

## Knights Lecture 5 (10/2/2014)

*It was once lost, but has been found.* After a defeat in the Knights' Bowl that caused us to lose the trophy, we have once again come out victorious and reclaimed the Trophy.

Welcome to the new members of the council, I hope that those of you that played in the Bowl had a great time. I think I speak for all of us when I say that this council is like my family on campus; and being a family means that I think of many of you as my brothers. Not just brother knights, but brothers.

How many of you attended Mass one Wednesday, or read the readings from Wednesday's Mass? For those of you that did you'll recognize the first reading from Ephesians, where Paul writes, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right...Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ, not only when being watched, as currying favor, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, willingly serving the Lord and not men, knowing that each will be requited from the Lord for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free."<sup>1</sup>

"Be slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." Upon hearing this, my first thought was that we are all slaves in some capacity to our responsibilities we have as a result of the course in life we have decided to take. Whether it be as a student, a teacher, or current/future priests. Sure, we could neglect our responsibilities in the same way a slave could neglect the orders of his master, but like consequences the slave would suffer, the consequences for us would be dire for sure.

Unfortunately, it has become increasingly popular to for people to allow themselves to become slaves to their desires. This is one thing we cannot, as both Catholic gentlemen and as Knights of Columbus, that we CANNOT allow ourselves to become. Instead we are called to be servants not to ourselves, but to others. We are called to serve their needs, their wants, and their desires.

This has extra significance today as it is All Soul's Day. We must remember that we are mortal beings, and eventually we WILL face judgment. So I ask you this, do we want to go before the Almighty Judge and have to say that we spent our time on earth being slave to our own desires, or do we want to go before Him and proudly claim that we made the world just a little bit better by spending our lives as servants to the needs and desires not of ourselves, but of others?

*Tempus Fugit Memento Mori.* Time Flies Remember Death

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Ephesians 1: 6-9