



# The Good of the Order

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## The Supreme Good of the Order

Have you ever known a picky eater?

You know, the stubborn child that only wants one particular food that isn't all that nutritious. Like Capn' Crunch cereal or Flaming Hot Cheetos, but rarely eats a crisp apple or – God forbid – steamed broccoli.

I have a confession to make. I have a stubborn streak of being a picky reader.

I receive various publications in the mail, and I put them into a pile for later reading. Sometimes I read them, and sometimes I recycle them without reading. Columbia Magazine falls victim to that habit, sometimes.

This Lent, I made a resolution to start reading more. The February issue of Columbia Magazine featured a series of tributes to outgoing Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson. If you haven't read the February issue yet, make sure to go through it.

Brother Anderson accomplished a great deal during his 20 years as Supreme Grand Knight, from focusing on evangelization and exercising leadership to strengthen the Knights in many ways.

Bottom line, Carl Anderson gave up a lot of personal freedom to put Christ, Mary, and the Church first through his leadership role with the Knight of Columbus.

In the third chapter of his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul related his conversion story's bottom line. At one time, he relished his revered heritage as a righteous Jew and Pharisee. Paul persecuted the early church. He met Jesus on the road to Damascus. And, after that meeting, he considered all his previous gains to be a loss.

Consider these verses from Philippians 3:7-8, "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of **the supreme good** of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have accepted the loss of all things and consider them so much rubbish that I may gain Christ and be found in him."

The supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord is greater than any accomplishment we may attain or human-bestowed honor we may receive. We are in the season of Lent now. In Lent, we focus on making sacrifices, giving up things so that we can come to know Jesus Christ with greater trust and friendship.

As Knights of Columbus, we share the Catholic faith's mission and bottom line with Carl Anderson. We seek the Supreme Good – intimate knowledge and friendship with Jesus Christ and fraternity with each other.

That's what we have before us this Lent, my friends and Brother Knights, the sacred privilege to know Christ-crucified and raised. Together with Jesus, we come to realize the Supreme Good of the Order.

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