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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight Dave Czarnecki

My Brothers All:

It is amazing how fast a year can go by. It was only twelve months ago that we began this cycle with the elections of the 2004-2005 officers. Now we get to do it again. A new slate of qualified candidates for the 2005-2006 officers has been proposed. I solicit every member to be in attendance for our elections at the June Business meeting on June 8, 2005. It is vital to the health and future of our council that the membership be well represented and takes an active participation in the selection of next years Grand Knight and officers. So please come on out.

There are only three activities remaining in this year's calendar. The election of officers, the Altar Server's Swim Party and assisting the Church by working the grill at the Children's Picnic. Our annual Altar Server's Swim Party, Thursday evening, June 16, is our opportunity to show the parish's appreciation for the service provided by these young members of our community. This Sunday, June 12th our Church/Youth Activities Director, Mike Bond, has requested your help in flipping hamburgers on the grill at the Church's Children's Picnic. The time and date is Sunday, June 12 after the 11:30 AM Mass.

As my term as Grand Knight of your council comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the council for your support during the course of the year. The year started with some hope and apprehension and ended with satisfaction and relief. Brothers, I am very satisfied that we did well this year. Maybe we missed a goal or two but our accomplishments as a council have been very productive. That success has been through the efforts and diligence of a core group of men in the council. Some of those gentlemen you see at every meeting while some come out only occasionally and when they do you can expect the best.

I would like to Thank the Council's Officers, and Trustees who are not only the backbone of the Council but the arms, the legs, head, feet, toes and fingers and whatever appendages.

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Altar Servers Recognition

Our council's annual outing that provides recognition of the altar servers service to the parish will be held on June 16th at the Kemp Mill Swim Club starting at 6:30PM and continuing until 8:30PM. In addition to the altar servers, council members and their families are invited and urged to attend. In addition to providing recognition to the altar servers, this outing will be the one of the best opportunities to socialize with your brother knights and their families during the fraternal year. The pool will be open for recreation and picnic refreshments (food and drinks) will be served. The Swim Club is located on Stonington Place and can be reached via Lovejoy Street from Lamberton Drive or via Hermligh Road from Kemp Mill road. PGK Eugene Cottilli is in charge of arrangements.*

Council Elections

Elections for the 2005-2006 fraternal year will be held at the regular business meeting on June 8th. The nominating committee chaired by PGK Eugene Cottilli has proposed the following slate of officers.

Grand Knight	Wayne Miller
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Bolin
Chancellor	Dave Keefe
Recorder	Prosper Youm
Warden	Dennis Salamone
Treasurer	Paul Sanneman
Inside Guard	Sean Hardman
Outside Gusrd	Tony Gatti
Trustee	Dave Czarnecki

In accordance with the council by-laws, nominations can be made from the floor prior to the balloting.*

Welcome Aboard

Welcome to our new Brother Yves Sainteus who was sponsored by Outside Guard Tony Gatti and was inducted in the First Degree on May 11th and the Second Degree on May 12th. Also welcome Third Degree Brother Robert Cowley whose transfer from Council 6954 in Homossa, Florida was approved by the membership on May 25.*

I have observed that our Council is made up of a variety of personalities and personnel of various skills and gifts. We have leaders and we have doers. Everyone makes a contribution whether large or small. Many small contributions add up very quickly to be a major event. So gentlemen as we start looking forward to the next year, continue to contribute in whatever capacity makes sense in your current situation, but please make that attempt.

I have found working with every one of you, Gentlemen, a pleasure and a professional experience. The contributions made, have been plenty. There would not be enough space in this newsletter to list them all and I would likely miss somebody. Though, I would like to single out one individual. Your Deputy Grand Knight Bill Bolen is a vital component in the accomplishments of our Council. Bill's enthusiasm, tenacity, and willingness to step into any effort were a relief and inspiration. Bill is friend and a fine example of the qualities of a Knight.

Once again I extend my Thanks to the overall membership and wish my best to the incoming officers.

Vivat Jesus! *

Chaplin's Message

Associate Chaplin Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

Priest Wanted

We have been blessed for so many years with enough priests to meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the faithful. Because we have had enough priests to meet our needs, we can be unaware of the looming issue of a shortage of priests to meet the needs of the Catholic Church in America.

Cardinal McCarrick's recent letter in the Catholic Standard should be an eye opener to the whole archdiocese. He said the good news is that there will be five men who will be ordained to the priesthood. The bad news is that due to retirements and health issues, more priests are leaving the active ministry than new replacement priests. This has been going on for some time. The result is that most parishes will no longer have associate pastors, that the faithful spiritual needs will be more difficult to meet, and that picking the right individual to be a pastor to meet the needs of an individual parish is becoming more and more of a problem.

The Archdiocese of Washington is blessed compared with most dioceses in the United States. We have a pastor for every parish. The fact is that many parishes must share a priest and that could soon be more the norm everywhere.

The numbers of priest cause real concern. But as people of hope and holding on to Christ's promise that He will be with the Church till the end of time, we must not get discouraged but renew our efforts to promote the priesthood.

Almighty God calls men to the priesthood. I believe that He continues to call many to serve His Church as priests. However, in our secular society that praises striving for power and riches than true love and service, it is difficult for anyone to hear Almighty God's call to their individual vocation, whether in dedicated service to the Church, to the married life, or as a single member of the laity.

The Knights of Columbus had done everything possible to stop this trend and promote vocations to the priesthood. As knights, we should be proud of our efforts. Without the active support of the Knights of Columbus, one can only speculate that the shortage of priests would be far greater. If we ever are to reverse this tide, it will be in large part through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

Continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, continue to support our seminarian fund, continue to support our priests, and continue to look for opportunities to discuss with young men the importance of considering a vocation to the priesthood. Our efforts to promote the priesthood are needed more than ever.*

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Michael Perez

My Brothers and Sisters: There are just a few weeks left in the fraternal year. The Convention is over, exceptional service has been rewarded, our new Council officers have been elected or will be shortly, and planning is in full swing for the new administration. It is easy to forget that we still have a few weeks to earn the Columbian award for a full slate of program activities, and to bring deserving Catholic men into our Order. I call on each of you to continue to support your Grand Knight and activities chairman in these last weeks and to continue to recruit eligible men for our Order. In some cases, Councils are still looking for men to assume a leadership role for the new fraternal year. If you have the skills needed by your Council, please step forward and help lead your Council in the year ahead.

Your Council's Installation of Officers in July/August is an important moment in the life of the Council. Plan to attend this impressive event and help your new officers ring in the new year in a festive manner. They will appreciate your

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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	Andrew Brown
Inside Guard	Sean Hardman
Outside Guard	Anthony Gatti
Trustee	Gary Yeck
Trustee	Eugene Cottilli
Trustee	William Taylor

CHAIRMAN

Program Director	William Bolin
Membership	Andrew Brown/ Dennis Salamone
Retention	Gary Yeck
Vocations	Bernard Hillig
Family Activites	Paul Sanneman
Tootsie Roll	Werner Moeller
Youth Activities	Mike Bond
Pro-Life Couple	Gary Yeck
Council Activities Dir	Wayne Miller
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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

June 1	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
June 10	Business meeting	7:45 PM
June 24	Social meeting (1 st Degree)	7:45 PM

Other Activities

Altar Server Recognition

Thurs. June 16	Kemp Mill Swim Club	6:30 PM
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June Birthdays

PGK Gary Yeck on the 1st; Joseph Zagami, Jr. on the 5th; Father Joseph Kennedy on the 10th; Robert Panick on the 16th; and, Andrew Brown on the 29th. If there were any wives born in June they are keeping it a secret!*

June Anniversaries

Barbara Jean and Dr. Bernie Hillig celebrating their forty-fifth on the 11th; Margaret and Werner Moeller celebrating their twenty-fifth and Elesa and Wayne Miller also celebrating their twenty-fifth on the 21st.*

Remember in Your Prayers

Joseph Barrett, Joseph and Anne Cowley who are ill, and Marjorie Lacy, Mother-in-law of FS Jim Lehr who passed away on May 12.*

Monsignor Wells Message

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

Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

April 5, 1998

"Praise, adoration and thanksgiving be to our Savior Jesus Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." I cannot remember whose wedding I will witness this Saturday (do not panic, I have a calendar!), but I remember the prayer that I learned as a little boy for the procession before the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. And so again this year, our children will process in honor of Christ who is really present under the signs of bread and wine and who gave Himself to us in this sacrament on the night before He died. How simply, how fervently and how beautifully those children believe; but how, also, we pray that their childlike faith will mature and develop as age and experience challenge them into adult appreciation of the Blessed Sacrament. Like children, perhaps, the Apostles may have abandoned Jesus after the Last Supper, but they did not forget the dramatic ways that He changed the focus of the Passover they had celebrated. They recognized and celebrated from the first moments of the Christian era that Jesus had made Himself the focus of that Passover and that it had anticipated both His death and His Resurrection.

It is interesting to note that it was many centuries into the history of the Church before anyone claiming to be a Christian questioned the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It was, I suppose, taken for granted that the Lord would desire to be with His people in so intimate a way. The questions about the Real Presence, when they did come, led many away from this

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interest and support. Pray for our beloved John Paul II and for His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Many challenges face our Church and its leaders. However, I have confidence that Our Lord will lead his Church to the Promised Land as many times as it takes for us sinners to get it right!

This will be my last message as your District Deputy. Join me in welcoming Larry Grayson, PGK (Rock Creek), PFN(Cardinal O'Boyle), as District Deputy for the 2005-2006 fraternal year, and Sam Balboa, PGK (St. Elizabeth), as the new District Warden. I am confident they will do an excellent job. Nona and I want to thank each of you again for your support, hospitality and friendship over this past year, and wish each of you a blessed summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

WILL YOU BE READY?

Will you be ready to change occupations when you reach your company's mandatory retirement age? If you do not have an adequate monthly income at that time, there's a good chance that you will be working at low-paying, part-time jobs just to maintain a decent standard of living.

Well over 50% of the people who retire need supplemental income because they find that their retirement benefits and company pension plan cannot keep up with inflation and ever-rising costs of living. And no one wants to drastically reduce their standard of living after they've spent their working years trying to raise it.

We want you to enjoy your retirement years in dignity. Let me help you plan to be comfortable. Call me today for an appointment.*

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855

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Is Your Card Current?

Do you have a green 2005 membership card? If not, it's because your 2005 dues have not been paid. Besides providing entrance to your council meetings, the card will also gain admission to any council of the order. Also, your dues support the activities of the council such as the support of seminarians and the recognition of alter servers described herein. Stay in solidarity with your council – pay your dues if you haven't already.*

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incomparable gift. but those questions also led the Church to examine our faith and to explain how what seems to be contrary to the senses is in fact the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. So often, when I ask young people what they receive in Communion, they will, from rote, say, "The Body of Christ," and as far as the words go, this is true. "What the Church affirms, though, is that we receive the Person of Jesus. No one questions that this is mystery. It is mystery enough when we affirm that in the Incarnation of Jesus, His divinity—His nature as God—was hidden within a visible humanity; but in the Eucharist, we affirm Jesus' Presence, even though both humanity and divinity are hidden from our sight.

So much can be said of the gift of the Eucharist. Speaking, even so briefly, of the Real Presence, does not begin to engage the dimensions of the Eucharist as worship, as sacrifice, as sacred banquet, as foretaste of heaven or as Bread of Life. As we commemorate the gift of this most Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, let us beg God to give us an adult faith and love of this Mystery and to enter into the Eucharist as believing and grateful Catholics, overwhelmed that our God would draw us so close to Himself.*

Have You Volunteered?

One of our newer brother knights who is a frequent volunteer for parish activities commented that fewer and fewer are volunteering at St. Andrew's. There are probably many reasons why this is occurring – demands of jobs, responsibilities to family, among others. Volunteering is easy to put off; no one is really pressuring you, although they may ask. Those who need to ask do not find it easy to do so; they frequently feel they are imposing or making unwelcome requests. They fear of becoming a pariah!

So what's it all about? We are a service fraternal organization. Our structured fraternal program is called "Sure for Service.." But our service should not be limited to our structured program; there are many ways to provide service "outside the box." For example, our lecturer, Nick Luketic has organized a program of service to Sheperds Table and a few of our brothers have participated and continue to participate.

As knights in support of our parish, we should be alert for opportunities to volunteer for parish activities that will not only reflect favorably on our organization, but will also help us individually along the road to our final reward.*

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When the Apostles, on the slopes of the Mount of Olives, addressed these words to Jesus, they weren't just asking an ordinary question but expressing with spontaneous trust one of the deepest needs of the human heart.

In truth, the modern world does not make much room for that need. The frenetic rhythm of daily activities, along with the noisy and often frivolous invasions of telephones, faxes, and other kinds of communications, does not, certainly, constitute a favorable climate for the inner concentration required by prayer. There are further, more profound difficulties: in modern man the religious view of the world and of life has become more and more attenuated. The process of secularization seems to have persuaded him that the course of events has sufficient explanation in the play of forces present in this world, independent of higher interventions. In addition, the achievements of science and technology have fostered in him the conviction that he can already in great measure today, and still more tomorrow, control situations, shaping them according to his own desires.

Thus even in Christian environments a "functional" view of prayer has become widespread, a view that risks compromising prayer's transcendent character. The true encounter with God, some affirm, is realized in opening up to one's neighbor. Thus prayer should not be a removal of oneself from the dissipation of the world to recollect oneself in dialogue with God; rather, it should be expressed in the unconditional commitment to charity toward others. True prayer would therefore be works of charity, and those alone.

In reality the human being, who, as a creation, is in himself incomplete and needy, turns spontaneously to him who is the source of every gift, to praise him, petition him, and seek in him the satisfaction of the powerful yearning that burns in his heart. Clearly St. Augustine understood this when he wrote: *"You have made us for you. O Lord, and our heart has no peace until it rests in you."*

For this very reason, the experience of prayer, as a fundamental act of the believer, is common to all religions, even those in which faith in a personal God is vague or is obscured by false representations.

Prayer belongs in particular to the Christian religion, in which it occupies a central place. Jesus exhorts us to *"always pray, and not lose heart,"* The Christian knows that prayer is as necessary to him as breath and, having once tasted the

sweetness of intimate conversation with God, does not hesitate to immerse himself in it with trusting abandon.

Pope John Paul II
General Audience
September 9, 1992*

Thanks For Your Help

This will be my last issue as editor of your council newsletter. Dave Czarnecki, soon to be PGK will resume his role as editor that he relinquished during his term as Grand Knight.

This has been a rewarding (although sometimes frustrating) experience for me and I want to thank all those who have provided input and have assisted me in any way during the past year I could not have done it without your help. Thanks for volunteering!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Lehr*

