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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Wayne Miller

Worthy Brothers All:

April - I cannot believe that three quarters of the fraternal year has passed. I am honored to be a part of such a great group of men. Worthy Priests & Deacons,

PGK's, DGK, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder, Chancellor, Warden, Inside and Outside guards, Trustees, Lecturer, Advocate, Activity Chairmen, and Worthy Knights. I would put you on the line, up with the men I served with in Vietnam. Knights of the Month and Family of the Month recipients, Thank You for all you do for the Order of the Knights, your families, community, church, and our youth. How and for what do I thank you, let me enumerate our accomplishments so far this fraternal year:

Installation of new officers; PGK reception; Car raffle; Tootsie Roll campaign to help the mentally challenged; Golf Outing; 1st Knight in Shining Armor; 7 new 1st degree members; 6 new 4th degree members; Keep Christ in Christmas Cards; Praying the Rosary together; Community Sunday honoring Fr. Joseph P. Kennedy;

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Tootsie Roll Banquet

The annual Tootsie Roll Banquet was held at St. Raphael's parish hall, the Trumpet Room, on Saturday April 1, 2006. The banquet originally scheduled for a night in February had been rescheduled due to snow that day. This occasion is held each year to formally award the Tootsie Roll charity proceeds collected by the Knights of Columbus Councils of Montgomery County. The grantee organizations are selected on the basis of the evaluations of the many applications received from organizations in Montgomery County.

In attendance were Grand Knight Wayne Miller with his wife Elesa and Tootsie Roll Chairman Werner Moeller with his wife Margaret. At the same table were John Strawbridge and his wife and the photographer – we had the best table. John is the Tootsie Roll chairman for the Archdiocese and is responsible for preparing the disbursements for each of the grantee organizations.

While we do not collect for individual organizations, all collections go to a common fund, we were selected as symbolic sponsors of two groups. The Monsignor Wells Council handed over checks to the Stephen Knolls School and to Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc. Many organizations bring along a representative of the community they serve. It is heartwarming and gratifying to hear their expressions of thanks. It makes our efforts in the heat, the rain, the beautiful weekends when we would rather be doing something other than collect money for the mentally challenged, all worth while. *

Health Ministry Seminar

The St. Andrew's Health Ministry is sponsoring a "Funeral Ministry/End of Life Concerns" talk on Sunday May 7; 12:30 -3:00 pm. in the multi purpose room. The speaker, Miriam Jacik has spoken to the Deacons class and was recommended by Mike Bond. We will have "light refreshments", but if you desire may bring a bag lunch. This is a spiritual seminar. It is not intended to focus on life insurance and Living wills or legal issues.

Friends of the parish are also welcome. *

picnic honoring our Alter servers and the ministry; special Mass and Praying of the Rosary for the deceased wife of one of our members; Halloween party; Mardi Gras & Karaoke party; Picnic to honor our Priests; National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans & elderly; Mass at MCI Center for Right to life & march; hosting student Pilgrims providing them with shelter and food; Christmas Social; New Railing for the Parishioners; Blessing of the new Lectern; Renovation of the Confessionals; Swim Party (for Alter servers); S.O.M.E. project & Shepard's Table for the Homeless; Gabriel Project for women; Living Rosary to consecrating our children to the Blessed Mother; soccer; basketball; scouts; Light the Night (Cancer walk); 911 Mass; Mothers day Carnations; Prayers for Knights who have passed away; Loyola-on-Potomac retreat for Parish Men; Thanksgiving Giant food cards for needy parishioners; Spaghetti dinner; funds to sponsor two Seminarians; members in the Choir and among the ushers in church; Knight at the Movies (Pope John Paul II Movie); Council Chaplains talks regarding our faith; and our families and friends who put up with us when we were bored.

For those activities and any others I may have missed, I thank you and pray all of us to continue to be excellent Catholic Gentlemen who continue to give of ourselves. Remember "TEAM" Together Everyone Accomplishes More, let us put ourselves third after God and others and when in doubt - BREATH and PRAY. My heart is full.*

Chaplin's Message



Associate Chaplin Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

Easter 2006

We are now passing through the final days of Lenten preparation. How long Lent seemed when we received ashes on our

foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

Collectively, the Knights of Columbus are a special group of men. Knowing so many and their individual life pressures, your witness and commitment to your faith are an inspiration. Even though many have so little time to spare in their busy lives, Knights are willing to give their valuable time to advance the goals of our council.

Now is the time to be a little selfish. With Lent slipping between our fingers, now is the time to say no to others who

have demands on your time for unimportant reasons so you can spend some time on your own spiritual advancement. If you are a Knight with commitments to family, work, and community (and most Knights are), it is important to carve out a portion of time during the last few days to prepare for Easter.

During these final days of Lent, it is not too late to prioritize some time for prayer and meditation on this great spiritual season. This includes participating as much as you can in the great liturgies of the Easter Triduum, the period of three days beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continuing through Good Friday, and ending with the joy of Easter Sunday. Bring your family and allow them to experience these special liturgies.

The Pascal Triduum is the celebration par excellence of the entire liturgical year. These three days recall Christ's institution of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders, His passion and death, and His triumphant resurrection from the dead. The Pascal Triduum liturgies are rich in symbolism and are real treasures of our Catholic faith.

Now is the time to be good to yourself. Now is the time to invest some time to gain a closer relationship with your Savior. Reward yourself by taking advantage of these special days. You deserve it.*

District Deputy's Message



District Deputy Lawrence P. Grayson

My Brothers and Sisters all:

We are well into Lent, and Easter soon will be here. It is time to strengthen the resolves we made at the beginning of this season, and to prepare ourselves to spiritually accompany our Lord in the blessed days ahead – sharing the joy of Palm Sunday, partaking of the preparations and prayers on Holy Thursday, witnessing His suffering on Good Friday, waiting on Holy Saturday, and finally exalting in His resurrection on Easter Sunday. May each of you and your families experience a very blessed Holy Week.

On Sunday, February 26, the Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Archdiocese of Washington District was held at the University of Maryland's University Inn and Conference Center. It was a very successful event as 129 new Sir Knights, from the eleven Assemblies in the District, were

COUNCIL #13008

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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 05	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
April 12	Business meeting	7:45 PM
April 26	Social meeting	7:45 PM
	Rosary (7:30PM)	

2005 Membership Cards Expire!

If you have not received your 2006 membership card, it's because the Financial Secretary has not received your dues payment. 2005 membership cards are valid only through the end of this month (March), so your access to meetings and facilities of the order will not be available to you after that time. Please, if you haven't sent your dues yet, help your council avoid the effort and cost of a second notice by mailing your dues today. If you have misplaced your bill, call FS Jim Lehr at 301-593-3518 to learn what you owe.

The council still is owed over \$1,000 in overdue dues. Please help erase this deficit by paying your dues as soon as possible so that the work of your council is not jeopardized. If you have a problem in paying your dues at this time, contact the Grand Knight Wayne Miller or Financial Secretary Jim Lehr for a resolution to our problem.*

March Knight of the Month

Brother Alan Kistler.*

March Family of the Month

The family of Treasurer Paul Sanneman. Congratulations to Paul, Connie, Peter, Philip, Cara and Luke. *

April Birthdays

Stephen Nichols on the 4th; Trustee PGK Eugene Cottilli; Recorder Prosper Youm on the 11th; Trustee PGK Eugene Cottilli on the 23rd; and, Dominic Kastre on the 30th. Also, in April, wife of Trustee PGK Eugene Cottilli on the 4th.*

April Anniversaries

Brother Joseph Zagami and his wife Diane celebrate their seventeenth anniversary on the 15th; Outside Guard Anthony Gatti and his wife La Verne celebrate their 59th anniversary on the 23rd; Brother Francis Kenney and his wife Marjorie celebrate their forty-ninth anniversary on the 27th.*

Remember In Your Prayers

The brother of GK Wayne Miller who is suffering from cancer, Brother Joseph Barrett who is in and out of the hospital, Robert Cowley who is ill, and Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy who is in rehabilitation recovering from orthopedic surgery, 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.*

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

Good Advice

Remember your teacher's good advice? "Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction." Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job – or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone.

Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals.

This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation...just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do-everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our own dreams and hopes for our families. Life insurance programming is a service you should have...and one that I provide.

Call me today. I want to hear from you.*

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855
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Don't Forget GIANT Cards

Just another reminder about GIANT Cash Cards. For a small growing council as ours, every fund raiser is important, almost critical to the success of our programs. The sale of GIANT Cards is one of the few on-going fund raisers for our council. If you shop regularly at the GIANT stores, your use of the GIANT Cards, which work just like cash, can be a big help to our council. The cards are available from the Financial Secretary Jim Lehr in denominations of \$50 and \$100. *

installed in the highest degree of our Order. The Councils in our District accounted for 13 new members. I am delighted to congratulate these men who joined either the Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly -- Bernard J. Doneski III and James D. Finn from Rock Creek Council; Andrew H. Brown, David C. Czarnecki, Alan A. Kistler, Yves Sainteus and Prosper A. Youm from Msgr. Thomas E. Wells Council; or the Sullivan Brothers Assembly -- Joseph R. Goudreau and William C. Trimble from St. Joseph Manyanet Council; Gregory J. Daly, James W. Edmonston, Thomas A. Luxner and Robert J. McCaffrey from Mater Dei Council.

Every Council in District 18 has committed itself to support the Catholic education of a child in the Holy Land. Rock Creek and St. Manyanet have approved the funds from their current budgets. Mater Dei has put out a call for individual donations to obtain the \$300. St. Elizabeth is raising the funds. And Msgr. Wells has collaborated with St. Andrew's School. The School Principal declared March 20 a "non-uniform day", that is, children who donated \$1 for charity did not have to wear the school uniform that day. The school collected the \$300 and gave it to the Council to support a child in the Holy Land. What a great idea and fine result. After the funds are received by the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, a specific child will be identified to receive the aid. Each Council will obtain a framed certificate, a picture and biographical sketch of the child it is supporting, and a promise that the child will write to the Council.

On March 10, Rock Creek held a testimonial dinner for Msgr. William F. O'Donnell, who served the Council as associate chaplain, chaplain, and chaplain-emeritus for 42 years. A few weeks earlier, he retired from active ministry – at the time the oldest priest in the Archdiocese in that capacity. Monsignor's life has been full of remarkable accomplishments. After graduating from Gonzaga High School and Georgetown University, he entered the Army in time to fight at the Battle of the Bulge. When he left military service at war's end, he had earned a silver star and two bronze stars for heroism, and two purple hearts. He proceeded into diplomatic service, and served as vice consul of the U.S. Consulate in Hamburg. Then, he returned to Georgetown to earn a law degree, clerked for a federal judge, and joined the Department of Justice. Finally, the Lord snared him, and he entered Christ the King Seminary and was ordained in 1962. As a priest, he has had many

interesting assignments, including curate at St. Jane de Chantal, editor of the Catholic Standard for 13 years, assistant pastor at St. Ann's, pastor of St. Hugh's, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and director of the Catholic cemeteries. Monsignor, I extend our deepest appreciation for your service to the Knights of Columbus and to the Archdiocese, and wish you good health and enjoyment in your retirement.*

On A Moral Economy

Lawrence P. Grayson, DD, PGK, PFN

America is the wealthiest, most powerful nation on Earth. Its economy accounts for one-fifth of the world's Gross Domestic Product, with some 212 countries contributing the remainder. America welcomes into its society more people from more nationalities, religions, languages and cultures than any other nation in history, and provides them with opportunities to create better futures for themselves and their families. In recent memory, America has defeated the forces of fascism, Nazism, and communism, and continues to be a bastion of freedom and democracy for people everywhere. It has landed men on the moon, excelled in scientific and technological advances, improved agriculture, advanced medical knowledge, increased the productivity of its businesses, expanded its economy, and enhanced the standard of living for its people. In these material ways, America has succeeded enormously, leading the world in wealth, power, and influence.

Behind its enormous expansion has been the pressure of people's needs, wants, and desires, which regularly increase as they continue to be met through the skillful application of science, technology, finance, productive enterprise, marketing and business management, all operating in a market-driven economy. The illusionary desires of yesterday have become the superfluous wants of today and will transform into the necessities of tomorrow. Producing goods and services for others makes sense both for economic self-interest as well as the common social good. To be successful in a market economy, business must respond to the wants, needs and desires of consumers, that is, it must regard others.

The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church describes a capitalistic, free-market as "an institution of social importance because of its capacity to guarantee effective results in the production of goods and services."

The dynamism of a market-based economy unleashes individual initiative, inventive intellect, entrepreneurship, and creativity that often result in the improved production of goods, services and wealth. These, in turn, are important for achieving objectives of justice, charity, and the social well being of people.

A productive, expanding economy creates opportunities for all people to improve their lives. The creation of wealth and the alleviation of poverty can move in tandem, for there is a greater availability of material goods and the wealth to purchase them. It does not mean that poverty will be eliminated, but only that the lives of all can be improved. Poverty is relative, and as long as there is a spread of wealth among the populace, those at the bottom of the curve will be considered to be poor. In an expanding economy, however, all people, including the poor, have a chance to better themselves. As President John F. Kennedy stated, "A rising tide lifts all boats."

A socialist or welfare economy, in contrast, is passive and static, with people and institutions relying on others for basic needs. In a static economy, one group of people can advance only at the expense of another. If some get rich, others become poorer. With a fixed amount of wealth to be distributed there can be justice only in a monastic-like or communal society, in which everyone agrees to forego his or her advancement for the good of the community. In a large, more heterogeneous society, the human desire to advance one can easily lead to the oppression of others. Autocracy is often the result.

A market economy, even with the advantages it creates, is not a panacea. Abuses and problems, such as enormous variations in the distribution of wealth, exist in free markets. Further, an inordinate desire for material progress, fueled by ever increasing advances in science and technology and the insatiable demand of business for increased profits, can become an idolatrous faith. Too many people become blinded by the temptations of material gain, forgetting that their lives have a supernatural dimension and that the things of this world are to be used to help one to fulfill the divine plan of their existence.

If a free market is to work properly, it requires a certain parity among the entities so that one party does not become powerful to the degree that others are reduced to practical subservience. This is true for organizations, as well as individuals. When a corporation becomes too powerful, the

Monsignor Wells Message

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

The Risen Christ

March 30, 1997

I suppose that C.S. Lewis put it best when he said, "In the face of the foolishness that contends that Jesus was a good man or a prophet or a wise moral guide, but that He was only a man, that Jesus is either God or a blasphemous liar." Those who see Jesus as a kindly teacher of gentle wisdom use as their authority the Bible, but Lewis, and our whole tradition, points out that that same Bible reveals Jesus as if He is God: He forgives sin; He "teaches with authority"; He even raises the dead to life. That same New Testament is written around the event we celebrate today: that Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead.

For many, faith is a challenge. The world appears so material, so physical. Can we believe there is an eternal spiritual reality that underlies what our senses perceive? When evil is so brutally obvious, is it other than a fairy tale to confess a God whose goodness has already defeated the power of evil? A priest told me one time of a child who confessed that he no longer believed in the Easter bunny. Was the child simply on the right track, disposing of simple myths before the more complex?

I cannot prove the Resurrection. I can refer you to the Scriptures and show you that the jumble of Resurrection

accounts, which do not match each other in details—as those involved in a conspiracy would have attempted—reflect the excitement of finding an empty tomb and the recollection of experiencing their Risen Lord. I can remind you that virtually all of those who claimed to have seen Jesus after the Resurrection were later martyred for their faith, and that they went joyfully to their deaths, believing that now, for them, death had lost its meaning because they shared the life of the Risen Lord. Likewise I can invite you to look at history and see how this powerless group of early believers went from denial and abandonment of Jesus on Good Friday to travel all over the world in an attempt to invite others to believe in His victory over sin and death.

What we celebrate today is the claim that God, in Christ, has offered us salvation. Our Christian faith says that the death of Jesus on the Cross and us victory over that death on Easter Sunday is the only event in history that really matters (save, I suppose, the original disobedience of Adam and Eve). Either I believe that Jesus is Lord of history or I do not. Let us play no times of trying to make Him into a teacher of unforgettable sayings. He is the God who will judge me, or a liar.

Weekend Retreat 2006

Nineteen men from St. Andrew Apostle parish including four Knights from our Council and two more from Rosensteel attended this year's retreat at the Loyola-on-the-Potomac Retreat House in Faulkner MD. Those in attendance were blessed to hear a number of excellent, thought provoking talks by the very knowledgeable Jesuits.

The theme this year was the Gospels by St. John and particularly the messages of *Light, Life, Love and The Way*. Highlights of the weekend were the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. It was a very rewarding weekend. The location, the accommodations and even the food proved to be very conducive to meditation and reflection and maybe even a little disengaging and relaxation. Enough can not be said to compliment the staff and the other participants in attendance. It was a rewarding experience and everyone is encouraged to join us about the same time next year. *



Knights at the Movies

Sunday April 2, 2006 was the first anniversary of the passing of Pope John Paul II. Monsignor Wells Council honored his memory by screening the CBS Movie DVD of the Pope's life in the parish all purpose-room.

Based on the favorable response by the more than 30 parishioners that attended, the Council plans to repeat this activity each month with other appropriate films available. *

From Supreme:

Knights Work with Bishops to Defend Marriage

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Knights of Columbus are joining forces to encourage Catholics throughout the United States to write their U.S. senators urging a vote in favor of the Marriage Protection Amendment (Senate Joint Resolution 1). The amendment will be presented for a vote by the full Senate during the first week of June.

The act would amend the U.S. Constitution to provide that "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman." The Knights of Columbus will be distributing 10 million post cards during April and May for distribution in parishes throughout the United States.

Bishop William Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has sent a letter to all bishops in the United States, informing them of the Knights of Columbus post card campaign. The letter asks bishops to encourage local pastors to cooperate in the campaign when they are contacted by local Knights.

District deputies will soon each receive 3,000 post cards for distribution to local Knights. State deputies will also shortly receive a supply of cards for distribution at state conventions and to supplement the quantities distributed through district deputies.

This is a major project of the Knights of Columbus, and all councils and assemblies are asked to make it a high priority during the next two months. *

State has an obligation through juridical means to assure that a free competitive market can operate. The State must insert itself, however, only in a minimal way to right egregious abuses, without unduly restricting the freedom of businesses to operate as they see fit. This involvement should be guided by the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity -- solidarity to stimulate actions to defend the weak and disadvantaged; subsidiarity to guarantee that the state's intervention will not become overly invasive.

The relationship between economic progress and human dignity has been a continuing concern of Catholic social doctrine. When society evolved from an agricultural to an industrial economy in the second half of the 19th century, human labor became a commodity that could be bought and sold in the market. Pope Leo XIII then defined the Church's position regarding the essential dignity of the person and the individual rights of workers in *Rerum Novarum*. When strong economic centralization arose in the early 20th century, especially under socialism, Pope Pius XI introduced the principle of subsidiarity in *Quadragesimo Anno*. More recently, the Welfare State has evolved. It has come about to assist people in need, but in doing so often makes them dependent upon the State, which reduces their freedom and dignity as persons. Pope John Paul II addressed this by expanding upon the ideas of his predecessors in *Centesimus Annus*. In these and many other documents, the Church continues to define the basis of a moral economy, that is, an economy which can provide for the material well being of people, while not violating their natural rights or disregarding their needs for social, religious and spiritual development. *

Nominations for 2007 Officers


The Nomination Committee is accepting nominations for candidates for the 2007 slate of officers. If you are interested in serving the council as an officer or know of a gentleman who you feel would be an excellent candidate, please contact a member of the nominations Committee. Members are; PGK Dave Czarnecki, Recorder Prosper Youm and Chancellor David Keefe. *

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MONSIGNOR THOMAS M. WELLS COUNCIL #13008

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23 30	24	25	26 SOCIAL MEETING 7:45 PM ROSARY 7:30PM	27	28	29

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