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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Wayne Miller

Worthy Brothers All:

(10 Q), my Wife thanks you, my Daughters thank you, and most of all I thank you.

My heart is full and I must rejoice. July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, "And now, the end is near and so I face the final Month", my friends I'll say it clear, I'll state my case, of which I'm certain. To live a life as GK and as I say not in a shy way. But more much more than this, I couldn't have done it my way. Worthy Knights All, please try and make the Business meeting Wednesday 6/14/2006 at 7:45 PM to vote on the new Officers.

Let's make next year even better than this year. Let's recruit 7 new members in the first quarter and strengthen our council to make better strides with our faith. Jim you are my Guardian Angle (10 Q), Gary you are my medic (10 Q), Knights you are my men (10 Q), I'm proud to be in a group of Gentlemen who take their faith seriously and truly care about what happens to its members and families. I am humbled by your presence and will have this experience as your GK in my heart forever. Vivat Jesus my Worthy Knights. *

Server's Appreciation Pool Party

Our Alter servers' swim party is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006 at the Kemp Mill Swim Club. This annual event honors the young men and women who serve our Parish community during each and every Mass on each and every Sunday (and Saturday!) of the year. This party is open to every Brother and his family, plus the alter servers.

Reply to Eugene Cottilli, PGK (ecottilli@comcast.net) only if you plan to attend and provide how many family members you will be bringing. Then pack up the family and show up at the Kemp Mill Swim Club at 11805 Stonington Place (this is in Kemp Mill Estates and not too far from the Church.) on Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m.*

Council Elections

Elections for the 2006-2007 fraternal year will be held at the June 14th regular business meeting. The nominating committee chaired by PGK Dave Czarnecki, and including Recorder Prosper Youm and Chancellor David Keefe, has proposed the following slate of officers.

Grand Knight	Bill Bolin
Deputy Grand Knight	Wayne Miller, PGK
Chancellor	John O'Donnell
Warden	Prosper Youm
Recorder	Werner Moeller
Treasurer	Dave Keefe
Inside Guard	Yves Sainteus
Outside Guard	Tom Devlin III
Trustee	Jim Lehr

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

Please show your support to the Council and the worthy Knights running for office by attending the Wednesday meeting and casting your vote. *

Financial Secretary Resigns

Financial Secretary Jim Lehr has submitted his resignation effective at the end of the current fraternal year. His resignation has been accepted by the Supreme Knight. Sir Knight Paul Sanneman has been nominated to succeed Jim and the council is awaiting action on Paul's nomination by the Supreme Knight who appoints financial secretaries.*

Monsignor Wells Message

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

Antidote for Mediocrity

June 14, 1998

Mediocrity. I guess that is where I most see the remains of sin in my life. Thank God, I do not sin mortally, but the quality of my response to God's goodness and His call is like the

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Chaplin's Message



Associate Chaplin Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

Come Holy Spirit

In early June, we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost. Pentecost comes from the Greek meaning “fiftieth” and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Although the doctrine of the Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Blessed Trinity gradually unfolds in both the Old and New Testament (for example, the “overshadowing” of the Holy Spirit that makes possible that the Blessed Virgin conceived Our Lord), it is at Pentecost that the Holy Spirit descends fully upon the Catholic Church. We hear in the Acts of the Apostles that the Holy Spirit took part in the Apostles’ deliberations, and was conveyed to others by the imposition of hands.

The Holy Spirit is the expression of Almighty God’s boundless love for all, with the essential work of making the Church more holy. This is certainly true for the all humanity. But it is also true for us individually.

The Holy Spirit began His presence in us at Baptism. Each of us was given the “gifts of the Holy Spirit.” The seven gifts are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. These gifts were strengthened and matured in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We celebrate Pentecost every year as the day the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles and those who were present with them as tongues of fire over 2000 years ago. But we should also celebrate and acknowledge with great joy that he Holy Spirit comes to us collectively and individually 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

As Knights, we have a great opportunity to spread this truth to all. The Knights of Columbus is a tremendous organization that proves that when individuals bring their individual gifts of the Holy Spirit together, they form a much greater whole for the good of so many.

I encourage you to thank Almighty God each day for the gift of His Spirit and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you the graces to meet each day’s challenges. Continue to spread the truth that the Holy Spirit will act in the lives of everyone, if they are open to the Holy Spirit to be part of their lives.

Let us do all we can to let everyone we know, family, friends,

co-workers, that the Holy Spirit is ready to shower His gifts and graces on everyone. The Holy Spirit is ready and willing to perfect each of us, our family, our parish, and our society. All we need do is ask.

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of Your faithful.*

District Deputy's Message



District Deputy Lawrence P. Grayson

My Brothers and Sisters all:

Well, the end of the Columbian Year is almost here, and this is my final column as your District Deputy. It has been a good year – enjoyable, satisfying, and hopefully productive. Last July, as I installed the officers of the Councils in this District, I assured them of my support for their efforts and told the Grand Knights that in times of uncertainty never to hesitate to ask for help – and they didn’t. I have served as their bridge to the State Council, bringing their concerns to the attention of the appropriate State representatives and reminding them of the requirements and deadlines that were set for them. Everyone has been very cooperative, and it has been a pleasure to work with five wonderful Grand Knights. I thank them for the fine work they have done in leading their Councils, and wish their successors every success.

I especially wish to thank the Grand Knights and their newsletter editors, and the webmasters at Mater Dei and Rock Creek Councils, for allowing me space each month to publish a supplemental column that I considered educational in nature. In it I have tried to blend some facts from our nation’s history with Catholic social teachings to show how important religion has been and continue to be in American public life. For those of you who might be interested in seeing them once again, the full set appears on the websites of both Mater Dei Council (www.geocities.com/materdei9774) and Rock Creek Council (www.kofc2797.org/Scroll/WhatsNew).

This month’s educational column has a different tack than the others. With the dire situation in the Holy Land, I have focused on the plight of the Christians there, rather than on America. The Vatican has spoken of the importance of maintaining Catholic education there, and our State Deputy has appointed a Holy Land Outreach Committee to assist in

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OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Kennedy
Associate Chaplain	Msgr. Michael Mellone
Associate Chaplain	Deacon Kevin Mukri
Grand Knight	Wayne Miller
Deputy Grand Knight	William Bolin
Chancellor	David Keefe
Warden	Dennis Salamone
Recorder	Prosper Youm
Financial Secretary	Jim Lehr
Treasurer	Paul Sanneman
Advocate	Thomas Murphy
Lecturer	Michael Bond
Inside Guard	Sean Hardman
Outside Guard	Anthony Gatti
Trustee	David Czarnecki
Trustee	Gary Yeck
Trustee	Eugene Cottilli

CHAIRMAN:

Program Director	William Bolin
Church Activities Dir.	Michael Bond
Community Activity Dir	Nick Luketic
Council Activities Dir	Tom Devlin
Family Activities Dir	Paul Sanneman
Youth Activities Dir	Bill Taylor
Membership Director	Prosper Youm
Vocations Chairman	Dennis Salamone
Recruitment Chairman	Wayne Miller
Retention Chairman	Dave Czarnecki
Tootsie Roll Chairman	Werner Moeller
Pro-Life Couple	Wayne & Elesa Miller
Health Services	Tony Gentilcore
Columbian Squires	Michael Bond
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.

June Meetings

June 07	Officer's meeting (elections)	7:30 PM
June 14	Business meeting Rosary (7:30PM)	7:45 PM
June 28	Social Meeting - Awards Dinner	7:00 PM

May Knight of the Month

Trustee Thomas Murphy.*

May Family of the Month

The family of Deputy Grand Knight Bill Bolin.*

June Birthdays

Trustee PGK Gary Yeck on the 1st; Brother Joseph Zagami on the 5th; Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy on the 10th; Brother Robert Panick on the 16th; and, Brother Andrew Brown on the 29th. Also, June, wife of Dominic Kastre on the 25th; Sylvia, wife of Brother Robert Panick on the 26th, and La Verne, wife of Outside Guard Tony Gatti on the 31st.*

June Anniversaries

Dr. Bernie Hillig and his wife Barbara Jean celebrate their forty-sixth anniversary on the 11th; Brother Werner Moeller and his wife Margaret celebrate their twenty-sixth anniversary on the 21st; and, Grand Knight Wayne Miller and his wife Elesa celebrate their twenty-sixth anniversary on the 21st.*

Remember In Your Prayers

The brother of GK Wayne Miller who passed away May 23rd, Outside Guard Tony Gatti who is doing his best to recover from heart issues, Brother Joseph Barrett who is in and out of the hospital, Robert Cowley who is ill, Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy who is still recovering from back 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.

We were alerted that Brother Tony Gatti received a balloon angioplasty at Adventis Hospital this past Saturday, June 10. Tony is in good spirits and always appreciates your prayers and messages.*

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.*

that effort. I am pleased to report that every Council in this District has already donated \$300 to provide a year of education for a child in the Holy Land. We are the first District in the State to have support from all of its Councils. On behalf of the children, thank you.

With summer officially beginning this month, and as thoughts turn to vacations, let me suggest a few books for your reading pleasure. Anything by G.K. Chesterton is worthwhile, but for lighter fare try *The Man Who Was Thursday*, a witty, satirical, mystery with comic aspects; the children might enjoy any of his Father Brown stories. If you wish to combine reading with a trip to a local, Civil War battlefield, which will make your tour much more fascinating, read either *Chancellorsville 1863*, *The Souls of the Brave* by Ernest B. Furgurson, or *Landscape Turned Red: The Battle of Antietam* by Stephen Sears. If you would like to mull about some ideas in a counter-intuitive fashion, such as throwing sumo wrestling matches or comparing drug rings to beauty pageants, pick up *Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. In the same genre, you can read brief, breezy explanations of epidemics, scourges, crazes and landslides in *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, or explore subconscious decision-making in *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*, both by Malcolm Gladwell. This list is very eclectic, but it shows the range of things one can explore. Whatever you do this summer, have fun.

*Vivat Jesus!**

Community Activities Report

Director Nick Luketic

Gentlemen, last month's parish-wide donation to S.O.M.E. came to a grand total of 12 casseroles. I have to admit, it was a little embarrassing when 4 young volunteers came out to help me carry them into the S.O.M.E. kitchen.

I know St. Andrew Apostle can do better and I think the Knights have to lead the way. Please try to find a way to donate either a homemade casserole or pick one up at the local Safeway. They usually run about \$10. If you need the recipe for the homemade casseroles, I can get it to you.

If you are short on time and don't know if you can make it to the school to drop it off, you can bring it to the next business meeting since it falls on the evening before I make

the drop off. If you cannot be there, call me and

I will make arrangements to pick it up from you. No matter what the circumstance, I'd like to think we can work around it. Please remember that because it is summer, there is going to be a natural drop off in donations. We can make up for the slack.

My goal is to see 30 casseroles for the next delivery. Call me at 301 962 7644 or e-mail me at nicholas_luketic@msn.com if you think you can help.

Also, keep in mind this month's volunteer evening at Shepherd's Table is June 21st. Again, call or e-mail me for details.*

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

A Worthless Piece Of Paper

One of my fellow field agents recently called on a Brother Knight who had allowed his Knights of Columbus insurance policy to lapse by not paying his premiums. This field agent simply called back to ask if he would please return the lapsed policy. Because the member considered the policy to be worthless now, he asked the agent why he wanted it back.

The field agent replied that when the member died, he wanted to avoid the unpleasant task of explaining to his widow and children that the policy was worthless. He wanted to avoid the excitement the widow would feel when she found what she thought was a life insurance policy, only to become further depressed when she found it was useless and belonged in the wastebasket.

Fortunately, the story has a happy ending. The member in question was able to conserve this valuable protection for his loved ones by reinstating his insurance.

Call me today to discuss your insurance needs. Let's not have any surprises for your widow.*

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

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Caps early season mediocrity. I am called to so much; I give so little: mediocrity. It is not exactly a consolation to me, but I do recognize that I am not alone in this self-evaluation. Often I hear people speak about how much more they should be loving their spouses or children—and they are right. I mean, if we are called to be signs of the goodness of God to those around us, who can say, “Boy, they sure are blessed to have me as their father.” We all fall short; and often we fall short simply because we do not go beyond the acceptable or the minimum: we are mediocre. And, really, is there any way out of it?

The “Yes” that is the answer to that question is one of the reasons why the Eucharist is the gift it is in Catholic life. Pay attention to some of the lines we hear Sunday after Sunday: “We thank You for counting us worthy to stand in Your presence and serve You.” “Grant that we, who are nourished by His body and blood, may be filled with His Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit, in Christ.” The point is that, to the extent that we open ourselves to the Eucharist, we become, as individuals and community, more than we are. We see our mediocrity—and we are right!—but God sees His people and works through us so that we might become, in His Spirit, more of what He would have us be.

On today’s Feast of Corpus Christi—The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ—we worship the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. It is truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of the Lord whom I receive in Communion. “My Lord and my God,” we rightly pray as the Host and chalice are raised. The equally great miracle though, is that we become what we eat. The antidote to the sin and mediocrity of our lives is the Body of Christ. If we eat His Body with faith; if we recognize Him under the signs of bread and wine, His Spirit will gradually make us like Himself. Surely, we will continue to see our pitiful response to God; faith, however, reminds us that in His time and in His way, we are becoming what the Body of Christ, the Church is meant to be.*

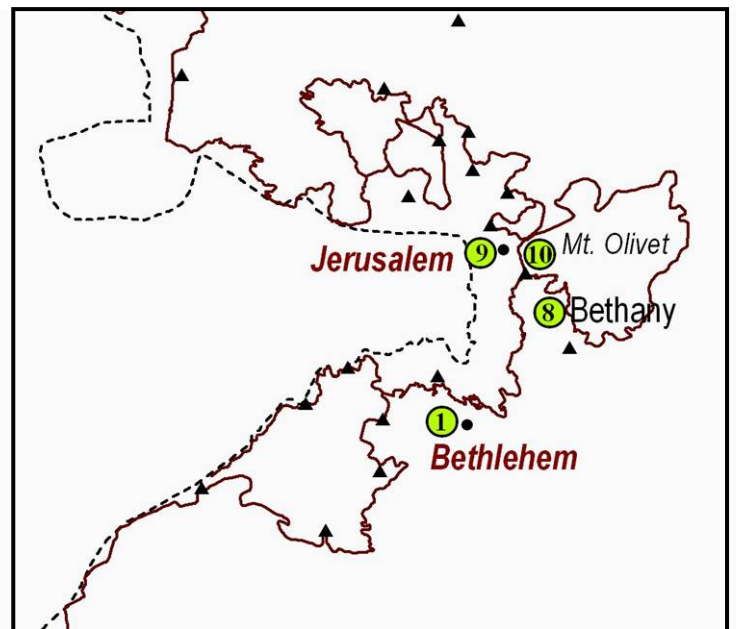
Solidarity With The Holy Land Christians

Lawrence P. Grayson, DD, PGK, PFN and Chairman,
Holy Land Outreach Committee

The political and military conflicts in the area of the Holy

Land have had dire economic and sociological effects, particularly on Palestinian Christians and their ability to continue living in towns and cities prominent in our Lord’s life. The map below shows some of those locations. Bethlehem was where our Lord was born. Bethany is where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived, and where the Blessed Mother stayed on Holy Thursday evening. Jerusalem is where our Lord, as a boy, debated the rabbis in the Temple, and later suffered, died and was buried. Mt. Olivet is where He ascended to heaven.

The dashed line is the boundary set by the 1949 Armistice that ended the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. It divides Historic Palestine: Israel to the left and the West Bank to the right. The solid line shows the Wall erected recently by Israel to separate Palestinian settlements from Israel and its West Bank settlements. The Wall, which the International Court of Justice has ruled illegal, is about 550 miles long and lengthening, and up to 30 feet high in sections. The diamonds represent Israeli military checkpoints; there are 51 of them. Bethany is about 2 miles from Jerusalem, and Bethlehem about 10 miles away. Palestinian Christians living in Bethany or Bethlehem who wish to go to Jerusalem must obtain Israeli permission, which frequently is not given. They also must pass through one of the checkpoints, which is a slow procedure. Palestinian Christians living on one side of the wall effectively have been cut off from sites on the other. Men cannot get to work; nuns cannot travel from their convents to the schools they serve; students cannot go on pilgrimages to Christian shrines; people cannot visit the places of our Lord’s life on Holy Days.



As a result of the conflicts, which have lasted for several decades, many of the Christians have been deprived of adequate means to support their families, and Christian institutions are not able to maintain and promote their religious and humanitarian activities. With unemployment running as high as 60 percent among Christians and with little or no prospect for a safe and dignified future, there has been a constant exodus of Christians, especially young couples, from the Holy Land. When the boundary line was drawn in 1949, about 47 percent of the population of the area was Christian. Today, it is less than 2 percent. The Vatican has expressed its concern that without a Christian presence in the Holy Land, the sites of our Lord's life will become museums to a dead past, rather than remain living Christian communities.

As the Pope John Paul II said, "The Wall is an obstacle on the road to peace. The Holy Land does not need walls, but bridges". As disruptive as the Wall is, it is only a symbol of deep hostilities, whose roots extend back more than a millennium. If Palestinian Christians can remain, they are in a unique position to assist in developing a peaceful resolution. They share Biblical foundations with the Jewish peoples, and have a common language, culture and traditions with the Palestinian Muslims. They can be the bridge for peace and understanding, as well as anchors to our Christian heritage. If they are to remain through the current turmoil, however, they require solidarity with Christians everywhere, expressed through spiritual and economic support.

The Knights of Columbus is reaching out to these fellow Christians. Our Supreme Council has provided monetary support since 2002 from the Pacem in Terris Fund. However, much more is needed on a personal level so that these people do not feel they are abandoned. They are not seeking charity, although charity is needed, but want to earn their living and lead dignified lives. Education of the young is essential if the Faith is to be maintained among the next generation. The 42 Catholic schools in the area, which enroll about 10,000 Christian students, must continue to exist and to provide quality Christian education. With the present economic conditions, tuition must be kept far below the actual cost of educating a child, and no Christian student is turned away because of inability to pay tuition. As a result, the schools are in dire need of financial assistance.

Our State Deputy in Maryland has created a Holy Land Outreach Committee, for the purpose of building a bridge

for moral, spiritual and financial assistance to the Holy Land. Its first effort is to have every Council in the State support one child at a cost of \$300 for the year – and the Councils are responding. In the coming months, other efforts will be announced. In the meantime, keep these Christians, some of whom can trace their ancestry back to our Lord's first disciples, in your prayers.*



Tony Gentilcore is back in action, looking a little a leaner and making sure the gardens get their fair share of attention.

