



MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

For quite some time, I have been invited to join the Knights of Columbus but there were no element that encouraged me to join then. I was one of the leaders in another community involved in initiating family and marriage as well as spiritual enhancement. Our community requires us to do a sabbatical after years of leadership service in the community. When I finished my term as a core leader in this community and I convinced myself to do a Sabbatical. By this time, my wife asked me where do I want to serve? I answered that I will just rest for a while but if the Lord leads me to a community where I am needed then it should be my turn to serve another community.



In 2015, I was being asked to join the Knights again, I told the brother Knight, why I do not want to be a Knight because the lack of Spiritual nourishment. He agreed with me but this is where this recruiter used to convince me, *“You might be called by the Lord to this community so that our members can be soaked with spirituality, why not use your expertise and lead the Knights to be soaked with Spirituality?”* It dawn on me that he might be right, so I signed up right there and then thinking that my objective is to initiate spirituality in the Knights of Columbus to be more linked with Spirit of God.

While being a new member, I tried to learn what are the activities of the Knights compared to my previous community. Now that I am elected as a Grand Knight of this council, I see a problem, it is hard to convince the general membership to attend meetings. If members do not attend meetings, how could we assign volunteer work if there are no persons to assign the tasks, bearing in mind that all works in the knights are volunteer works?

The resolution therefore, must be to initiate proper communication and to find ways where we can convince members to attend meetings and approach membership. The leaders where they can, do volunteer works and be more adept in their relationship with other members and with the leadership as a whole.

This time let us do our best to find ways on how to initiate camaraderie and broaden our relationship so that we could meet the goals with the motto of the Knights of Columbus, unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism.

- Sundy Arca, Grand Knight

PAST EVENTS

Council 6855 held its Installation of Officers for Columbian Year 2017/2018 on August 12, 2017 at 12 noon. The ceremony was presided by Fr. Mark McGuckin at the church. This was followed by an informal reception open to all brother knights and their families which ended at about 3.00pm. Approximately 50 patrons and guests attended the event.

The following are the new officers of Columbian Year 2017/2018:



Group photos of officers present

Grand Knight	Domingo Arca
Deputy Grand Knight	David Chong
Chancellor	Francis Yong
Financial Secretary	Bernard Lo
Treasurer	Raymond Wong
Advocate	Ricardo Rozario
Recorder	John Koop
Warden	Ken Chew
Inside Guard	George Po
Inside Guard 2	Mario Geraldizo
Outside Guard 1	Jack Coursol
Outside Guard 2	Alan Veary
Lecturer	Brian Lam
Trustee 1	Francis Lee
Trustee 2	Antonio Rodriguez
Trustee 3	Michael Loh



Reception at the Parish gym

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events from the Knights of Columbus:

- **Joint Council Picnic: September 3, 2017 (Sunday)** 11.00am – 3:00pm at King George Park. Open to all members and families. Please RSVP with Sundy Arca. Hosted by Canadian Martyrs Richmond.
- **Monthly General Meeting: September 11, 2017 (Monday)** 7:30pm – 8:30pm at St Paul Parish Centre Rooms 1 & 2. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. Informal socializing will follow after the meeting.
- **Monthly Executive Meeting: September 18, 2017 (Monday)** 7:30pm – 8:30pm at St Paul Parish Centre Room 4. Meeting for Council officers only.
- **Filipino Fiesta: September 30, 2017 (Saturday)** starts from 6:30pm. Tickets are \$35.00. Hosted by this council as fundraising of the new church building fund. Members are encouraged to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are always for the Knights' continued service to the Church. Please contact the following to volunteer for:

- ADMINISTRATION – Sundy Arca 778 846 9653 / 604 275 6669 or inggo5368@gmail.com
- USHERING – Alberto Nisperos 604 837 4717 or anisperos@shaw.ca
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST – John Koop 604 278 6768 or jonkoop@shaw.ca
- TRAFFIC ASSIST – David Chong 778 893 8236 or dchong2@gmail.com