



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Petaluma Council 1586

St. James Church

February 2018

Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers,

We start the New Year with hope and faith in our hearts. It is the time we can rebuild friendships and move forward in our faith. Lent begins on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

A big thanks to those who helped on the crab feed. Brother Molinari told me we made about \$3800 after expenses. He'll give a full report at the February business meeting as well as information about the St. Patrick day dinner on Saturday March 17th.

I spoke to Brother Cooper about the Walk for Life event and he was amazed at the size of the crowd and the people he met, both in the government and in the church. He'll give us an update at the meeting.

When I came to help set up on the day of crab feed which was the same day as the Walk of Life, our parking lot was full of cars which showed a lot of people from the parish attended the event.

Congrats to Brother Weber, the winner at our January social night. I lasted longer than last month.

We will be receiving the Holy Family Icon for one week starting Wednesday February 14th. More will be shared at the meeting by the District Deputy.

Brother McGaw told me that the 4th Degree exemplification went off very nicely. He'll have an update for us at the meeting, but he told me we had 6 members from our council installed to the 4th Degree and the assembly had a total of 11 new members.

We will be having our March recruiting drive on the weekend of March 24th and 25th. Brother McGaw will be putting a committee together to assist. Please let him know what mass you can help.

The Saturday rosary before the 5 PM Mass has been a great success. Please sign up with Brother Bordessa to take a shift and lead the rosary with our community.

I donated blood on February 4th, thanks Brother Quinn for setting this up, and saw several brothers giving blood. This is a Knights sponsored event and giving blood is great way to help the sick and injured. Please consider donating the next time we have sign ups.

See you at our next business meeting on the 13th

God Bless

Michael P. McBride

Grand Knight

Council 1586

Knights of Columbus Council 1586 Meeting Minutes 1/09/2017

-Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by GK Mike McBride.

GK REPORT

- Knight of the Month Jeff Lucia for Christmas caroling.
- Passed around Right to Life Calendars, possible 2018 fundraiser.
- 2018 National Convention in Sacramento May 17-19, open to all knights but crimped travel cards required.
- 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification coming up in Ukiah, must sign up by 1/10.

LECTURER

- Bro Rolli read a newsletter from another church re: the feast of the epiphany.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Rosary**Jerry Bordessa passed around a sign up sheet.
- TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**Collected \$2080
- CRAB FEED**1/27. Sold out. Set up at 12:00. 202 tickets sold total.
- ST PATRICKS DAY**3/17. Tickets on sale in February. Bring your friends and lets sell this thing out.
- WALK FOR LIFE**1/27. Doug Cooper. Mass at 9:30 at St Marys Cathedral, speakers 11:30-12:30, then the march. 55,000 people.
- EASTER EGG HUNT**3/31. Plastic easter eggs and ice cream same as last year. 3 twins ice cream.
- GRAND KNIGHTS BARBECUE**5/8. GK needs help. Last year Tom Molinari did the whole thing.
- 4TH DEGREE**2/3 exemplification. Deadline to submit 1/15.
- SQUIRES**Wheel Chair drive exceeded \$6,000 for the second straight year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Father Michael added \$1,000 to our \$2,000 to help Christians in Iraq.
- Harry Pearson. His wife says thank you but she does not need any more contributions from the council.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

- District Deputy annual meeting- new emphasis on "building domestic church".
1/19

TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$6,868.45
Checks Written	\$3,625.98
Deposits	\$2,382.99
Ending Balance	\$5,625.46

CHAPLAINS REPORT

- Thanked Knights for ushering at Christmas especially Frank Quinn. 2 new stain glass windows are being installed next Monday.
- Closing Prayer offered at 8:21.

Scholarships by Ed Kilgore

Scholarship Applications will be available Monday Feb. 12 at:

- ✓ St. James Rectory
- ✓ St. Vincent Rectory
- ✓ St. Vincent High School office

Key Uliberri (by Ed Kilgore)

Past Grand Knight Sam Uliberri's [deceased] wife Kay passed away last week. The services will be at St. James on Feb. 16th with the time to be determined.

4th Degree by Tom McGaw



Those pictured include left to right: Me, Brad Nicholls, Fr Raul Lemus, Mark Marchione, and Rolly Rosario

On February 2, 2018 six members of Council 1586 proudly were Exemplified into the Fourth Degree. These include Rob Dibble, Dave Dibble, Jim Camilleri, Jerry Matacia, Art Rios and Rich Sievers. A total of 11 new Sir Knights have joined Bishop Hanna Assembly 61 as part of the group of 80 becoming Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree at the Double Tree Inn in Rohnert Park. Bishop Vasa celebrated Mass following the Exemplification. St James' own Deacon Pat Barnes and Squire Nick Camilleri assisted our Bishop in the Mass. We would also like to thank those Brother Knights from Council 1586 who helped with set up and clean up with our Welcome Dinner the evening before at St Elizabeth Seton. These include: Rob Dibble, Dave Dibble, Rolly Rosario, Rich Sievers, and Mark Marchione.

SAVE THE DATE



St. James Parish Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
March 17, 2018
Doors open at 6:00pm Dinner at 6:45pm
\$18 per person **NO REFUNDS** ←

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March 17, 2018

Cost: \$18 per person

Doors open at 6:00pm

Dinner at 6:45pm

Featuring JP'S Irish Soda Bread

Win a prize telling your
favorite Irish story!!

Tickets go on sale

February 24th after mass.

Questions please call

Tom Molinari 762-1880

No Tickets Sold at the door

Limited Seating Available





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Online Edition

THE FOUR IMMORTAL CHAPLAINS

2/1/2018

by Michael C. Gabriele

**SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, FOUR U.S. ARMY CHAPLAINS
MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AT SEA**



A painting by Dudley G. Summers depicts the Four Chaplains in prayer together on the on the deck of the torpedeed USAT Dorchester Feb. 3, 1943.

In the early morning hours of Feb. 3, 1943, the USAT *Dorchester* was steaming across frigid, U-boat-infested waters in the North Atlantic. Suddenly, a German torpedo struck near the engine room, triggering a massive explosion. The transport vessel, which was carrying more than 900 passengers bound for a U.S. Army base in Greenland, capsized and sank in less than 20 minutes.

Among those on board were four Army chaplains, each with the rank of first lieutenant: Father John P. Washington; Rabbi Alexander D. Goode; Rev. Clark V. Poling, a Reformed minister; and Rev. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister. Just hours before the attack, Father Washington had celebrated a Mass that was attended by men of many faiths.

As the ship sank, the chaplains calmly ministered to the panic-stricken and wounded, assisting soldiers and others boarding lifeboats. Many survivors later testified to their bravery.

"I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," recalled Pfc. William B. Bednar. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Others reported seeing the chaplains handing out life preservers until there were no more to give — including their own. One eyewitness, John Ladd, said, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

Survivors on rafts were awestruck as they caught a final glimpse of the courageous quartet, who came to be known as "The Four Chaplains," standing together on the slanted deck, arms locked and singing hymns as the ship slipped beneath the waves. They were among more than 670 passengers who died at sea that day. In the 75 years since their death, and still today, there have been many dedicated to commemorating the chaplains' sacrifice and keeping their story alive.

AMERICAN HEROES

Though the four chaplains came from different backgrounds, each was motivated by profound love of God, country and neighbor. The tragedy of Pearl Harbor moved them to volunteer as military chaplains, and that call brought the four men together for the first time in 1942 at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University.

Father John Washington was born in Newark, N.J., July 18, 1908, and from an early age felt called to become a priest. Ordained in 1935, Father Washington served in several New Jersey parishes. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he volunteered to be a Navy chaplain but was turned down due to poor eyesight — the result of a childhood BB gun accident. Undeterred, he went to the Army and passed the eye test by covering his weak eye both times when reading the eye chart, praying that God would forgive his sleight of hand.

Rev. George Fox, born in Lewiston, Pa., March 15, 1900, had served with distinction as a medic during World War I. He was ordained a Methodist minister at Boston University's School of Theology in 1934.

Eight years later, he volunteered to be an Army chaplain on the same day that his son, Wyatt, entered the Marine Corps.

Rev. Clark Poling was born into a prominent family of ministers in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 7, 1910. He studied at Yale University's Divinity School in New Haven, Conn., was ordained a minister in the Reformed Church of America and volunteered for chaplain duty in 1942.

Rabbi Alexander Goode was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 10, 1911. An outstanding athlete and scholar, he planned to follow his father's footsteps as a rabbi. He earned a Ph.D. in Arabic studies and desired to bring Jews and Arabs together. Like Washington, he had been turned down by the Navy but was accepted in the Army Air Forces.

The chaplains, disappointed at being sent to serve in a rear guard capacity in Greenland rather than on the front lines, did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives for their brothers in arms when the opportunity arose.

As news of the *Dorchester's* demise reached the United States, the magnitude of the loss of life coupled with accounts of the four chaplains' heroic charity and sacrifice astonished the nation.

In 1944, all four men posthumously received the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and in 1948 a U.S. postage stamp was issued in their honor bearing the words "These Immortal Chaplains." Congress authorized a one-time only posthumous "Special Medal for Heroism," which was presented to family members in 1961. Then, in 1988, a unanimous act of Congress established Feb. 3 as the annual Four Chaplains Day.

Today, a host of monuments, chapels and works of art, including stained-glass windows at the Pentagon and West Point, also memorialize the Four Chaplains' faith in action.



(from left to right): Lt. John P. Washington, a Catholic priest; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a rabbi; Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Reformed minister; and Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister. *Courtesy of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation*

REMEMBERING A LEGACY

Members of the Knights of Columbus have long honored the memory of the four chaplains, and at least three military units are named in their honor — The Four Chaplains Council 10652 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wa., The Four Chaplains Council 13901 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and The Four Chaplains Assembly 3557 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

St. Stephen's Parish in Kearny, N.J., the last parish where Father Washington served, will celebrate the 75th anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, Feb. 4. Members of St. Cecilia Council 6928 in Kearny will take part in the solemn annual tribute, just as they have done for many years.

"Council members feel strongly that it's important for people to remember the Four Chaplains," said Grand Knight Kevin Purcell. "Today the world needs inspiring stories more than ever."

Mark S. Auerbach, the city historian of Passaic, N.J., and a distant cousin of Rabbi Goode, shares a similar passion for keeping the memory of the Four Chaplains alive.

"I'm fulfilling my father's wish to do all I can to tell the story of the Four Chaplains so that it's never forgotten," he said, adding that the 75th anniversary of the chaplains' sacrifice brings a sense of urgency to their legacy.

"We're rapidly losing members of the 'Greatest Generation,'" Auerbach said. "It may be hard for people to comprehend what they did for us. They went from living through the Great Depression to fighting for our survival during World War II."

Integral to the story of the Four Chaplains is their demonstration of interfaith heroism — four men from different religious traditions who rose to the occasion in a life-and-death crisis and worked together at a moment's notice to serve others.

"They came from different faith traditions, but they were united in their service to humanity," said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, archbishop of the Military Services, USA, who will preside at the Feb. 4 Mass at St. Stephen's Parish.

"In giving up their life jackets, they stripped themselves of their only hope for survival," Archbishop Broglio explained. "This was faith in action. They didn't wake up that day thinking they would be heroes. They acted because of their faith and their values. The challenge is to live what you believe."

Father Joseph A. Mancini, pastor of St. Stephen's and chaplain of Council 6928, maintains an archive on the Four Chaplains at his church.

“Sometimes we take our heroes and put them on a pedestal,” said Father Mancini. “They wouldn’t want that. The Four Chaplains were regular guys who did an extraordinary thing. Their sacrifice was an act of service, but we’re all called to some act of service.”

For more information, visit fourchaplains.org.

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K OF C SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC MILITARY CHAPLAINS

Today, more than 300,000 men and women in uniform — about 25 percent of the U.S. military — are Catholic. They are served by 198 active-duty Catholic chaplains, who make up only 6 percent of the chaplain corps.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, led by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, created a Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program in cooperation with U.S. dioceses in order to better meet the needs of Catholic military personnel.

The Knights of Columbus then launched the Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship in partnership with the archdiocese in 2011.

“We started with a five-year pledge of \$1 million,” explained Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at last year’s Supreme Convention in St. Louis. “Not only did we meet that goal in 2015, but we contributed \$200,000 last year and this year as well.”

The Fourth Degree pledged to raise an additional \$200,000 in 2018, bringing the Order’s financial support of Catholic chaplains to \$1.6 million.

Thanks in part to the Knights’ partnership, there are currently 45 co-sponsored seminarians in 20 seminaries across the United States and in Rome preparing for eventual military service.

To donate, visit kofc.org/militarychaplains.

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Business	Tuesday, February 9 th @ 7:30pm	Room 9
Social (K)night	Friday, February 16 th @ 7:30pm	Paul's house
Rosary	Saturdays, 4:30pm, before 5:00pm masses	Church
St. Patrick's Dinner	Saturday, March 17, 2018	Church
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 31, 2018	Parking Lot
Cinco De Mayo	Saturday, May 5, 2018	Church
Installation Dinner	Saturday, June 23, 2018	Church
Rummage Sale	Saturday, July 21, 2018	Parking Lot

Message from the Newsletter Editor

All members of Council 1586 are welcome to place articles in the council newsletter. All articles must be received no later than **the last day of the month** in order to be published in the next month's newsletter. For more information or to place an article in the newsletter, contact Greg Drukala gdrukala@gmail.com or kofc1586@gmail.com