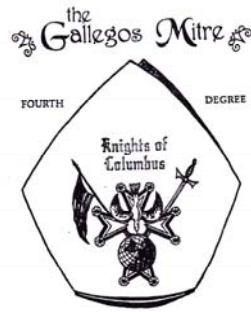




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## **Time**

I was watching a comedian the other night, a man who seems to be about my age. He was talking about all the technological advances he's seen in his lifetime. Just real basic stuff, like how you used to have to *dial* a number on a telephone rather than use voice activation, or push one button for speed dial. For instance, when we were young speed dialing was a number that didn't have any zeroes in it (only people who can remember using a rotary phone will laugh at that).

His point was that despite the fact that we live in such an amazing time, no one seems to be happy. Even more so, people seem to get very frustrated that things take so long. My wife and I refer to our daughters' generation as the "Microwave Generation." They are among the first group of Americans to grow up not knowing what life was like without certain technologies...one of them being the microwave oven. But it also refers to how impatient they get. Why should we cook hot dogs outside on the grill when we can cook them in the microwave oven in a minute? It takes longer than that to go outside and light the gas grill. Don't even get them started on how long it takes to get a charcoal grill going. Yet, those hot dogs cooked on the charcoal grill taste a lot better than the ones you "nuke" in a minute. Three minutes for a bag of popcorn? It used to take longer than that just to heat the oil in our old popcorn popper. Maybe it's just me, but the popcorn seemed to taste a little better then, too.

Too, it could be that we ate slower then and enjoyed it more. As I've discovered recently, one of the reasons obesity has become such a problem in this nation is that we eat too fast. We eat so fast, in fact, that the signal from our bodies that we are full doesn't arrive until we've already overeaten by a substantial amount.

The actual air time for a flight from New York to San Francisco is about 5 ½ hours. 50 years ago it was a week's drive for most people, or a couple days train ride. Those who were lucky enough to fly had to make at least one stop along the way for refueling. And there were no in-flight movies, internet, or sky phones to distract you or allow you to work. But talk to someone about a cross country flight today, and inevitably you'll hear complaints about delays boarding the plane or sitting on the runway for 20 minutes waiting your turn to take off.

Even those of us who have lived long enough to remember the way things used to be get caught up in this hurry-up mindset. Today, we almost never wait in line anymore unless we're at a store. And inevitably we complain about having to wait in line. If we see someone in the express lane in front of us with more than 15 items. Now, even the stores are putting self-checkout stations in so you don't have to wait for that slow cashier.

We get upset if the line at the ATM machine is more than two people. Yet, I can remember when you had to go into the bank to withdraw cash. In those days, most banks closed at 3pm and were never open on Saturdays. And with a few exceptions, if you ran out of cash you couldn't buy ANYTHING.

It's difficult for us not to get caught up in living life at the speed of technology. The only one who isn't affected by the frenzy of living in today's world is God. I know I've been through trials and tribulations and at some point got frustrated just with the length of time it was taking for God to show me what he had in store for me.

My grandmother used to say that God's millstone turns the slowest, but it makes the finest flour. That was her way of telling me to be patient; to wait for the gifts that God was preparing for me, because they would be well worth the wait.

God uses the trials we face in this life to teach us, if we're willing to be students. Sometimes, the trial passes as soon as we understand the lesson we are being taught. Not always. The thing I remember most about learning is that whenever I was in a hurry, I always missed something or made a mistake.

As we enter the season of Lent, let's make sure we all slow down and pay attention to what God might be trying to teach us today. This is the season to remember that God gave us his Son. Surely we can say thank you with a little of our time and patience.

God Bless,  
**John Brodie**  
**Faithful Navigator**

**NOTE: We will no longer have an "IF" drawing but will continue with the 50/50 drawing**

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

### MARCH

- 11 March Planning Meeting
- 24 March Business Meeting

### APRIL

- 8 April Planning Meeting
- 28 April Business Meeting

Business meeting starts at 6:30  
 Planning Meeting starts at 7:00



## 2009- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in Sacramento

**Mark Your Calendars. The 103<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in Sacramento in scheduled for Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel. When more information becomes available, it will be passed along. And just as a reminder, NOW is the time to start recruiting. If you need a Form for Applications, just let me know.**

**Your Faithful Comptroller,**

**David Crowe 685-3871**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you should see any of these fine Sir Knights, wish them a happy birthday.

Sir Knight	Gary Lomazzi	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Sergio Bricca	7 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Daniel Ponsano	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Roger Baht	17 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Rev. Michael Pintacura	17 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	John Brodie	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Joseph Hudetz	27 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Soliman Martin	28 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Dan Brennan	30 <sup>th</sup>

**NOTE: There are no longer any "free" dinners on the month of a SK's birthday.**



# **Steak and Shrimp Dinner**



**Saturday May 16, 2009**



**St. Christopher Catholic community Center**

**No-host cocktails 5:30 pm.**

**Dinner 6:30 pm.**

**\$25/person \$45/couple**

**Seating will be limited to 100 people.**

**PLEASE. . . Pray always for our  
military men and women.**



"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen"

When you read this, please stop for a moment and say this prayer for our ground, air and navy personnel in Iraq and everywhere. Of all the gifts you could give to anyone in the US Military, be it Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or National Guard,

Prayer is the best one...