



32's NEWS



March 2020

President's Message

Greetings Brothers:

Lent is a Christian season of repentance, sort of a spring cleaning of our lives that calls us to renew our faith in Christ. It began Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and it will last 40 days. The number 40 has a symbolic meaning in the bible. 40 days of Lent remind us of Jesus' fasting in the wilderness and the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert before entering the promised land.

The ashes are traditionally made from the burned palms of last year's Palm Sunday and worn by Catholics and other Christians on this day. They are a sign of Repentance, Humility and Mortality which is why when ashes are distributed the minister says "repent and believe in the Gospel". We do not wear ashes to proclaim our holiness but acknowledge that we are sinners in need of repentance and renewal. Ash Wednesday is the day when Christians renew three practices: Fasting, Praying and Giving.

Why Fast? Because choosing to go without something reminds us of our dependence on God, Jesus' sacrifice for us, and teaches us to live in solidarity with the less fortunate. Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a penance and sacrifice to remember Jesus' death on Good Friday. Many people give something up for Lent which a form of Fasting.

Why Pray? To grow closer to God and ask for forgiveness.

Why Give? What God gives us is not meant to keep to ourselves but share with others especially the poor following Jesus' example.

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Remember that this Lenten road of reflection, prayer, sacrifice and penance ultimately leads to Joy! So this Lent try to make a donation to a charity close to your heart, reflect on the readings before mass, give something up, volunteer with your local soup kitchen, attend the station of the cross, do a random act of kindness every day, pray for family, friends, strangers and our world and consider all the ways in which you might grow closer to God.

In March, as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have the Red and White mass which will be celebrated in Sebastopol Saturday March 14th. By the time you get this message it might be too late to reserve a seat on the bus going to this event, but you can try calling Br. **Mike Amato** at 650-296-6297. Perhaps you'll be in luck and there are still seats available. Also, at our social this month we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Br. **Paul Walsh** will be cooking his traditional and delicious corned beef and cabbage, and thanks to our Br. **Tom Fourie** we'll be enjoying the fabulous Irish Dancers. Do not wait to make your dinner reservation. Invite your family and friends. They sure won't be disappointed as this is always a fun social. Don't forget to wear something green!

Please remember to start sending your forms for our first Bocce Ball tournament open to our brothers' family and friends on May 9th. Send your forms to Br. **Steve Cresci** email: scresci16@gmail.com or any questions cell 415-297-5816.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Mar. 12 6 pm
Business Meeting
Sausage and Polenta Dinner

Saturday, Mar. 14 4 pm
Red and White Mass
Sebastopol

Thursday, Mar. 26 6 pm
St. Patrick's Day Social
Celebration and Paul Walsh and crew serves up a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner!

Thursday, Apr. 9 6 pm
Holy Thursday
Business Meeting

Thursday, Apr. 23 6 pm
Social

*Please make your meal reservations at least three days before the event.
(650) 583-2510*

*Happy
Easter!*

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Please don't forget we need donations for raffle prizes, too!

Please remember our Br. **Ron Guaraldi's** wife, Darlene in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

May God bless you and your families in this Lenten Season!

Pro Deo, Pro Patria,
Luis Alvarenga
President

YMI GO FUND ME PAGE at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f8wzbpw-christmas-food-drive>

Council Chatter....

To our faithful friends and YMI brothers....

We couldn't believe so many cared.
 Maybe you sent a lovely card, sat quietly in a chair;
 Maybe you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.
 Maybe you sent or spoke kind words, As any friend could say;
 Maybe you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.
 Whatever you did, To console our hearts, We thank you so much.
 (Poem Adapted from original author Martha Lee Frazier-Sherman)

You helped so much because you shared.
 May God in Heaven up above, enfold you in his arms of Love.
 Thank you, Thank you

Felix, Rene, Linda & Perez family (Family of **Adan Perez** #32)

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 Sincere sympathy to the **Ron Guaraldi** and the Guaraldi families on the loss of Ron's wife, **Darlene**. She was avid supporter of Council 32, attending and participating in many of our events over the years. May she rest in peace.

Services to be held on Sat., March 28th, 11 AM, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont.
 If you would like to attend a lunch afterwards, please let Ron know.
 650-593-4855 (Ron) (emailed newsletters includes attachment)

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 Brother **Steve Cresci** asks that all Bocce Ball players save the date:
 Saturday May 9, 2020 for the first annual YMI Council 32 Bocce Ball Tournament!
 (Flyer mailed in February, Attached in Feb./March email)

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 Remember, Brothers attending the Red and White Mass in Sebastopol must make reservations to attend the Red & White Dinner. The dinner fee is \$25 and there is a reservation flyer on the YMI website that provides details: <http://www.ymiusa.org/>

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 A final reminder from Brother **Tom Fourie** to Council 32 Brothers regarding the Pro Patria Raffle drawing which takes place March 14, 2020 at the Red and White Mass. Get your tickets in ASAP. Visit the <http://www.ymiusa.org/> to print your own tickets.

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 Did you call an advertiser last month to thank them or get an estimate?
 We have 16 faithful advertisers that spend money to advertise to our members.
 Let's help out these brothers and those businesses who support us.

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 During Lent we give up something that we enjoy (e.g. chocolate, alcohol, sodas, etc.) Maybe doing a good deed each day would be as meaningful as we share the love of Jesus, helping others in some way. Make charitable donations to a soup kitchen, St. Vincent DePaul, the YMI. Etc. Volunteer at your church, library or local senior center. You can come up with many more ideas than I. Think about the sacrifice of time and treasure you could commit to this Lenten season. Wow, 40 acts of kindness...wouldn't that be something, if we did it. Yes, quite a sacrifice, but one that benefits our brethren, too.

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and Polenta Dinner.**

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Reserve your dinner.

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