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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight David Czarnecki

July 1, 2004

My Brother All:

A new administration takes the baton. Congratulations to the 2004-2005 slate of officers elected by the membership. The council is now into year four and continuing to grow. Through the very able management of the past Grand Knights our newly formed council is now maturing. As we go forward we will continue to need to make adjustments to our developing organization.

Before going any further I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank PGK Gary Yeck for a very successful year. Through Gary's very able leadership our council has not only met all the requirements for Star Council but we also had a good time making a difference in our small community. The fellowship originally initiated by PGK Ollie Dangerfield and extended by PGK Eugene Cottilli, continued through Gary's leadership. The whole council can be proud of another successful year. Well done.

Brothers we get to start again. A theme for the coming year might be "The Future through Growth". For the future of the council, not only is it important that we attract new members but we need to continue to mature the council itself. It is the intent of the Grand Knight to grow the leadership of the council by attracting and developing future council leaders. In that end, we are asking everyone to consider participating in a leadership role in the coming year whether as a Council Officer, Council Director or Committee Chairman. Over the next few weeks we will develop a Council calendar. If we do this right, there should be ample number of activities that everyone can pick an activity to lead, co-lead or just participate.

For its part the council leadership will provide the infrastructure to support the execution of various activities. We will provide the process, the resources, and manpower.

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Council Wins Surge with Service Award

Msgr. Wells Council was awarded third place in division D for Council activities in the Surge with Service Program for the fraternal year 2003-2004. The award was made at the 106th annual Maryland state convention held in Ocean City from the 21st through the 23rd of May. District Deputy Joseph Murphy presented the award plaque to Grand Knight Gary Yeck at the council's June 9th business meeting. The plaque will be displayed on the knights' trophy wall in the rectory basement meeting room. *

Altar Server Pool Party a Success

The pool party held for the parish altar servers in appreciation for their service was held at the Kemp Mill Swim Club on June 10 and was a great success. Attendees were treated to grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments, salad and soft drinks. Twenty altar servers were feted, recognized by associate chaplain Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri and presented with certificates by grand knight Gary Yeck in recognition of their service to the parish. *

Bolin Family Named Family of the Year

Grand Knight Gary Yeck named the family of Chancellor Bill Bolin as Family of the Year. GK Yeck cited the Bolin family's leadership and participation in council activities throughout the year. A Family of the Year certificate was presented at the council's June 9th business meeting.*

Warden Wayne Miller Named Knight of the Year

Grand Knight Gary Yeck named Warden Wayne Miller as Knight of the Year. GK Yeck cited Warden Miller's leadership in the successful Keeping Christ in Christmas card sales campaign and his willing participation and support of all council activities. A Knight of the Year certificate was presented at the council's June 9th business meeting.*

You provide the commitment and responsibility to execute. The good news gentlemen it's not the hard and plenty of help is available and no one's pay will be docked. Speaking of help, all potential Chairmen are encouraged to attend a State sponsored Program and Membership Seminar at Good Counsel High School on Wednesday July 28, 2004. Our normal meeting night that evening will be preempted by the Seminar. It is an excellent opportunity to see the kind of support that is available from our various State committees.

We all live in a very challenging, time consuming environment with many commitments attempting to monopolize our time. It is important that we distribute the workload across the council. It is the hope that if everyone assumed the responsibility to lead at least one activity during the course of the year, the contribution by our council can be impressive. Of course no individual is limited to leading only one activity.

We have openings for a number of Council posts. If you have a particular interest that you feel that can contribute to a good cause, feel free to propose it to the leadership. We can create most any position that makes sense.

Gentlemen, Ron White our new State Deputy has announced that the Theme of our State Council this year is "It is in Giving that We Receive".

An additional reminder, please come out and celebrate the installation of the new Council Officers on Saturday July 31, after the 5:00 Mass. For those participating practice will be Thursday evening at 7:30PM July 29, 2004.*

Slate of Officers Elected

The slate of officers for the fraternal year beginning July 1, 2004 was elected by acclamation at the June 9 business meeting. The officers elected are listed below and will assume their respective positions beginning July 1, 2004. Formal installation will be conducted on July 31 as described elsewhere.*

Grand Knight	David Czarnecki
Deputy Grand Knight	William Bolin
Chancellor	Wayne Miller
Warden	Dennis Salamone
Recorder	David Keefe
Treasurer	Paul Sanneman
Advocate	Thomas Murphy
Inside Guard	Sean Hardman
Outside Guard	Tony Gatti
Trustee 3 yr	Gary Yeck, PGK

Formal Installation of Officers Scheduled

The formal installation of the officers elected for the ensuing fraternal year will be formally installed by district deputy Mike Perez on July 31. The installation will be conducted immediately following the 5:00PM Mass at St. Andrew apostle Church. A reception will follow the installation and all members are urged to attend. A practice for the installation is scheduled for 7:30PM on July 29. All newly elected officers should plan to attend this activity. The practice should require no more than half an hour and will make the installation proceed smoothly.*

Council Schedule Changes for July

Due to the extracurricular activities scheduled for July, the regular social meeting scheduled for the fourth Wednesday is cancelled.*

Program and Membership Seminars Scheduled

The annual Program and Membership Seminars are scheduled to be held at Good Counsel High School on July 28. These seminars provide an invaluable resource to all committee chairs and members involved in the Surge for Service Program and provide a step up in the council's efforts toward achieving Star Council again the coming year.*

New Newsletter Editor

Financial secretary Jim Lehr has agreed to assume the role as editor of the council newsletter for the ensuing fraternal year. He has been assured that Dave Czarnecki will resume the job when he becomes "PGK."*

Birthdays

July: Mike Bond (10th); Jay Dhanaraj (17th); Nick Luketic (23rd); Deacon Harry Davis (24th); Deacon Kevin Mukri (30th); Hema, wife of Normal Marshall (6th); Isabel, wife of Dennis Gorres, Jr. (7th); Anne, wife of Bill Bolin (22nd). *

Anniversaries

It was apparently too hot to get married in July, at least there is no record of any in our database. *

COUNCIL #13008

OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Rev Joseph Kennedy
Associate Chaplain	Rev. George Wilkinson
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri
Grand Knight	David Czarnecki
Deputy Grand Knight	William Bolin
Chancellor	Wayne Miller
Warden	Dennis Salamone
Recorder	David Keefe
Financial Secretary	Jim Lehr
Treasurer	Paul Sanneman
Advocate	Thomas Murphy
Lecturer	
Inside Guard	Sean Hardman
Outside Guard	Tony Gatti
Trustee	Gary Yeck
Trustee	Eugene Cottilli
Trustee	William Taylor

CHAIRMAN

Program Director	William Bolin
Membership	
Vocations	
Tootsie Roll	
Youth Activities	
Council Activities Dir	
Community Director	
Church Director	

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE, CONTRIBUTORS

Jim Lehr, William Bolin, Werner Moeller
David Czarnecki, Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri, Paul Sanneman,
DD Mike Perez, Bob Callaway

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are held in the basement of St. Andrew's Rectory. 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.

Membership Meetings

July 7	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
July 14	Business meeting	7:45 PM
July 28	Social meeting (Cancelled)	

Other Activities

Program & Membership Seminar

July 28	Good Counsel HS	7:30PM
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Installation of Officers

Practice July 29	St. Andrew's Church	7:30 PM
Formal July 31	St. Andrew's Church	5:00 PM

Births

George Thomas Luketic was born at 3:08A.M. June 13, 2004, weighing in at 5 lbs 15.8 ounces, and measuring 19 inches. Mom, Dad, and baby are doing well, and Sofi and Peter are thrilled with their new baby brother. Congratulations Yevette and Nick!*



Rev. Mr. Harry Davis

Brother Harry Davis was duly ordained to the permanent diaconate by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick. The ordination was celebrated at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 12.”*

Chaplain's Message

Associate Chaplain Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy

Summer is once again upon us. This season means warm weather, swimming at the beach, family vacations, children out of school, and less demanding schedules. It is a time where we can have some time to ourselves as we prepare for the demands on our time that seem to dramatically increase in September.

The Sabbath Day is not just the day we attend Mass, but also a day we are commanded to make holy.

Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word for “to cease” or “to rest.” The beginnings of Sabbath observance remain obscure, although it seems clear that the practice of the Sabbath in its present form was established at least by the time of the monarchy in Israel. The Sabbath was observed by rest from work for slaves and animals as well as for the ordinary Israelite. The day was also marked by a religious and worship activity.

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The details of the proper observance of the Sabbath came to be very minutely expressed. For example, the lighting of fire was forbidden, as was the carrying of loads, cooking and a host of other activities. The hyper-rigorous interpretation of the Sabbath became a source of contention between Our Lord and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lord's attitude was that the Sabbath was made for man, and not vice versa.

In time, the early Catholics took to celebrating the first day of the week rather than the seventh. They were mindful of the fact that the Resurrection had taken place on the first day of the week, as had the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

How do we make Sunday a holy day?

Certainly attending Mass begins our Sabbath, but the Sabbath is a whole day. The world has encroached upon the Sabbath. Malls are open, professional football is played, children's soccer games are scheduled, and many need to work.

During the summer when our schedules are less hectic, we can use some time to make an extra effort to make the Sabbath holy. Make plans not only to attend Mass, but attempt to work your family schedules to allow for time to enjoy one another and to allow some rest and contemplation time for yourself.

The Sabbath is a time to recharge our batteries by doing something we enjoy in hope that we can clear our busy minds to allow Almighty God to speak to us if He so chooses.

Attending Mass is the easy part of keeping the Sabbath holy. The more difficult challenge is to detach ourselves and our families from the many demands on our schedules in provide time to relax.

This is a tough challenge. The summer gives us the opportunity to make some advance planning where we can make plans to both attend Mass and provide some time for relaxation.*

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Mike Perez

My Brothers and Ladies All: Vivat Jesus! This is my first communiqué as your new District Deputy for District 18. I thank State Deputy Ron White for his confidence in appointing me and for his continuing support. I also thank my Lady, Nona, for her understanding and support. It is also my pleasure to announce that Larry Grayson, PGK of Rock Creek Council and PFN of the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, has agreed to serve as District Warden. I welcome Larry and

his Lady, Mary Susan, to the District team. Nona and I greatly enjoy their friendship.

I share with Ron White the burden of following an exceptional leader. Our Immediate Former District Deputy, Joe Murphy, was a model of fraternity. He and Anne were always there to advise, assist, cajole, and brainstorm. I learned a great deal from Joe and look forward to emulating his success. For those who may not know, Joe Murphy led District 18 to "Star District" status this past fraternal year! Congratulations and thank you to a great Brother Knight. I will be calling you often, Joe!

As with the advent of each fraternal year, we are all faced with many challenges to get organized, hold our Council Installations, plan programs, appoint event chairs, develop a Council calendar of events, and a Council budget. I ask all Brother Knights to participate in this process and become a positive influence on the life of your Council. Now is the best time to step forward. Be a part of your Council team, whether for one event or for several. We need each one of you. Teamwork is an important facet of fraternity. Each of you will be rewarded by your participation. Larry and I are confident the success achieved during Joe's term will continue under the Councils' new leadership. We are both available to assist in these matters. Feel free to call on us.*

In the weeks ahead, you will hear more about the program activities planned by Ron White for this fraternal year. You can keep abreast of developments by frequently checking the Maryland State Council website (www.kofc-md.org). Ron has announced a State Council Golf Tournament for men and women on September 17, 2004, at Oakmont Green Golf Club in Hampstead, Md. This tournament will benefit the State Charity Fund. In addition, three tours have been announced: (1) a Vermont and New Hampshire motor tour on September 8-12, (2) a Magical Christmas tour to Branson, Missouri on November 2-7, and (3) an Eastern Caribbean cruise on January 28 – February 7. Details are being made available to your Grand Knights.

In closing, I encourage each of you to reach out to Catholic men who are not members of our Order and invite them to share this experience with you and your families. Nona, Mary Susan, Larry and I wish each of you and your families a wonderful summer season. May Mary, Our Mother and Queen of the Knights, keep each of you in her prayers. I pray that our Merciful Lord continue to bless each of you and our country.

Fraternally,

District Deputy Mike Perez *

Monsignor Wells Message

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

Seeing the World Through Jesus' Eyes June 23, 1996

I was reading, recently, a small book that someone gave me years ago, *Rule for a New Brother*, written for a religious community in Holland. As the title indicates, it seeks to train new religious in living in community. But, since all of us live in community of some sort, the wisdom of the book has wider applications. For example, in describing the following of Jesus, the author says, "It means following the path He took and seeing things as He saw them."

St. Paul said much the same thing when he said we must put on "the mind of Christ." A friend of mine is a music director in a parish. She told me the story recently of a Sunday Mass where she ran a music practice with the congregation until two minutes after Mass should have started. The celebrant was so frustrated that he simply told the servers to start down the aisle, even though she was still practicing some other song. The next day, she received a call where he blasted her once again. This person is quite capable of blasting back, but as she said, "I just had this sense that there was something going on in his life." Now, of course, neither she nor I know if she is right, but I know her to be a prayerful person who really seeks the wisdom of God in her life. She really believes that it is possible to at least begin to see things as Jesus sees them.

There are many reasons why people do not pray. One of them, of course, is what has been called "practical atheism," acting as if God does not exist, no matter what a person might say he believes. But, believers too, often give up on prayer. Their problem, though, concerns what they expect to get out of prayer. In a society that is so preoccupied with feelings, many expect that prayer will result in feeling close to God. In fact, though, the great fruit of prayer is virtue. Putting ourselves into the presence of God opens us to the power of the Spirit that orders our priorities to see as Jesus sees and to desire what He desires. It is not just that God gave my friend patience (which he certainly did), but perhaps He also allowed her, in some small way, to see this good priest as God sees him. Prayer gives us the grace to move beyond preoccupation with self and, little by little, to put on the mind of Christ.*

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

YOUR MONEY - YOUR INSURANCE

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Call your Bother Knight Bob Callaway, your Council Field Agent for more information

Fraternally,

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