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## Grand Knight's Message

**Grand Knight Bill Bolin**



Worthy Brothers All:

It's hard to believe we are in the last quarter of the fraternal year. I want to thank all the brothers who attended and participated in last month's First Degree and welcome Harold Tarver, the newest member of our council. I also want to thank Prosper Youm for joining the First Degree Team.

Easter is a time for spiritual renewal, and it is exciting to see the spiritual and communal growth in the parish. It seems that each year St. Andrew's is a more vibrant parish. I am proud of the role you play in that vibrancy.

If you haven't been active in the council, but want to do more, please come out to one of the meetings this month. We will have our business meeting at 7:45 on Wednesday, April 11. Our social meeting is on April 25 and will begin with a Rosary at 7:30. We meet in the teachers' lounge at St. Andrew's School.

The Council is also seeking volunteers to chair the different program areas (Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth) for next year. Please contact Paul Sanneman (301) 460-9410 or David Keefe (301) 460-6714 if you want to be more involved with these groups or would like to be an officer next year. New members, this is a great opportunity to do more with the Knights!

I wish all of you a Happy and Holy Easter. May God bless you and your families.

Fraternally,

Bill.\*

## Volunteers Needed for Asphalt Repair

Chancellor John O' Donnell is looking for some help...on an upcoming Saturday morning once the weather warms up and dries out. He would like to patch some of the holes in the St. Andrew's parking lot. You don't need to be an expert, just willing to help. You can bring a shovel, a heavy garden rake or just yourself to direct potential traffic around the work zone. If you can be of assistance in this project, please contact John at (301) 908-1194 to let him know which Saturdays you are available.\*

## Nominations for Officers

Our Grand Knight, Bill Bolin, has asked Dave Keefe and Paul Sanneman to serve as the nominating committee for council officers for the next fraternal year, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. We need each of you to consider how to be involved with making our council a success in serving God's people. The following positions are elected offices:

Grand Knight	Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor	Warden
Recorder	Treasurer
Advocate	Inside Guard(s)
	Outside Guard

The positions of Lecturer, Trustees and Financial Secretary are appointed. Other important roles in our council need your help with:

Church Activities Dir	Council Activities Dir
Community Activities Dir	Family Activities Dir
Youth Activities Dir	Pro-Life Couple
Tootsie Roll Chair	Lenten Retreat Chair
Newsletter Editor	Admissions/Retention Char

Please consider how to get involved this year - all positions have experienced men ready to help new volunteers. Pass this message to fellow knights without email.

For more info or to volunteer, contact: Paul Sanneman, Dave Keefe or Bill Bolin.\*



## Chaplain's Message



Assoc Chaplain Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

### Mercy Sunday

To most, April 15 is not considered a good day because it is our last chance to pay our taxes. But this April 15 is a very good day for all, because it is Mercy Sunday.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Mercy Sunday. How this came about should be an inspiration to all Knights.

In 1931, Our Lord appeared to a simple nun, Saint Faustina Helena Kowalska bringing her a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind and charged her with spreading this message throughout the world.

Saint Faustina was the least likely candidate for such an important role. She was the third of ten children growing up in a poor rural family in Poland. She had only three years of very simple education and was usually assigned by her order to work in the kitchen or the vegetable garden. She played an unimportant role in the life of her order, but Almighty God knew of her tremendous holiness and this is why He chose her to spread this important message throughout the world.

From 1931 to her death in 1938 at the age of 33, Our Lord appeared with messages of His Mercy. Sister Faustina wrote down these messages in her diary and these messages fill over six hundred pages and have been published many times under the title of Divine Mercy in My Soul.

The primary message of mercy is that Almighty God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His Mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His Mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

Concerning Mercy Sunday, Our Lord told Saint Faustina that, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are open.”

Pope John Paul II granted a plenary indulgence to everyone who goes to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prays for the intentions of the Holy Father, receives the Eucharist on Mercy Sunday, and who participates in the devotions of Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday or who recites before the

tabernacle the Our Father, Creed, and say, “Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.”

Mercy Sunday is a tremendous spiritual opportunity for all, especially Knights and their loved ones. The life of Saint Faustina is a reminder to Knights that Almighty God can do great things through us, if we are only open His guidance. \*

## District Deputy's Message



District Deputy Tom Schneider

My Brothers and Sisters all:

April is a wonderful month! After the dismal up and down weather we have been subjected to, I look forward to more sunshine and lighter breezes. Most importantly, we celebrate the foundation of our religion as we celebrate the risen Lord! For the grand Knights, just a few simple major reports are due to the State. I personally thank each Grand Knight and Council for their on time submissions of these reports. It makes life a lot easier for the District Deputy. Our State Deputy Edgar D. Haynes KCHS has consistently stated that he wants all Councils to be “Star Councils.” Each of our Councils has a chance to meet this goal. As usual, the issue gets down to recruiting new members and adding insurance members. If you have an interest card, make certain you call back within a week to express your interest in having the person become a Knight. The District has a First Degree scheduled for every month remaining in the year, so the opportunity to meet the most difficult Star Council is within your reach. This month we also celebrate the death of Blessed Francis Page, S.J. Born into a wealthy Protestant English family, he clerked for a Catholic lawyer. Francis fell in love with the lawyer’s daughter, but she would not marry him until he became a Catholic... After receiving instructions from a Jesuit priest who was imprisoned in London’s Clink Prison, he abandoned the thought of marriage and decided to become a Jesuit. WOW! After ordination he escaped the priest hunters for a few years. Captured and convicted of treason, he was condemned to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. Those who sacrifice themselves for the faith are truly an inspiration.

Mary, Queen of the Knights, pray for us\*

## COUNCIL #13008

### **OFFICERS:**

Chaplain	Msgr. Michael Mellone
Chaplain Emeritus	Rev. Joseph Kennedy
Associate Chaplain	Deacon Kevin Mukri
Grand Knight	William Bolin
Deputy Grand Knight	Wayne Miller, PGK
Chancellor	John O'Donnell
Warden	Prosper Youm
Recorder	Werner Moeller
Financial Secretary	Paul Sanneman
Treasurer	David Keefe
Advocate	Thomas Murphy
Lecturer	Deacon Michael Bond
Inside Guard	Yves Sainteus
Outside Guard	Thomas Devlin III
Trustee	Jim Lehr
Trustee	David Czarnecki, PGK
Trustee	Gary Yeck, PGK

### **CHAIRMAN:**

Program Director	Wayne Miller, PGK
Church Activities Dir.	Deacon Michael Bond
Community Activity Dir	Nick Luketic
Council Activities Dir	Tom Devlin
Family Activities Dir	Michael Caruso
Youth Activities Dir	Bill Taylor
Membership Director	
Vocations Chairman	
Recruitment Chairman	
Retention Chairman	Wayne Miller
Tootsie Roll Chairman	Werner Moeller
Pro-Life Couple	Wayne & Elesa Miller
Health Services	Tony Gentilcore
Columbian Squires	
Public Relations Chairman	David Keefe
Newsletter Editor	Dave Czarnecki
Webmaster	David Keefe

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All council meetings are held in the Teachers' Lounge of the school. Officer's meetings are held at 7:30 on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held at 7:45 on the second Wednesday of the month. Social meetings are held at 7:45 on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

### **April Meetings**

April 04	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
April 11	Business meeting	7:45 PM
April 25	Social meeting	7:45 PM
	Rosary (7:30PM)	

## Welcome Aboard!

Brother Harold Tarver received the honors of the First Degree on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Brother Tarver is the eighty-sixth member to join our council.\*

## March Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for March is Dennis Gorres. Dennis is active in church fundraising in St. Andrew's Bingo.\*

## March Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is the family of Nick Dhanaraj. Nick and his family have served the parish for many years as ushers, altar servers, and extraordinary ministers.\*

## April Birthdays

Brother Stephen Nichols on the 4<sup>th</sup>; Warden Prosper Youm on the 11<sup>th</sup>; PGK Eugene Cottilli on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; and, Brother Dominic Kastre on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, April, wife PGK Eugene Cottilli on the 4<sup>th</sup>.\*

## April Anniversaries

Brother Joseph Zagami and his wife Diane celebrate their eighteenth on the 15<sup>th</sup>; Brother Tony Gatti and his wife La Verne celebrate their sixtieth on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; and, Brother Frank Kenney and his wife Marjorie celebrate their fiftieth on the 27<sup>th</sup>.\*

## Remember In Your Prayers

Brother Robert Cowley who is ill, Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy's recovery, June Kastre, wife of Brother Dominic who is ill, The son of Brother Joseph Barrett who is recovering from wounds suffered in Iraq, as well as other Brothers who are ill or in need and our servicemen who are in harms way. Also, remember prospective member Donald McCallum who is ill.\*

## Monsignor Wells Message

[From the Pastor's Desk, *Spiritual Reflections by Monsignor, Thomas M. Wells*]  
April 17, 1994

### Unity of Mind and Heart

You will notice during these weeks of the Easter season that we will hear much at Mass, both on Sunday and during the week, from the Acts of the Apostles. This book, written by St. Luke, was very probably one complete work with his Gospel; the separation that we see in our Bibles probably was something that took place in the early Church. The reason we read so much from the Acts during these weeks is because the book tells the story of how the Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, took the Good News of the crucified and Risen Lord from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Jesus promised, before He died, to send the Spirit; the Acts is the story of how that Spirit, living in the body of believers, the Church, began the work of converting the world—a work that will continue until the end of time. While we might read the many stories of Peter or Paul or the other leaders of the infant Christian community and be fascinated with their individual histories, a close attention to the Acts never allows us to forget that this book is really "The Gospel of the Holy Spirit," as it is sometimes called. It is the Spirit who is, and who always will be, the hero of the Church's story.

As we listen to and read the Acts of the Apostles, we are recalling the first days of our family history. To an extent, we are no doubt being told the best of that story (does not every family do the same?), but Acts reminds us of what we as Church, as God's family, are called to be. In particular I have meditated quite a bit on Acts 4:32. "The community of believers was of one mind and one heart." Two or three things strike me about that line.

First of all, it reminds me that head and heart were as one in these early believers. With their heads, they heard the Good News. To some extent, they understood what God had revealed in Christ. They believed that He had risen from the dead and that, only in Him, was there salvation. Therefore they understood that they must choose to follow Him, even to the Cross, if necessary. The great thing, though, was that they not only understood with their heads, they also gave their hearts to what they understood the Good News to be. So often, I understand the Church's message, but instead of giving my heart to that message (or some part of it, like forgiveness or chastity or charity in speech) I love, I choose the message of the world. Because in so many of us mind and heart are not united, we experience, individually and in

family and community, the chaos and disunity characteristic of sin. Only when the individuals and the community of faith are characterized by unity of mind and heart can the Church be an effective sign of the unity that is within God Himself.

## Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

### The Cultural Tsunami

(Second in a series of four articles)

America entered the 1960s as a well-established Christian society. Then early in that decade, a series of social, military, and religious events occurred which changed the culture of the nation. Anyone of these occurrences would have weakened the religious foundations of the country, but their emergence in rapid succession created a confluence that overwhelmed the existing order.

The nation became involved in the Vietnamese struggle for independence in the 1950s, first providing military advisors and then trainers to the South Vietnamese forces. In 1964, a series of military actions escalated the conflict into a proxy war between the United States and the Soviet Union, with large numbers of U.S. troops being sent to Vietnam. The war, which lasted until the U.S. military was withdrawn in 1975, was very unpopular with the American public and led to dissatisfaction with the nation's leaders.

Discontentment took a violent turn in 1963, when President John F. Kennedy, who was young, charismatic and widely admired, was assassinated. Two years later, Malcolm X, a leader in the Black community, was shot while delivering a speech. This was followed in 1968 by the killing of Robert F. Kennedy, who was campaigning for President, and then of Martin Luther King, Jr., a Black civil rights leader. These assassinations added to the disillusionment of the American people in the governing establishment and to its ability to bring about political and social change.

Disenchantment was particularly strong among the children of the World War II veterans, who were then entering adulthood. While the veterans and their parents experienced the effects of the "Great Depression", and so were concerned about improving their economic status, their children rejected a predominantly materialistic view of the American dream. A segment of this social group, known as hippies, rebelled against established institutions, criticized middle class values, adopted aspects of non-Judeo-Christian religions, experimented with psychedelic drugs, and promoted peace, love and sexual liberation. The Vietnam War, which they strongly opposed, gave them a rallying point

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to promote their countercultural views. The movement hits its apogee in August 1969, when over 500,000 hippies attended the three-day Woodstock Music and Art Festival on a dairy farm in New York. Although only a small part of the nation's population, the hippies were highly visible and vocal and served as an unofficial vanguard for a culture that was much less religious.



The loosening of sexual mores extended to the population as a whole. In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved the pharmaceutical company G.D. Searle to market the first oral contraceptive, which was referred to as "the Pill." Even though its availability was limited in most states by statutes that restricted the advertising and sales of contraceptives, sales took off: by 1965, 6.5 million American women were using it. This situation changed when the Supreme Court ruled that year that prohibiting the use of contraceptives violated a marital right to privacy and, in 1972, that unmarried people had the same right to contraceptives. How accepting the public was of this development, even among Catholics, was evidenced in 1968 when the movie *Prudence and the Pill*, a comedy about adultery and unmarried sex, was shown nationwide without any noticeable backlash.

Attacks on religion extended to education. If God could be eliminated from the classroom, it would be easier in years to come, when these children became adults, to eliminate God from all public venues. In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a strictly voluntary, non-denominational school prayer composed by the New York Board of Regents. Thus, an activity that had been part of American life since the beginnings of the nation's history was deemed invalid. The following year, the Supreme Court ruled that reading Bible passages or saying the Lord's Prayer in school was unconstitutional, even if all students who requested were excused. The *Wall Street Journal* commented that now atheism was "the one belief to which the state's power will extend its protection."

While these transformations were occurring in the social arena, the Catholic Church was also being altered in unanticipated ways. In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened Vatican Council II, in order to throw "open the windows of the Church." When the Council closed in 1965, recommendations had been made for modifications in many aspects of church and liturgical affairs. While the Council's objective was to maintain the Faith unaltered, but to enunciate it in ways that are relevant to the present time, when the recommendations were implemented many far-reaching changes were introduced in the "spirit of Vatican II." The result was confusion among the laity and inconsistency in guidance by the clergy.

At a time when the social trends in America required a strong religious response, Catholics as a whole did not have the knowledge or conviction to stand apart from the general flow. When Pope Paul VI issued his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, in 1968, affirming the Church's traditional position prohibiting all forms of artificial birth control, it was widely disregarded – in 1970, it was estimated that two-thirds of Catholic women in America were using contraceptives, and 20 percent of them were on the Pill. Clearly, the Catholic Church was not in a position in the 1960s to be the bulwark against the secular and irreligious forces changing America. Rather, it would have to struggle to bring this nation back to its roots at a later time.\*

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## Insurance Agent's Message

**Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF**

If you are age 62 today, by the time you reach age 80 a \$35,000 income has the buying power of \$17,500. That is a 50% pay cut. And if you survive until your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, your real income is \$11,900. Could you live on 1/3 of your current income?

Then there is the question: Will social security be there for me and how much can I count on?

Keep in mind that the higher your income, the lower the percentages of your income that social security will replace.

Call your Brother Knight Bob Callaway, your Council Field Agent today to review your social security benefits and see how the Knights of Columbus Insurance can replace your income when you retire.

Fraternally,  
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