



MEETING: 13 FEB 2020

Council was called to order at: 6:30 pm by Dan Wagner

Prayer was offered by: Dan Wagner

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused, V-Vacant):

Chaplain: V
Grand Knight: E
Deputy Grand Knight: V
Chancellor: E
Recorder: P
Financial Secretary: P
Treasurer: P
Lecturer: P
Advocate: P
Warden: E
Inside Guard: P
Outside Guard: E
Trustee (3rd Yr.): E
Trustee (2nd Yr.): E
Trustee (1st Yr.): E

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes passed. Minutes posted online to Council's website.

Membership Report: No applications

The results of balloting were: n/a

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Feb 25, Shrove Tuesday – we will need Knights to volunteer to cook the pancake supper
- 3/20 we serve soup for Friday soup supper
- Mass for Sam Tuesday 3/31 @ 5:30. A donation has been to the church in his memory.
- 3/29, making barbeque (~500 pounds)
- District Deputy has been planning a workshop for training Council officers. Saturday, 4/4. We wish to have balloting for officers in June.
- John Ryan is our first online transfer member and was welcomed by the council.
- State Charity ball and midwinter meeting was last week. New initiation program was rolled out. A number of knights went through the ceremony.
- 5/31: blood drive. A signup sheet was passed out.

The Treasurer reported as follows: by Robbie Wiggs

- Checking balance: \$8684.96
- Savings balance: \$7098.26

The following communications were read:

Catholic Charities – thanks for donation of ½ of wine and cheese event (from Family Fellowship)
SC Citizens for Life – tax letter for our donation of tables at their event

Financial Secretary report: by Dan Wagner

- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$2405.24
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$4493.52

The Trustees reported as follows:



Robbie Wiggs reported for the trustees. Preparations were made for the audit and everything was balanced.

The audit was performed and was completed smoothly. We are reminded that all members are welcome to attend the audit. A copy of the audit report was passed around for the members present to review (attached.)

Report on Service: n/a

The Chancellor reported as follows: n/a

The following committees reported:

- Membership: n/a

- Fundraising: n/a

- Youth: see attached report
 - Tom is putting together a youth retreat.
 - 3/1 annual free throw competition, both Council and District same day – registration at 1:30 for council, 2:30 for district. Competition from 1:30 – 4:30. Need 6 Knights to help - 1 coordinator, 1 registration, 2 kitchen, 2 scorers, more if possible. Tom passed a signup sheet at the meeting.
 - Shrove Tuesday, Tom will have some youth to help with kitchen and trash.

- Community: n/a

- Church: see attached Faith Director's Report provided by Dan Wagner

- Family and Council Committee: n/a

- Retention: n/a

Discussion on Council Calendar:

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

5/31 will be the blood drive – looking for 10 power reds. Need Knights to help serve the donors. We take but don't require donations for breakfast. Red Cross sometimes changes the dates.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

Kudos to Robbie Wiggs and Robert Startz for their work to buy pork butts and preparing them, and to Rob McBurnie for cooking. 56 pork butts were cooked (approx. 500 pounds.) Other Knights helped with shredding, etc. Expenses and receipts attached. \$1901.75 profit, which exceeded previous years and expectations. Even so, we are still making up the shortfall from not being able to sell Christmas trees.

Fundraiser proposal – Christmas wreath sales instead of tree sales. We need to find a supplier; our previous one has been unreachable.

Suggestion made by Trustees to expand our social meetings, as was done in the past. It was proposed to do a monthly Rosary for the council members + families. Suggest starting with a Patriotic Rosary to honor Sam. Suggested after Tuesday evening Mass. Suggested to also invite the men or families of the parish.

Looking for ideas of what could be done to memorialize Sam. Robert was approached by Sam's daughter asking to rename the council in honor of Sam. This is difficult in terms of the Knights' process. The Bishop has instituted a policy stating not to name things after people until they've been dead at least a year. Bob Nerbun suggested donating a holy object to the parish for display with Sam's name on it. Columbus Hope was Sam's main charitable interest.

Report of Patriotic Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

Christopher Towers is putting in a new more modern kitchen which will be usable by the Knights for doing the annual Thanksgiving meal.



The Insurance Agent reported as follows. n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows: n/a

Announcements: n/a

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: Lester Johnson, Damien Masse, Frank Toth, Bill Jones, Rick Gleissner, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Sam and Lagaré Kopack, Alberto Alvarez, Shobit Svarna
- Max, the 15 year old son of SK Carl Thoder is in the hospital with MERSA and other problems.

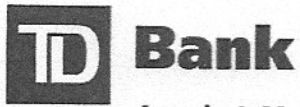
Under Good of the Order: by Lecturer

- See attached

Chaplain's summation: n/a

Closing prayer was offered by: Dan Wagner at 8:00pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder



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BUSINESS SAVINGS x8694	\$7,098.26	\$7,098.26	\$0.00
Total	\$15,783.22		

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Knights of Columbus Council #12554
Financial Secretary's Report
 13 February 2020

Receipts:

1) Dues (31 members)		\$1,116.00
2) State Charity Drive		\$ 395.00
3) Donations		\$ 116.00
4) BBQ		\$2,866.52

TOTAL		\$4,493.52

Vouchers:

1) Robert Startz: BBQ Expenses		\$ 964.77
2) SC State Council: State Charity Drive		\$ 415.00
3) SC State Council: Liability Insurance		\$ 254.66
4) SC State Council: State per capita		\$ 347.25
5) K of C Council Accounts: Supreme per capita		\$ 352.25
6) K of C Council Accounts: supplies (1 st Degree Kits)		\$ 29.54
7) Robert Startz: July Officer's Dinner		\$ 41.77

TOTAL		\$2,405.24

2020 Super Bowl BBQ Fundraiser

Revenue		\$2881.00
Gross Sales:	\$2,651.00	
Donations	\$ 230.00	
 Expenses		 \$ 979.25
Pork, supplies	\$ 964.77	
Pay Pal	\$ 14.48	
 Profit		 \$1,901.75

Dan Wagner

From: Tom Militello <tom.militello@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 10:04 PM
To: Robert Startz
Cc: Dan Wagner; Jerry White; Peter D. LaPierre; Cooper McBurney; Robb McBurney; Jim Corbett; Adrienne Carroll
Subject: Re: Meeting this Thursday, February 6 at 6 pm

Greetings Grand Knight,

I am following up on our conversation regarding the KoC Youth Free Throw Competition, which will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 in the Rowland EDU / Gym at Saint Joseph - Columbia.

Please share the following information at the Thursday, Feb 6 meeting on my behalf as I will not be present due to another commitment at the same time.

The gym is reserved. There are currently no events scheduled other than the Free Throw Competition.

Registration will open at 1.30 pm, Sunday, March 1 in the gym.

The first competition will begin at 2 p.m. for the Council sponsored event, which includes any eligible youth in our district that did not compete at Corpus Christi already. This event will run approximately one hour, including awards.

At 3 pm we will begin the district competition. I would anticipate only 2 contestants in each age bracket, consisting of the winner from the Corpus Christi event and the winner from each bracket earlier in the day. Winners from this event will be eligible to compete at the State Event, 2 weeks later.

I am requesting the following volunteer assistance from KoC #12554:

Registrar
Head Official / Master of Awards Ceremony
Basket Goal #1 Scorer
Basket Goal #2 Scorer
Master Hot Dog Chef
Beverage Chief
Awards Secretary

Volunteers are needed to reach out to me by Feb 9 by email - Tom@stjosephcolumbia.org

I will promote this event in the parish bulletin; at Saint Joseph School; at CN and with the League's Basket Ball Coaches representing the Saint Joseph Parish.

The Corpus Christi Council Representative should also provide me contact information for all winners from their competition by Feb 15, including confirmation of participation. Failure to show on March 1 will result in a forfeit.

We need to be finished by 4 pm, having cleaned up and secured the facilities.

Questions may be directed to me.

Thank you for sharing this information.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Militello
Tom@stjosephcolumbia.org
803-261-7405

Sent from my BlackBerry - the most secure mobile device

From: robertstartz@gmail.com
Sent: February 4, 2020 3:12 PM
To: TOM.MILITELLO@GMAIL.COM
Reply-to: robertstartz@gmail.com
Subject: Meeting this Thursday, February 6 at 6 pm

Greetings Brother Knights:

1. Thanks you for attending the wake/funeral for Sam Kopack.
2. Thanks to Pat, Rob, and Rick who helped with the pork butts
3. Planning for Shrove Tuesday Supper
4. Planning for Lenten soup Supper
5. Memorial for Sam/council naming
6. Congrats to Kyle Maurer for receiving the third degree last Saturday
7. Grand Knight workshop update
8. Brother Wiggs will speak on the next blood drive
9. There is left over pork in the form of full butts and shredded both of this are sold to Knights at a steep discount. Your choice for \$30 and sauces that are left.
10. Dinner at 6 pm followed by business meeting at 6:30 PM
11. Position of Deputy Grand Knight
12. Planning for audit

Knights of Columbus Council #12554
Church Director's Report

13 February 2020

Last Sunday, February 9, was Scout Sunday. The 12:15 PM Mass was the Scout Mass.

Scouts were Altar Servers, Lectors, and brought up the Gifts. Scout Leaders were Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 2 Cub Scouts who earned their Religious Emblems received them at the Mass. Scouts processed in carrying the flags and sat together.

Also on that Sunday, at 2:00 PM, the Tenth Annual Scout Convocation was held at St. Joseph. Bishop Gugliemone established the Convocation and this is the first Convocation at which he was not present to hand out the Religious Awards to older Boy Scouts and Venturers from throughout the Diocese. One Scout and one crew member, Mary Cates McBurney, from St. Joseph received their Scout awards. Pat Blake received the Bronze Pelican which is a Diocesan level Adult Leader award. Robb McBurney received the Saint George medal which is a National Level award – this is a big deal. Only four can be presented in the state annually.

The Annual Senior Mass Luncheon is this Friday, Valentine's Day, February 14.

This weekend, February 14-15, is the Confirmation Retreat.

Tuesday, February 25 is Shrove Tuesday. The Knights will again be preparing and serving a free Pancake Breakfast to the Parish. Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Soft Drinks and Fresh Fruit will be served. The usual array of fancy toppings for the pancakes will be available.

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Prep begins at noon with cutting up fresh fruit. This is an "All Hands on Deck" event. You need not work the entire time – two hour shifts are suggested. Robb Wiggs and Carolyn Wagner are in charge.

Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent and a Day of Fast & Abstinence. Masses are 7:30, (school 9:00), 12:15 and 6:00 PM. Ashes are only distributed at Mass

On Fridays of Lent, beginning on Friday, February 28, we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass at 6:00 PM. After mass there is a simple meatless supper of soup, bread and beverage.

Saturday, February 29 is The Race for the Place a sanctioned 5K race that benefits St. Lawrence Place – this is not a parish event but it starts and ends at St. Joseph and they use the Blossom Street House and Office parking lot. (parts of Bonham and Blossom Streets are usually closed.)

Sunday, March 1 is the First Sunday of Lent

On your Radar:

Knights Serve Soup: Friday, March 20

Parish Picnic: Sunday, March 29

The Broken Heart and the Theology of the Body (TOB)

Clearly tonight's night lecture is about LOVE. As Americans we have a day that we celebrate love, it's called ... ? St. Valentine's Day! What are some symbols or images of St. Valentine's Day? (Put "black heart" on magnetic board.) *Exactly! Valentine's Day is about romance, and yes, sexual desire and passion, and on this day we celebrate love.*

Let me begin with a set of questions. Raise your hand if you have ever asked yourself the question: "Who am I?" How about: "What is life for?" If we go to our bible, God tells us who we are. Each of us, is a unique person is created in God's image and likeness, and we are given a body to express who we are - our bodies are the sacrament (outward sign) of our personhood. Our bodies allow us to mirror God through our bodily actions.

Another couple of questions: What is this object behind me? ... It's a chair. Now what is this object that I'm holding up in my hand? Yes, it too is a chair. What do they have in common? Sitting. They are made in the image and likeness of each other, and so each is used for sitting.

As Christians we believe in one God in which there are three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Now God the Father does not have a body and the Holy Spirit does not have a body, but the Father's Son, Jesus, has a body. He became one of us so that we might become like Him, learn how to love like Him, and become His brother by adoption through baptism. Among all persons, there are no beings like us. In all of creation, we are special and unique. We are the only persons with bodies.

As persons, as images of God, we can relate to God and to each other with our minds, and our wills. They express (are acted out) through our bodies. This makes our bodies are special, because they express who we are, and they are a visible reality of what we think and choose. No one can know me OR you except through our bodies.

Well, we know that God also created angels. Indeed they too are persons because they have a mind and a will, but they have no bodies. The good angels use their minds and wills to continue to glorify God forever. There are also angels who use their minds and wills to defy God. We call them demons.

So who am I, Bob Nerbun? I am an unique, unrepeatable person with a body; created in God's image and likeness. What is life for for me? As an image of God, I am created to be like God. Well what does God do? Love is what God does AND it is what my/our lives are for. This is the "chair analogy." Marriage is the "ordinary" way that most are called to love and become holy and workout salvation. God's love for ancient Israel was often put in terms of a bride and bridegroom analogy. Even in the New Testament, Christ's love is often described as His love for His bride the Church. So with this in mind, I ask just how does God love? God's love is a free choice. Freely He chose to create us out of love, and Jesus freely chose to become man and die for us. For us marriage is also a free choice. It is not forced, because even God will not force us to love. True love is a free choice

Our sexual powers are an important means of expressing love. God has given our sexual powers the gift of fertility, so that when we express love through an act of intercourse we also have the power to give life. Do you remember your wedding vows (One of the three acceptable forms for those of us who have been married is as follows)? For me many years ago a priest asked me: "Bob, have you come here to enter into marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?" "Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor Ann for as long as you both shall live?" "Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" At each point I responded "I have" or "I am."

God's love is freely given, fully-given, faithfully given, forever, and is fruitfully given. God created everything in this world for us and Jesus even gave us His total self - his

very life on the cross. He held nothing back. In marriage the bodily gift of man and woman in sexual union is a sign of this full surrender of self. Notice the vows don't say, 'I give my left arm', or 'I give my big toe', or 'I give everything except my fertility. We can hold nothing back. True love is fully-given.

"Back to another form of the wedding vows - 'Do you promise to be true to each other in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health ...'" (couple responds, "we do.")

God's love is faithful. His love has no strings attached. It matters not whether we are faithful to Him - His love for us can never be broken. In marriage we are called to be faithful in times of disappointment, crisis and failure, because true love is faithful.

Again the wedding vows" *"I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."* *God's love is forever. God loves us eternally, without a time limit, the warranty never expires - even with the "good thief" on the cross? Married love is forever. We are called to love one another until death do us part. True love is forever.*

Once again the wedding vows: "Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" (couple responds; "We will.") God's love is fruitful. God's love always brings life. Married love is fruitful in bringing new life - new images of God into the world. Married love is also fruitful by giving life to the relationship. It affirms the value and dignity of the each spouse - the spouses' love brings life to those around them. True love is fruitful.

In marriage, the initial act of sexual intercourse consummates (completes) the wedding vows and is meant to be a bodily expression of Christ-like love - the commitment to give themselves to each other freely, faithfully, fully, forever and fruitfully. The love of the husband and wife is meant to be both love giving, and life giving. That is why God has given our sexual powers their fertility. The power to give life to a new person, a new image of God is incredible! Animals just reproduce, angels don't make new angels, but God asks us to procreate with Him new unique persons, new images of God that will

change the world forever!! He told us to “be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.”

Priests and vowed religious sisters and brothers are called to gift themselves totally with an undivided heart to Christ and His Church. As an expression of Christ-like love, it can be said that they are also married to Christ. In fact, each day they each spend several hours talking and listening to him, especially in front of the tabernacle. My daughter, Sister Mary Rachel, is married to Christ (her bridegroom), and my son David is married to Christ’s “mystical body” (his bride our Church). They each give up physical sexual activity so their love is not procreative like married love. Instead their love for Christ and the Church bears spiritual fruit through their ministry and service to the people of God. They become spiritual mothers and fathers to many people.

As an example, take our Worthy Grand Knight. Like God he *has a mind and a will*. *What does he do with his mind? He THINKS. And what does he do with his will? He CHOOSES. To repeat, each of us has a mind to think and a will to choose to act.* So

Human love is MORE than a FEELING. When each of us loves LIKE God, it is a Free Choice (a DECISION) AND an SCT OF THE WILL. It mirrors Christ-like love which is also a FREE choice, a FULL gift, a FOREVER gift, a FAITHFUL gift, and it is FRUITFUL.

Did you know that St. Pope John Paul II actually called sexual desire the “raw material of love”? And that Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his first encyclical to the world Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) about Eros - the Greek god of love. He spoke of the great mystery of the drawing together of a man and a woman, acknowledging that passion, romance, and sexual desire are part of God’s plan. But, he notes, IF passion, romance, and sexual desire, are to become mature Christ-like love; love that is lasting, bonding, and fruitful, then it depends on how we RESPOND to those desires/feelings. He says

that this kind of 'love' must be purified and disciplined by a decision - an act of the will if it is to last. Realistically, no person is always likeable! And no one feels like loving all the time. But when you make a **DECISION** to love another, you make a commitment to love always and unconditionally; to always do what is best for the other person ... no matter how you FEEL. Love that is an **ACT OF THE WILL** endures and never fails.

Romance, sexual desire, passion must be "tested against" all the virtues. Remember: 1st Corinthians 13 1, 4-8: "Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." "In the end ... there is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, and its power to endure. Love never fails."

Can anyone name a specific virtue that helps us treat our own and others bodies with dignity and respect; to love someone for who they are, not what we can get from them? Yes, **CHASTITY!** And a mature love will have **ALL** these characteristics of Christ-like love. St. Pope John Paul II's set of 5 qualities (5 REAL F-words) explain Christ-like love: Love is: **FREE, FULL, FAITHFUL, FOREVER, and FRUITFUL.** (Put each heart part on the magnetic board.) Is it difficult to love this way? Yes, because of **ORIGINAL SIN.** Adam & Eve gave in to the devil's lie about God's love. Everyone is tempted by the devil's lies that twist the meaning of sexuality and sexual love; we are easily confused and we find it difficult to love as we should. Tonight I am going to focus on one specific area in which Christ-like love is especially under attack - sexual love. It is one area at which we rarely hear preached upon from the pulpit on Sunday. Yet this set of 5 qualities of Christ-like love can be applied to any of the other 7 deadly sins.

IT'S HARD *not to just do what makes us feel good, EVEN when we know it goes against God's plan for our true happiness. EVEN when we mean to act lovingly, **SEXUAL DESIRE** can be expressed selfishly and lead us to use others and even ourselves. Let's look at a few examples of sexual acts and behaviors that don't measure up to Christ-like*

love. *A point to note is that: if even JUST ONE of 5 F-qualities of Christ-like love is missing, (point to heart) it is not real love. Thus, the heart will be broken - a love unrequited, something important is missing - because it is not Christ-like love.*

ADULTERY: Adultery is sexual relations between a married person and someone who is not his or her spouse. Name any of the 5 F-words that is missing with adultery? (Acknowledge correct responses and remove the words, **FAITHFUL, FOREVER, FREE.**) With marriage, spouses promised to be **FAITHFUL** and to love one another **FOREVER**. A husband or wife is not **FREE** to give self to another person because of an existing promised gift of self to a spouse.

PREMARITAL SEX: any form of sexual arousal that is designed to lead to intercourse, between two unmarried persons. *What's missing?* (Acknowledge correct responses and remove the words, **FAITHFUL, FOREVER**). Persons involved in premarital sex are not willing to publicly commit to being **FAITHFUL** to love one another **FOREVER**, it is impossible to give oneself **FULLY** when not willing to make a commitment.

MASTURBATION (and even PRONOGRAPHY): Masturbation is sex with one's self; an act that seeks sexual pleasure independent of love or a relationship with another person. What characteristics of Christ like love are missing? (Acknowledge correct responses and remove words, **FRUITFUL, FAITHFUL, FOREVER.**) No physical possibility to be **FRUITFUL** - to give life to a child. Pleasure without a relationship, no one to be **FAITHFUL** to, and no one to commit to **FOREVER**.

CONTRACEPTION: *Contraception is anything or action that separates the sexual act from its potential to procreate new life.* What characteristics of Christ-like love are missing? (Acknowledge correct responses & remove words, **FRUITFUL, FULL.**) An act of contraception is designed to make sure the act of intercourse is not **FRUITFUL**. Intercourse is about bonding and babies, and contraception interferes with both. Contraception denies to the spouses their total and **FULL** self-gift to one another. They

hold back their gift of fertility which is part of being created in God's image.

HOMOSEXUAL ACTS: Homosexual ACTS are sexual acts between two persons of the same sex. (Remember we're talking about sexual ACTS here – NOT same-sex attraction.) God's original plan is that sexual union should only be expressed between a man and a woman - a husband and a wife. From Adam and Eve's union came the first human family. What characteristics of Christ-like love are missing? (Acknowledge correct responses by removing the words, **FRUITFUL, FULL**.) The **FULL** gift of oneself expressed in and through a bodily union is not physically possible between two men or two women. Their bodies were not created to fit together. Clearly a homosexual act cannot be **FRUITFUL** and bring about a new human life.

IVF: In vitro fertilization is the process of fertilization by extracting eggs, retrieving a sperm sample, and then manually combining an egg and sperm in a laboratory dish. The embryo(s) is then transferred to the uterus. What one characteristic of Christ-like love is missing? (Remove the word, **FULL**, since it's not a full gift of oneself in a natural act of intimate sexual bonding.) IVF denies to the spouses their total and **FULL** self-gift to one another.

These are just some of the acts that do not reflect Christ-like love through our sexual powers to love. Sexual acts that do not reflect the qualities of Christ-like love: **FREE, FULL, FAITHFUL, FOREVER, and FRUITFUL** hurt ourselves, hurt others, and break our relationship with God. Clearly these acts break hearts. The sad part is that none of these acts are "real Christ-like love." Even if we might be trying to deepen a relationship, these acts can actually hurt or destroy the love desired by those engaged in them. Thus, the analogy of the **BROKEN HEART**. Sexual love is intended to be a path to holiness, a way to reach heaven. While sexual sins are not the worst type of sin, at Fatima Mary said that more people go to hell because of the sins of the flesh. Pause for a moment, look at society today, and ask yourself whether or not this "rings" true in today's society.

As Catholic Christians we share an incredible blessing because we believe all sin can be forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! God asks only: that we try to love as Christ loves; that we ask for forgiveness when we fail; and that we pray for the grace to resist temptation. For us the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist mend, heal, and strengthen broken hearts. Our hope is to always remember that God wants our hearts to be FULL of His love and NEVER broken. While sexual sins are not the worst of the 7 deadly sins, at Fatima Mary told Sister Lucia that more people go to hell because of the sins of the flesh. Pause for a moment, look at society today, and ask yourself whether or not this “rings” true or not.

So what about St. Valentine’s Day? God knew that it was not good for man to be alone. God created us to be in a personal relationship with Him and with other images of God. So, as the story goes, out of love God created a partner for Adam, a person created for her own sake and someone with whom Adam could have a personal relationship, that includes a sexual relationship. Since Adam was created to love like God, he needed this suitable partner, Eve, to love. When Adam first saw Eve he exclaimed to God, "This at last is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone." Adam recognized immediately that he was incomplete without Eve. God created them male and female differently, so they could be gifts to one another AND complement each other in many ways. By God’s design, Adam and Eve could love through their bodies. They could *make a “sincere gift” of themselves to each other as images of God - loving freely, fully, faithfully, forever, and fruitfully. This explains that sexuality. Being a sexual person, is God’s plan, and it is BEAUTIFUL and VERY good!* This is the GOOD NEWS about human sexuality. As Knights we now understand it, and we need to proclaim this beautiful teaching of our Church. Let us fight to defend and proclaim it, and encourage our priest to preach it.