

Terror of Demons

Through humble obedience and spiritual fatherhood, St. Joseph stands as a guardian against the forces of darkness

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

On March 19, we celebrate the solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, who for many centuries has been honored as one of the Church's greatest saints and most powerful intercessors.

St. Joseph has been given many titles that describe his virtues and reflect the graces sought through his intercession. Various litanies attribute more than 30 different titles to him. One of the most striking is *Terror of Demons*.

This formidable title invites reflection on what makes St. Joseph such a strong protector in spiritual warfare — and why his help is so needed today.

The Gospels tell us little about St. Joseph. Scripture simply calls him “a just man” (Mt 1:19), and not a single word of his is recorded. His actions, however, speak volumes — and help us understand why demons would fear him.

Joseph was a man of deep humility. He never sought his own will but made every sacrifice to follow the will of God. When he learned that Mary was with child, he resolved to divorce her quietly rather than expose her to shame. But then an angel appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her” (Mt 1:19-20).

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Minutes of the February Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on February 10, by Past Grand Knight Trassare. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Trustee two year and Trustee one year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from January were approved as written.

Membership Report

Two new Brothers were exemplified last month and were in attendance.

Grand Knight Report

The cook was thanked for the dinner.

Chaplain's Report –

No report

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$7,772.67

Financial Secretary Report

Income –

Dinner - \$50

Fish fry - \$270

Dues – \$1094 plus cash payments of \$79.65

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February Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Bills –**

Supreme – Per capita - \$201.50

Brother Hoover – \$328.95 Fish Dinner

Mrs. DeBenedet - \$138.74 Fish dinner decorations

Brother Renzelman - \$\$293.12 Fish dinner supplies

Hospitality Sunday - \$151.65 Brother Simpson

Communications

Amador Giving Foundation sent a check with a thank you note for \$600 to pay for the set up and cleanup of the Giving Tuesday event. Thank you notes were also received from St Vincent De Paul and the ARC for the financial support provided by the council on Giving Tuesday.

Programs Director Report

Donut Sunday is hosted by the council on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are needed to coordinate, help set up, serve and clean up. The recitation of the rosary is scheduled for the Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15. An update was provided on Fish Fry. All the raffle donors and helpers were thanked. The DRAFT income is \$7000, and expenses of \$2500. It is time to think about becoming an officer for the next Columbian year. If interested speak to the Grand Knight or a Trustee. The council will provide soup after Stations of the Cross on February 27. Five cooks are lined up to provide grilled cheese sandwiches and soups. March 17 help will be needed at SKD to set up, cook and clean up for a St. Patrick's Fest Dinner. There will be Twenty Four Hour Adoration followed by Mass at St. Pats 5:30PM and dinner in the hall at 6:45PM. There will be funeral mass for Fred Knittle on Friday 2/13, and Bob Dobbs Friday 2/20. Help is needed at 8AM at SKD to prepare for a reception on 2/20.

Unfinished Business

Safe environment, life scan completion is in progress.

New Business

No new business

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings. A Fourth Degree Exemplification was conducted in Elk Grove. Congratulations Sir Knights Renzelman and Olvera.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris gave a brief report including congratulating the council on membership growth and programs.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bob Dobbs, Fred Knittel, Adrian Brummer, Al Shindler and Mathew John Blanch. Pray also for Jenny Dobbs, Bill Tiemieyr, Mia Martinelli, Benjamin Pulido and family, Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, and Fr. Arlon.

Lecturer Report

There was a presentation on St. Scholastica including the history of the feast day.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

PGK Trassare closed the meeting at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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This humble carpenter set aside his fear and took a leap of faith. Not knowing what lay ahead, he trusted completely in God's providence and accepted the call to be the earthly father of the Son of God.

St. Joseph's "yes" had enormous consequences — he protected the Holy Family from all manner of evil and helped raise the Christ Child to manhood under his and Our Lady's watchful care. In this hidden yet essential role, he made possible the unfolding of Christ's saving mission.

St. Joseph was also a man of unwavering obedience. Each time he received a message from the Lord, he responded without hesitation. He didn't argue or delay; he acted immediately to protect those entrusted to him. When warned that Herod sought to kill the child, "he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt" (Mt 2:14).

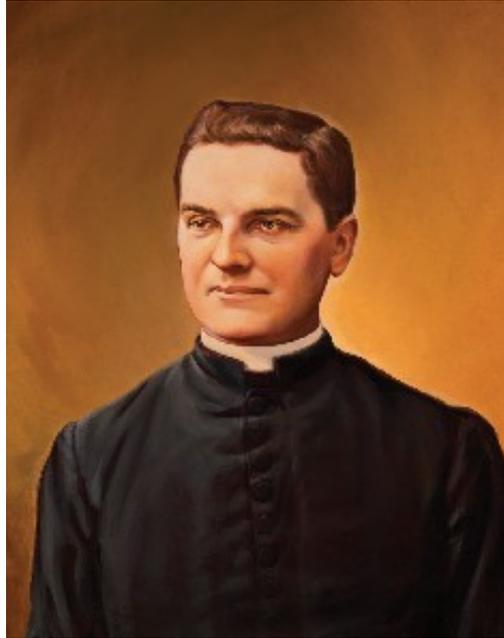
Joseph's humility and obedience stand in stark contrast to the pride and rebellion of Satan. This is what makes him such a powerful spiritual ally in the fight against evil.

A priest affiliated with the St. Michael Center for Spiritual Renewal — a Catholic ministry that serves people seeking deliverance from demonic influence — recently shared with me a compelling testimony. During the exorcism of a woman eventually delivered from possession, the Litany of St. Joseph was prayed aloud. At the invocation "St. Joseph, Terror of Demons," the demons reacted violently. Afterward, the woman explained that it was clear the demons were shaken by the saint's intercession and by the prayers offered in his name. She even described a vivid sense of St. Joseph's spiritual presence in the room — a moment she said she would never forget.

St. Josemaría Escrivá once observed, "The greatest male saint in the history of the Church is not a pope, cardinal, bishop, priest or friar. The greatest male saint in the history of the Church is a layman, a husband, a father and a worker."

As we strive to live our vocations faithfully and confront the forces of evil in our own time — in our homes, our parishes, and our society — let us look to St. Joseph as a model of authentic masculinity: humble, obedient, courageous. He is the *Terror of Demons*, and his quiet strength remains an enduring source of protection and inspiration for us today.

Vivat Jesus!



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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March Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 1: Knights Donut Sunday at SKD after the 10 AM Mass.

Tuesday, March 3: Rosary on KVGC Radio at SKD at 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 4: Planning Meeting at St. Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, March 10: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

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