

**D.G.K.:**

The words of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are clearly written into the ceremonials of our Order. But they are only words until they are given life in the actions of men. For \_\_\_\_\_ Charity, Unity and Fraternity were not mere words, but rather they were living realities as shown in his actions.

**ALL:** Lord, help us to do likewise.

**LEADER:** O Heavenly Father, we ask you to help us to be worthy Knights of Columbus. We ask you, in your infinite mercy, to grant our Brother Knight \_\_\_\_\_ eternal peace. May his soul and the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Knights.

**ALL:** Pray for him.

**LEADER:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

### *WAKE SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS*

**LEADER:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:** Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, a gentle Father of the God of all consolation who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can offer others, in their sorrows, the consolation that we have received from God ourselves.

**LEADER:** A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith so as to move mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing. And if I distribute all my belongings to feed the poor and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity it profits me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind; charity does not envy, is not pretentious, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, is not self-seeking, is not provoked: thinks no evil, does not rejoice over wickedness, but rejoices with the truth; bears with all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ... so there abide Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, but the greatest of these is CHARITY." The word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**LEADER:** We have heard the words of St. Paul on Charity, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Let us, in Charity pray for our Brother Knight that God may grant him the promises of Christ, eternal life and happiness. Let us also pray for ourselves, that through the virtue of Charity, we might be living witnesses to Christ and of mankind's victory over sin and death.

**G.K.:** After each petition please respond: "Lord hear our prayer"  
**G.K.:** That all our Brother Knights, who have preceded us into the fullness of life, might be an inspiration for us, let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**G.K.:** That all who suffer may find significance in their suffering and sorrow by understanding Christ's message of new life let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**G.K.:** That God may grant \_\_\_\_\_, all our Brother Knights and all the faithful departed, light and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**G.K.:** That through the inspiration of \_\_\_\_\_'s earthly life we might become better Knights of Columbus and more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**G.K.:** That the family of \_\_\_\_\_ may not languish in fruitless and unavailing grief, but that they may be comforted by the words of faith until they greet Christ in glory and are united with \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**LEADER:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us: Our Father, who art in heaven ....

**D.G.K.:** The Second Vatican Council tells "That each individual layman must stand before the world as a witness to the Resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and as a sign that God lives. This was the challenge fulfilled by our Brother \_\_\_\_\_ as a Knight of Columbus. During his earthly life \_\_\_\_\_ under the guidance of Holy Mother Church, conformed his life to the teaching of Christ."

**ALL:** Lord, help us to do likewise.

**D.G.K.:** During his earthly life \_\_\_\_\_ showed respect for all lawful authority, forming a right conscience, so that he could freely obey the lawful demands made upon him.

**ALL:** Lord, help us to do likewise.