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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight Gary Yeck

My Brothers All:

Lent is a time for reflection and prayer as we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus. We are truly blessed to have several opportunities to help us make this Lenten season truly meaningful. Each Tuesday evening at 7:30 the Bishop Fenwick Chapter of the Third Order of St. Dominic hosts a time of prayer and reflection featuring a guest speaker from the Dominican House in Washington, D.C. The final evening, April 6, a penance service will be offered to the parish with several priests presiding over the sacrament of reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross are held Friday evenings at 7:30.

St. Andrew Apostle Retreat will be held March 19-21 at Loyola-On-Potomac retreat center. The cost for this is \$140.

This March we also have an opportunity to open our hearts and our treasures to support over 100 Catholic programs which help those among us with the greatest needs. The Cardinal's Appeal was kicked off on Sunday, March 7th with presentations from members of Monsignor Wells Council at all the Masses. Thanks to Brother Eugene Cottilli for coordinating the Knights leadership in this important drive. Please consider the need for all of us to help as you decide how you can support the Appeal this year. Last year St. Andrew's parish contributed over \$95,000, an almost 20% increase from the preceding year. Keep up the good work.

March Madness is upon us and not only at the NCAA level. We are sponsoring two teams for the State Council Jr. High Basketball Tournament beginning March 27. Thanks to Brother Bill Taylor for his leadership in this event.

Finally, remember that 2004 Council dues are now payable. Please return your check to our Worthy Financial Secretary, Jim Lehr as soon as possible. In our council your dues are critical in supporting the activities in all of our program areas.

Second Notice for Dues

The Financial Secretary will be sending out second notices to those members who have not yet paid their annual dues. This extra mailing means additional costs to the billing process. Membership cards carrying the year 2003 will not be valid beyond the end of March; they will not provide entry to meetings or any K of C facilities anywhere. Please send your dues to the Financial Secretary as soon as possible. If you have a problem with paying your dues, contact the Financial Secretary to make payment arrangements.*

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

A Story to Remember

There is a legend of 3 horsemen crossing the desert at night. Out of the darkness came a voice commanding them to dismount and fill their pockets with pebbles. After they had obeyed and remounted, the voice declared, "Tomorrow at sun-up you will be both glad and sad."

When dawn came, they reached into their pockets and discovered not pebbles, but diamonds. Then they were both glad and sad -- glad they had taken as much as they had; sad they had not taken more!

And so it is with life insurance!

Brothers, if you know you need to review what you have -- don't wait any longer. I'm here for your benefit -- call me now and I'll bring you something more than life insurance -- I can bring you peace of mind.*

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855

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Chaplin's Message

Associate Chaplin Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

The Church Suffering

The Church is made up of three distinct groupings. The first is the Church Triumphant, those holy people who are eternally in the presence of Almighty God in the glory of heaven. The second is the Church Suffering, those souls in Purgatory who await their final purification before taking their place in the heavenly court. The final group the Church Militant, we who struggle with temptations and the pressures of daily life.

Unfortunately, with the recent release of data by the National Review Board that about 4% of priest who did not live up to their calling and failed their ministry, the Church Militant can also claim the title of Church Suffering. Not because we are in Purgatory, but because we suffer from the great pain and embarrassment of so few on so many. Anyone who read the letter by our pastor Father Kennedy on this subject that appeared in the February 29 bulletin could not be moved by the pain and suffering expressed by him over the actions of just a few.

Yet just as the souls in Purgatory will someday become the Church Triumphant as co-heirs in heaven, so we who suffer from this scandal have the sure hope that things will improve and the Church can once again regain the moral high ground to guide our society in remaining faithful to the truth of Almighty God.

Throughout history, when the Church has suffered the greatest, there has been the opportunity for the greatest saints to step forward. As Knights of Columbus, there may have been no greater need in our proud history to step forward and witness our faith. This is particularly needed most, I believe, in supporting our faithful priests and publicly encouraging vocations to the priesthood.

During the current scandal, the priesthood has taken a beating. Yes, 4% have been involved in terrible crimes. But 96% of the priests have remained faithful. Now that the unfaithful individuals have been identified, we have the certainty that the priests that serve us are faithful to their calling and deserve our respect for answering Almighty God's calling.

Now is the time for us to step forward and tell everyone we know that the priest who serve us are faithful to their calling, tell our priests that we greatly appreciate their efforts, and tell

young men loud and clear that the priesthood is a wonderful vocation. In these final days of Lent, pray too for the priesthood.

It is a time for hope and action. It is a time when the Knights of Columbus are really needed.

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Joseph Murphy

My Brothers and Sisters all:

By the time you read this letter, it will be the Lenten season. Traditionally, we give up things for Lent, but this year I ask you to take on something new instead. Step forward and volunteer to help your Council. I am so impressed with all the good work that goes on in our five Councils in District 18 – but often the work is done by a core group without broad involvement of most of the Council members. Call your Grand Knight or one of the Committee Chairmen and offer your help. I guarantee it will be gratefully accepted. Our recent Fraternal Activity Survey shows clearly that Columbianism is alive and well in District 18, and in the State as a whole. All our wonderful accomplishments could be enhanced so much more if we all participated by adding one more activity to our schedule, even if it involves only an hour or two of our time.

So far this fraternal year we have taken in 71 new members in the District -- an outstanding performance by our recruiting teams, and I know the spring membership campaign will be equally successful. Remember to ask your friends and neighbors to join. It is really an act of charity to do so, for it is very clear to me that you get so much more from the Knights of Columbus than you put into it. We have over 1000 Knights in our District and that number is growing fast, but we cover twelve parishes. My guess is that there must be at least 8000 to 10,000 Catholic men, here in our small district, who are not yet members. Reach out to them. Ask them. Share the wealth of your membership. I ask the 71 new members to strive for the Shining Armor award. The criteria are easy to meet: Attend three business meetings, participate in three activities, meet with the insurance representative, recruit at least one new member, and receive your Second and Third Degrees.

On March 25, the Order will observe its 3rd Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. On this day, Knights and their families should pray, fast, and work to restore

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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

March 3	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
March 10	Business meeting	7:45 PM
March 24	Social meeting	7:45 PM

Other Activities

Tuesday Evenings Reflection/3rd Order of St Dominic

Tues.	Mar. 2	Very Rev. J Barranger, OP	7:30 PM
Tues.	Mar. 9	Very Rev. R. Whitt, OP	7:30 PM
Tues.	Mar. 16	Rev. J Langlois, OP	7:30 PM
Tues.	Mar. 23	Rev. J M Sullican, OP	7:30 PM
Tues.	Mar. 30	Rev. W Garrot, OP	7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr. 6	Penance Service	7:30 PM

respect and protection to the child before birth. The Supreme
Council will sponsor a mass at the Basilica of the National
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 7:30 PM that evening.
Consider attending.

On February 1st, I had the privilege of attending a First Degree
and the institution of a new council in our general area, Consejo
San Juan Diego, a Spanish-speaking council based at St. Martin's
Church in Gaithersburg. I congratulate GK Roberto Ibáñez of
Rock Creek Council for performing the role of the Deputy
Grand Knight in Spanish for the degree. I think all present
were impressed with the spirit, commitment, and family
involvement of the new members. I especially thank those
councils that donated funds to help the new council get off the
ground.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord during this Lenten season.
Remember those Knights and their ladies who have gone before
us. We have lost several dedicated Knights in our councils in
recent months. Pray for the repose of their souls. Please join
me in the prayer Our Lady gave to St. Catherine Labouré: "O
Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to
thee."

Joseph A. Murphy, District Deputy 18

Birthdays for March

Jim Lehr and Al Tagliaferro on the 8th, Denis Salamone on the
16th, Albert Jannch and Marjorie, wife of Frank Kenny on the
23.*

Wedding Anniversaries

Dr. Justin and Monica Marie Harris on the 5th.*

Third Order Dominicans

Dorothy Murphy from the local Chapter of the Third Order
Dominicans spoke at our February 11 meeting. Accompanying
Dorothy was Cheryl Tyiska. Dorothy provided a history and
background of the Third Order of St. Dominic. Also discussed
during the meeting was how our organizations might work
together on a future project. One opportunity would be
assisting them during their Lenten evenings of reflection.

As mentioned in the Grand Knight's Message, The Bishop
Fenwick Chapter of the Third Order Dominicans is .hosting
Tuesday Evenings of Reflection during Lent here at St.
Andrews. Our attendance alone can provide support to a very
informative evening. Please see the Activity calendar for dates*

Monsignor Wells Message

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

Lent: "This Joyful Season"

March 3, 1996

One of the prefaces used in Lenten Masses has the line, "Each year you give us this joyful season..." The first time I used that Preface this year, I chuckled to myself as I recalled my early Lents as a priest. Ordained in 1971, I saw the Church coming through the liturgical changes of Vatican II. I grew up in an environment where the life and traditions of the "old" Church were pretty much understood and loved; consequently the changes, in mood as well as language were difficult for me to accept. There may have been even a bit of, dare I write it, immaturity in my response. At any rate, the first time as a priest that I read in this Preface about Lent being "this joyful season," I reacted with disgust.

Say what you will about the Lent of the fifties, joy is not what was emphasized in prayer or practice - at least in the understanding of a child encouraged to give up anything that smacked of pleasure. At any rate, as a young priest, I saw the connection of joy with Lent as a way in which the Church was trying to water down the good old fashioned misery and suffering of these six weeks. Imagine this: I may have been wrong.

My favorite line in all of Scripture is in John's Gospel (Jn 15:11), spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, the night before He was to die: not, for Him, a joyful time in the usual sense of that word. He said, "All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete." What is "my joy," of which Jesus speaks? All that I can think is that Jesus is speaking of the joy that is the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that He desires that we know the joy that is God's eternal life.

He wants us to know that joy, but because it is interior and spiritual, it is incredibly easy for us to miss it. Prayer, of course, is the first way to put us in contact with the source of our joy, but fasting, self-denial and almsgiving also have the effect of challenging us to go beyond surface pleasure or convenience in an effort to be in communion with deeper spiritual realities. Man is a marvelous mix of flesh and spirit, but it is the spirit that gives to the flesh vitality. Our spirit has been enlivened by Christ who is our joy. As we die to the legitimate desires of the flesh during these Lenten days, we are enabled to know more surely the Lord who lives within.

Joyful, in the sense of fun: I guess not. But, joyful in terms of coming to know Him who is the heart of our being, surely this is a season of joy.

Knight of the Month

Deputy Grand Knight Dave Czarnecki shown here in a recent sporty portrait photo courtesy of Olan Mills and the parish directory received February's Knight of the Month.*

