

THE KNIGHT'S PAGE

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

From The Grand Knights Desk,

My Brothers,

In light of the most recent Holy Day, I want to share with you a personal experience dealing with my father that should highlight the importance of the Rosary. As you remember the Rosary is a symbol of the first degree and a symbol of infinite power.

The Power of the Rosary

Some of us really never truly experience the true power of saying the Rosary. Nevertheless, let me share an experience that involved my father that changed my life.

Allow me first to give you a little insight into the world of my father. He was a Farmer who worked hard from sun up to sun down. Some may say that because he rarely went to church that he did not believe in God. However, I can tell you first hand that he did believe though in a different way. Based upon his beliefs, he always taught me as a child, that while it was good to go to church you didn't have to be in the Lord's house to believe in him and have Christ in your life. He always told me you could pray anywhere and the Lord would hear you and if your prayers were sincere he would answer them. As I grew up, I remembered this and found his words to be right. But my father never told me the power inherent in the Rosary. A power, I don't believe, he ever truly understood or experienced.

It was September 2000, when I found my wife and myself in Atlantic City celebrating our anniversary. It was then that I received a cell phone call from my sister advising me that I might want to come home right away for a family meeting. She told me that Dad was in very serious condition with a diagnosed terminal brain tumor. The doctors could not predict how long he had to live. They could only state that if they operated he would probably not survive. My sister asked what my

feelings and thoughts about the situation were. I shared with her that I could not answer at this time. My wife and I returned to our hotel room. While walking along the way to the hotel, I started to pray the Rosary for guidance in the matter. By the time we reached our hotel room, I had received an answer to my prayers. With this resolve of knowing of what to do, I called my sister and told her that Dad's wishes were plain and simple. He did not want to under go an operation and be a burden to Mother. I stated to my sister that we should put in the Lord's hands and let him guide Dad through it.

At this point, I turned to the Lord and began praying the Rosary on a daily basis, sometimes several times a day. I prayed that the Lord would show mercy to my father and not let him suffer. As time passed my father became more ill and less conscious of the things going on around him. It was Saturday, October 21st around 7:15 p.m. that I saw what I consider a miracle. My father's breathing had become labored and we feared that he would not survive past the night. So I called Father McLaughlin and asked him to remember my father in his prayers that night. I shared with him his condition. Father McLaughlin had just finished mass and had not yet had dinner. Yet he desired to know where my father was located. Not knowing what Father had planned, I advised him that my father not a Catholic but I was. Father McLaughlin wanted to know my parents' address. Once apprised of the address, he arrived at my parents' home within 15 minutes. Father proceeded to go to my Dad's side and prayed for my father. Dad was unresponsive to us before Father McLaughlin arrived. However, when Father McLaughlin was praying over him, Dad was picking up his head and looking at Father excitedly while still unconscious. It appeared as though he was seeing someone or something that we could not see. At the same time I felt an odd feeling of calm come over me.

Well, that night three things happened: first, I saw a miracle occur with my Dad; second, because of Father McLaughlin's actions my faith in the Catholic Church was strengthened; and third, most important my prayers were answered. At 6:30 a.m., October 22, 2000, Dad passed away and went to be with the Lord. He died in a very peaceful sleep.

I did find that our Lord and our Blessed Mother do hear and answer our prayers. The power of the Rosary is truly infinite.

Fraternally yours,
S.K. Glenn Deery, G.K.

Membership:

As of August 1st, we have a Council membership of 62 Brothers. This is the beginning of a new council year for recruitment of new members. Of the 62 Brothers ten are listed as having availed themselves to the K of C insurance. Fifty-two are associate members, two are Honorary Knights and six are listed as Honorary for Life Brothers. Our council has been assigned a Father McGivney membership quota of 5 and the need for 3 new members to also qualify for the Founders' Award Insurance Quota. Therefore, it is incumbent on all of us to continue to enroll new candidates for membership in council 13800. We also are in need for Brothers to step forward to aid our Grand Knight in filling council chairmanships. How about being a leader and not a follower by contributing your knowledge and leadership skills.

Brothers' Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to those Brothers who have their Special Day in August.

Jonas Bilenas
Glenn Deery, Sr.
George Detwilder
Frank Mastrangelo
Christian Strycharski

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON:

Council 13800 Picnic: Brother Bill and Paula Jennings have been gracious in opening their home to council Brothers and their families for a picnic Sunday, August 19th, at 1:00 p.m. The address is 38 Richard Lee Lane, Phoenixville. The agenda is set for swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, and would you believe it ... food. Another good opportunity for practicing Unity and Fraternity. Hope to see you there.

3RD Annual Golf Outing is planed for Thursday, September 13' 2007 at the Kimberton Golf Club. The rain date would be September 27th. The last golf outing was quite a success and enjoyed by all who attended. So let's start making plans and signing up to support Brother Chuck Waddy who is coordinating the event. Word has it that the Grand Knight will again make an appearance driving from golf tee to golf tee to bring substance to players. If possible don't miss it or if you can't make it how about being a Hole Sponsor for \$200.00 Money goes to Mom's House. Another great council community involvement project started last year by Brother Pat Dolan.

Two New Council Teams are being formed. The following have been approved for formation by the council at the last council meeting: (1) forming a **Degree Team for Council 13800**; and (2) forming an **Orientation Information Team** to meet with new member candidates before their instillation into the Knights of Columbus. Such Teams, consisting of 4th degree Brothers, will orient the new candidate to the purpose, meaning, responsibilities and duties of a Brother Knight and/or make available degree inductions. Those 4th Degree Brothers who would like to serve on any of these teams should contact Brother Ed Linder, {610} 935-1052.

A Fall **Flea Market and Chicken B-B-Q** is in the planning stages. More information will be made available as the plan becomes available.

Council Web Site is being explored by the Council IT Committee under the chairmanship of Brother Tom Everly. There are three (3) web site being explored. An August date is planned for submission of a proposal for transfer to the council.

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:

The 13800 Council awarded funds for scholastic achievements for the past school year to the following students:

Tim Hackett for highest grade point average for males.

Marissa Auriemma for best effort in academics for females.

Jeff Evans for best effort in academics for males.

Janine McNabb for highest grade point average for females.

WELL DONE and thank you, Deputy Grand Knight Tom Murphy for the Reading Phillies Baseball Night. Great comments from those who attended. A night full of fun, fellowship, and good food. Nice opportunity for the family to come together and share each other.

It is truly written that such community goodwill, giving and involvement does come back in many ways to us 100 fold.

Council Meeting Dates:

NEXT COUNCIL 13800 MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007 AT 7 P.M., RECTORY BASEMENT ROOM. This is due to the Sunday, August 19th picnic. Besides the regular council business, this meeting will also be dedicated to the induction of new council officers for 2007-2008.

The council meets every third Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the St. Basil's Rectory basement. Mark your calendar.

August 20
September 16

October 21
November 18

December 16

Election of Council Officers:

Councils Officers for 2007-2008.

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Brothers this is a new year and your leadership is needed in supporting the planned goals and direction of the Council.

Council Membership and Degree Rosters the next Rosters you will be receiving have been constructed from many sources and should be the most up to date. However, please continue to aid me in updating as changes occur to your information. When new Roster information is sent to you please destroy any old materials. Thank you for your help. Brother Ed Linder

A Note From Brother Andy To The Grand Knight

Honorable Grand Knight:

I have recently read the minutes of the June 18th meeting, which I was not in attendance. Much to my surprise I noticed that a motion was made and passed which would present me with a fruit basket every other month. Had I been in attendance, I would have overwhelmingly disapproved your very generous and noble feelings. Your kind thoughts of my health problems are beyond the call of bountiful. If I may, I would like to suggest that you in turn dedicate your effort for some one else like a child that has to deal with cancer or any other terminal illness. This type of kindness would go a long way in telling the story of what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Thank you ever so much and please consider my suggestion and strike out your generous motion of a fruit basket for my benefit.

Having said this I would like to take this time to thank those of you who have offered prayers, cards, e-mails, visits and phone calls wishing me well. Many thanks also go to those who have donated their blood on my behalf at our recent blood drive. I have been through this illness last year and recovered and I promise you that I will do like wise again this year. Please save my seat, I will be back in due time and will continue to sell the 50-50 tickets.

May God Bless All of You

S.K. Andy Viscuso

**Brothers Please Remember The Following Brothers In Your Prayers:
Walter Connell, William Hockwind, and Andy Viscuso.**

Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

CHANGE

“The More Things Change, The More They Remain The Same.”.

**Alphonse Karr [1808-1890]
French Novelist**

**“God Grant Me the Serenity To Accept Things I Cannot Change,
Courage To Change Things I Can,
And The Wisdom To Know The Difference”.**

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST AS EVER.

From The Editor's Desk:

All items and pieces to be included in an issue of the “*Knight's Page*” should be signed and sent to me. Items may be edited.

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