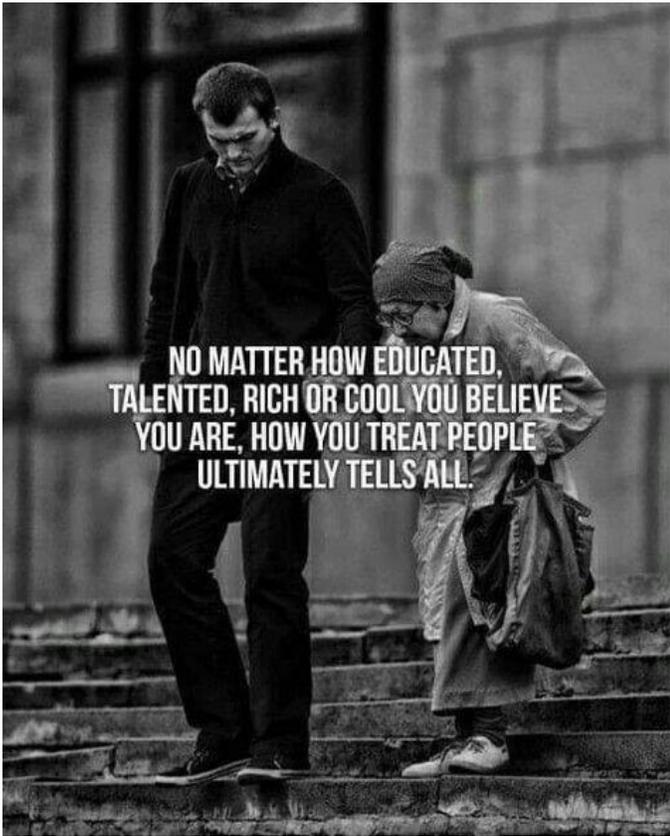
Flag raising on Memorial Day at Monument Cemetery.



Lt. Cdr. John Hartling at attention as the flag is raised.



American Legion Chaplain Jim Bergeron offers a prayer in remembrance of our departed veterans.



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