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Brothers:

In my column last month, I described the recent hostage situation that occurred at the Temple Beth Israel in Colleyville. I focused on how the community came together – especially the parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church – in support of the faith community in the area. I said that I would come back to one important element of that situation, so here it is...

Are we, as members of the Knights of Columbus, and (for the most part) parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Pilot Point, prepared to defend our faith against the Evil One and the machinations that he devises? **I dare say that we are not.**

The Guardian Ministry (<https://fwdioc.org/guardian-ministry>) is a sanctioned (and encouraged) ministry of the Diocese of Fort Worth, and one that has been embraced by many of the churches in the Diocese, including St Martin DePorres in Prosper and Immaculate Conception in Denton. It is a groundbreaking ministry that prepares the churches of the Diocese to be ready for the unexpected and prepared to deal with unfortunate events.

The Guardian Ministry is focused on providing a safe and secure worship environment for our priests, deacons, and fellow parishioners by ensuring that properly trained and capable individuals are present at each Mass, and that they are prepared to take necessary steps to protect the health and safety of everyone present. This can be in the form of medical response, security, or open threat to the safety of the faith community assembled.

We are the Knights of Columbus, and our mission has been, and ever will be, the protection of our faith. I submit to you that there is no group better positioned to advance this ministry in our parish than us. If you watch the video that accompanies the description of the Guardian Ministry on the Diocesan website, you will see that the Knights figure prominently in the success of the program in the churches in which it has been embraced. I believe we need this ministry in our parish, and we need strong men to support it.

We are the Knights of Columbus – we are such men, and the Church needs us now, more than ever.

Vivat Jesus!
Anthony Caranna, G.K.

March has significant dates for the members of the order.

March 17, St. Patrick's Day, much has been said and written about him. Born in Scotland, commissioned by the Holy Father to work in Ireland. He is remembered by many around the world each year.

March 19 – St. Joseph's day, research the scriptures and our church history and you will find not a single word attributed to St. Joseph.

March 29, 1882 – Fr. Michael McGivney the founder of our order. He and a small band of his parishioners received a charter from the State of Connecticut for a fraternal order. This fraternal order became the Knights of Columbus.

These 3 persons clearly exemplified the sentiment that St. Paul wrote about in the 12th Chapter of his first letter to the church in Corinth; each one of us are a part of the body of Christ, and we all work together.

BJ Henzler



MARCH ASSEMBLY NEWS

I probably sound like a broken record, but February is already coming to an end and I'm not really believing it. Micky stopped by my house earlier today and asked if I remembered that my article was due to her today and I'm pretty sure my exact words were "Oh sh__!! Not already". So here we go.

On January 26th, Anthony and I attended the Western Metroplex Chapter meeting at St Marks in Argyle. Some of you probably know Sir Knight Dennis Helgeson who is currently the Chapter Treasurer. He gave an update about his wife that still chokes me up when I think about it. I'm sorry that I don't have all of the details but she has some sort of cancer which apparently the prognosis is not good. He thanked all in the room for their prayers and support and told us basically that he promised to be there holding her hand until God calls her home. It reminded me that I also vowed in sickness and in health, until death do us part but I'm not facing it head on like he is. Will I be able to have the strength and courage to face it like he is. A few days later I found out that our District Friar Emeritus Father Lloyd Morris who was a married priest, lost his wife Fran during the ice storm the first week of February. Again, I do not know the details but my understanding is that she had been showing signs and symptoms of memory loss and confusion. She would have good days and bad and Father Morris was struggling with taking care of her by himself and was soon having to make the move to a facility. I've heard that Father Morris is just absolutely beating himself up that he didn't do enough for her, and that he wasn't able to take care of her the way that he wanted to or the way that he felt he should have. To me it's like he feels that he failed her. I tried my best to put myself into his shoes which I think is impossible. I look at it as this very easily could be me and Julie in the future. Will I be up to the task? Would I make the right decisions? Will I be able to carry that cross? This reminded me, that first and foremost our number one job in this world is to get our spouse and family to heaven and I firmly believe that Father Morris did that and that Dennis Helgeson is definitely currently doing this. The same kind of stories can be found in several couples from our own parish, council, and assembly past and present. But I also believe that they did not / are not going through this journey alone. We have the backing and support of our brother Knights. I think this is what is special about the KC's and specifically about our council and parish. Personally, I am closer to many of you than I am to some of my actual family members and I know without a shadow of a doubt that when the day comes for Julie or I, my brother Knights will be there surrounding us and doing way more than should be done because that's just what we do. Let's please keep Father Lloyd and Lady Fran and Dennis Helgeson and his wife in our prayers.

Here is some of what I have on my upcoming calendar:

Wednesday March 2nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season.

Saturday March 5th, Ray Savard and I are planning on attending the District's Biennial Meeting where we will give a report of our assembly activities for the last 2 years and I believe we nominate or possibly vote for the next District Master. Being as this is my first time attending one of these, I'm not sure what all is involved. I'll report on the highlights next time.

Sunday March 6th 5:00 pm we will have our next social dinner at Traildust Steakhouse in Sanger. Please join us and let me know if you can make it so I can be sure to have enough seating set aside for us.

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 7th at 6:45.

There will be a 4th degree exemplification June 4th in Tyler. In September there will be one in the Ft Worth Diocese somewhere and in October will be an exemplification in the Dallas Diocese somewhere. I'll send out more details as I learn of them.

If you are a 3rd degree member and would like to join our assembly we'd love to have you. Just get with me or one of the other assembly members and we can get you fixed up.

Thank you for all that you do and have the best Lent ever.

Kyle Holloway
Faithful Navigator

COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 3 Council Meeting
- Mar. 4 Assembly dinner—Trail Dust, Sanger
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph
- Mar. 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Rev Msgr Albert	Duesman	03-03
Donald	Schon	03-04
Earl	Stander	03-08
Michael	Anselmi	03-10
Francisco	Figuroa	03-11
Francisco	Figuroa Jr	03-11
Chip	Wood	03-18
Kevin	Kemp	03-19
James	Monroe	03-21
Joseph	Vance	03-22
Barney	Babb	03-24
William	Pietrosky	03-25
Bradley	Duesman	03-28
Louis	Helsen	03-28



Left; Bill Pietrosky presenting a check to Randy Bollig of Loreto house ending the Knight's week of prayer for life. The check of over \$2,000.00 and 75 prayer cards were included in the envelope.

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