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We Read Scripture. Does It Read Us?

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

It is good for us to read the Scriptures prayerfully. But how? Often we gravitate toward favorite passages that inspire or console us. I frequently return to Jesus' invitation, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). Those words of Jesus never fail to encourage and strengthen me, especially when cares weigh heavily on my heart. Most of us, I think, have a few "go-to" verses in Scripture, especially in times of trial.

Sometimes we read Scripture to jump-start our prayer. Setting aside time for quiet prayer, we may find it difficult to focus our thoughts and affections. We think of everything except the Lord and his love. Reflecting on a few lines of Scripture can channel our thoughts and feelings, prompting conversation with God.

At other times, we may want to study Scripture. When we come upon a passage that is hard to understand, we might consult the footnotes in our Bibles. This might further prompt us to join a Bible study group. The Knights of Columbus offers a wonderful Scripture study, *Men of the Word*, that is used in *Cor* and other Bible study settings to help participants understand and love sacred Scripture more deeply. There are many Bible study groups for women as well.

In these ways, we read and understand Scripture. But isn't it also true that Scripture reads us? How often do biblical passages shed light on what we are feeling, thinking or doing, leading us to take stock of ourselves and repent of sinful patterns of behavior? Scripture is like a mirror in which we see ourselves as we really are, not the image we project before others, whether online or in person. Scripture reveals us to ourselves.

Consider Psalm 51. It is a penitential psalm in which King David repents of his adultery and his treachery in trying to cover it up. David acknowledges his sin before an all-knowing God. He begs to be forgiven. He asks the Lord for "a pure heart" and "a steadfast spirit." Can we not see ourselves in his plea for forgiveness? Psalm 51 is like a searchlight. Its beam shines on the sins we admit, but also on those we seek to deny, forget or hide. When we allow this psalm to read our hearts, we are set free to acknowledge our guilt, confess our sins and give thanks to God for his mercy. What a good psalm to pray before going to Confession or examining our consciences at night.

Minutes of the August Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on August 11, by Grand Knight Bob Strazzo. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor and Trustee Three Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from July were approved as written.

Membership Report

Interviews were conducted with two candidates and there is a planned exemplification scheduled for September.

Grand Knight Report

The cook was thanked for the dinner. GK Strazzo briefly expressed his desire to lead the council and offered one of his goals is to increase membership by getting other brothers interested in the order.

Chaplain's Report –

No report - RIP Deacon Jaime

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$14,017.58

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August Meeting Minutes

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Financial Secretary Report

Income –

Dinner - \$70

Bills –

Brother Bulger - \$143.054 Hospitality Sunday donuts

OLOP - \$150 gift card(s) - raffle prize for the food faire.

Communications

A thank you note was received from Michael Rooney for the scholarship he received.

Programs Director Report

Donut Sunday is hosted by the council on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 AM Mass. August 30 is the fifth Sunday and volunteers will be needed to serve donuts. August 16 after the 10 AM mass there will be the officer installation and potluck at St. Pats. Please plan to attend the installation with your families at noon, followed by lunch. Volunteers are needed to BBQ for the parish picnic on August 23. Garrett, Steve and others have volunteered to cook. Two more are needed to serve and run food. Tootsie roll drive will be on the third weekend in October and is in the planning stage. Brother Garrett will be the coordinator. Clergy appreciation is scheduled for Sunday September 20 and Brother Stan Ranzelman's home. Octoberfest is scheduled for October 3. Tickets are available and the dinner plans are in process.

Unfinished Business

The slate of officers for the next Columbian year are: Grand Knight Bob Strazzo, Deputy G.K. Phill Gonzalez, Chancellor Steve DeBenedet, Warden Jacob Schmidt, Treasurer Steve Bell, Recorder Dave Sanders, Advocate Mark Koenig, Inside Guard George Hoover, Outside Guard Patrick Stanish – Trustees Three Year Matt Waverly, Two Year Stan Ranzelman, One Year Jack Magee. Cooks are needed for the business meetings, see the DGK.

New Business

There was a M/S/A to pay the bills. A resolution was read and after discussion there was a M/S/A to pray for seminarian Jake Le Barre and donate \$450 to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. There was a M/S/A to donate \$100 to St. Vincint De Paul in Deacon Jaimes name.

Fourth Degree Assembly

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings. There was a presentation of a chalice at South Lake Tahoe church, and a short video was shown. A fund raiser may be coordinated to help raise funds for uniforms and chalices. Possible program is selling poinsettias for Christmas.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris provided a brief report and mentioned the growth of the order. Award applications are due soon, make sure to turn them in.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Jaime, Joe and Andy, and Jackie Gonzalez. Pray also for Sharon Strazzo, Jane Ragusano, Fran Slaughter, Jessica Knolls, Mariella Marr, Gerard Wen, Phil Gonzales, Dick and Jeannie and Fr. Arlon.

Lecturer Report

There was a presentation on Roberts' Rules of Order.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

The GK closed the meeting at 8:02.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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Events Calendar 2026-2027

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2026 until June 2027

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2026 until June 2027. Dinner at 6:00

Installation Mass (at SKD) and Picnic (installation and picnic at St Patrick's Hall), SKD 10 AM August 16, 2026, St Patrick's Hall at 12 PM

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sept 20, 2026, 4-7 PM Location TBD

Fall Dinner, Oktoberfest at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) Oct 3rd, 20262026

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 16, 17, & 18, 2026

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 8, 2026 (2nd Sunday)

Advent Party SKD, 5 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 4th, 2026

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 6, 2027

Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) April 17th, 2027

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 8 PM May 16, 2026 (3rd Sunday)

Hospitality Donuts every 1st Sunday at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of month with 4 Sundays (August, November, January, May)

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 at SKD – St Maximillian Kolbe Room

Installation of Officers Ceremony at Saint Patrick's





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.

The Officers of Council 1849

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September Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 2: Planning Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, September 8: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

September 20: Clergy Appreciation Dinner at 4 PM. TBD.

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