



# THE MARINER

The Knights of Columbus  
Monsignor Dominic Blasco Council 3298  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
August/September, 2017

## News and Information

✿ The **September Business Meeting** is moved to *Tuesday, Sept. 5th*, due to Labor Day. We will be holding a Corporation Meeting at this meeting, as well as working on the budget. If you items you would like added to the budget, now is the time to get them in.

✿ We will be serving **Coffee and Donuts** for the Parish on Sunday, Sept. 3rd after the 9:00 am Mass. Please come and help if you can!

✿ Our **Annual Banquet** was held at Café Americain on July 29th, and a great time was had by all! Our **Man of the Year** award was presented to *John Lofaso*, and the **Family of the Year** award was presented to *Charles Pecquet* and his family. Congratulations!

✿ On July 15th there was a **KC BBQ Cookoff**, and James Rodney led our team in taking 2nd out of 9 teams! Thank you also to assistants John Lofaso, Charles Pecquet, and Raymond Calandro. We are looking forward to next year when James assures us we will take first!

✿ On September 10th, Sacred Heart will be holding a **Ministry Fair**. We will need some Knights to man our table after both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. We will also be serving coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 Mass and cooking a meal after the 11:00 am Mass. Please come out and help!!

**Have a safe and happy Labor Day!**

*Happy Birthday to these members born in September:*

P.J. Graham—1st, Darryl Alello—12th  
James Lewis III—16th, Gerald Perrero—28th



*The Next Business Meeting is....*

**Tuesday,  
Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Food—6:30 p.m.  
Rosary—6:45 p.m.

*BINGO DATES:*

*September 7<sup>th</sup>  
and  
September 21<sup>st</sup>*



*To these members born in August:*

Ravis Mire—1st  
Kevin Messina—2nd  
Travis Brochard—8th  
Bill Purcell—10th  
Jim Rodney—16th (*Happy 90th!!*)  
Raymond Calandro—17th  
Bill Helms—17th  
Don Gerald—21st  
David Hunter—24th  
Michael Amorello—25th  
Luis Torres, Sr.—25th  
Robert Bogan—28th  
Joseph Sampere—29th

**Jackpots!**

The Large Jackpot Winner for August was **Wilbur "Dub" Johnson**, who was absent, and missed receiving his cash prize of \$60.00!! The Small Jackpot winner was **Charles Pecquet**. Want to have a chance to win? Attend the monthly meetings! You also get a great meal!!

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## Good of the Order

By Davis Hotard, P. G. K.

### The Heresy of Worshiptainment

The great heresy of the church today is that some think they're in the entertainment business. A.W. Tozer believed this to be true back in the 1950s and 60s. Church members "want to be entertained while they are edified." He said that in 1962. Tozer grieved, even then, that it was "scarcely possible in most places to get anyone to attend a meeting where the only attraction was God." More recently, David Platt has asked: "What if we take away the cool music and the cushioned chairs? What if the screens are gone and the stage is no longer decorated? What if the air conditioning is off and the comforts are removed? Would His Word still be enough for his people to come together?" (Radical)

Would it be enough? Tozer got it right: "Heresy of method may be as deadly as heresy of message." Like Tozer, we should be concerned that so many people in our churches want to be entertained while they worship. We should be concerned when we no longer recognize the difference between the two. And we should be concerned by the growing belief that adding more entertainment value to worship is necessary for the church to accomplish its mission.

I may stand alone, but it grieves me when I see worship services characterized more by props, performances, and pep rally atmospheres than by any sense of divine sacredness; and hallowedness giving way to shallowness. This is not about worship styles. The issue is not traditional versus contemporary versus blended worship. It's not about organ versus worship band. That discussion misses the point completely. This is about the heart and focus and intent of worship. The real issues, for me, are these:

#### 1. Who or what is the spotlight really on?

If the figurative spotlight in our church services is on anyone other than God, it is not worship. If the spotlight shines brighter on human performance than on the gospel of Christ, it is not worship. If anyone other than Jesus is receiving our adulation and applause, it is not God we worship.

#### 2. What message are we communicating?

The message of the church—the message the world needs to hear from us—is not, "Come and have a good time," "Come and be entertained," or "Come and find your best life now." Tozer said: "Christ calls men to carry a cross; we call them to have fun in His name." The message of the church is the message of the cross. Lest we forget, Jesus' cross was a source of entertainment only for those who mocked Him as He hung on it.

#### 3. How are lives changed?

"But our methods are attracting and winning people!" some will say. Tozer addressed that sentiment: "Winning them to what? To true discipleship? To cross-carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To a despising of the world's treasures? To hard self-discipline? To love for God? To total committal to Christ?"

David Platt and the church he pastored, The Church at Brook Hills, decided to try to answer the question, "Is His Word still enough for His people to come together?" They stripped away the entertainment value and invited people to come simply to study God's Word. They called it Secret Church. They set a date—on a Friday night—when they would gather from 6:00 in the evening until midnight, and for six hours they would do nothing but study God's Word and pray. People came. A thousand people came the first time and it grew from that. Soon, they had to start taking reservations because the church was packed full. Secret Church now draws tens of thousands of people via simulcast in over 50 countries around the world—with no entertainment, no bells and whistles or smoke machines.

Why do they come? Platt explained in an interview: "People are hungry for the Word. There's really nothing special or creative about it. It's just the study of the Word ... The Word itself does the work!" People are hungry. They are hungry for a diet of substance, not candy. More of the Word. Deeper into the Word. Less of what Tozer called "religious toys and trifles."

Please pray for any Knights or members of any Knight's family that you know of that is sick or in distress. If you know of any Brother Knight or a family member who is sick or in distress, please call Davis Hotard at 387-1578.

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