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## Grand Knight's Message

**Grand Knight Dave Czarniecki**

My Brothers All:

Forgive the lateness of the newsletter this month, I am to blame. I am stepping in for the Worthy Newsletter editor/Financial Secretary this month. Since I have pasted everything else in I left myself little space and time to write. But I did wish to share a rewarding experience at the Tootsie Roll Dinner this past month attended by the Worthy Tootsie Roll Chairman Werner Moeller, his lady Margaret, Sean Hardman and myself. It was very rewarding because we got to meet many of the beneficiaries of the donations we collectively gathered last fall. Gentlemen your efforts are being put to incredible good use. It is inspirational to see fist hand and meet the people receiving the benefits. In previous months discussions we stated that more than \$68K was distributed to 20 organizations in Montgomery County. As Werner suggested after the dinner, "Let's double last year's collection".

Quick thanks to Mike Bond in a very productive Baby Bottle Fund Raider. Details next month.

Have a Holy and Happy Easter!



KofC presentation to Aimee Isaac, a representative from the Stephen Knolls School

## Spaghetti Dinner

More than forty friends, family and worthy brothers gathered together early Sunday evening February 20<sup>th</sup> for our first ever Spaghetti Dinner. Chef Tony Gentilcore with the able kitchen staff of guest Carol Smith, brothers Wayne Miller, John O'Donnell and Sean Hardman put on an incredible "That was one spicy meatball!" spaghetti dinner. With great servings, a nice complement of salad, bread, drinks and desert along with a comfortable ambiance of soft music gave the all purpose room a relaxing enjoyable setting for food and camaraderie. Also thanks to the Bolin and Gatti for assisting in the clean up afterwards.

This was our practice run for bigger events with the whole parish. The council is looking into the lessons learned and evaluating the next steps. We did receive a lot of encouragement to do it again soon.\*

## Congratulations Sir Knights

Congratulations to our new 4th Degree Knights who received their exemplification this past Saturday, March 5, 2005:

- Sean Hardman
- Dennis Salamone and
- Rev. George A. Wilkinson\*

## State Donation Matching

Attention all KC Councils: Ron White is supporting the collection of donations to offset the costs for the Maryland March for Life. The State will match \$0.50 per council dollar up to \$50.00 (That is the state will donate \$25 if the council donates \$50). Council Checks should be made out to the Maryland March for Life and mailed to Brian O'Connor the State Pro-Life Chairman 667 Trimble Rd Joppatowne, MD 21085 NLT 4/1/05 to qualify for the matching grant. Donations greater than \$50 are gladly accepted.

Worthy Council Brothers please provide your donations to the Worthy Financial Secretary.

## District Deputy's Message

### District Deputy Mike Perez

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Spring is just around the corner and the end line for this fraternal year is on the horizon. You have accomplished so much within your parishes and communities. I thank you for your sacrifice and service. We have much to be thankful for and much yet to do. Support your Council officers in all your Council activities in support of church, community, family, youth and council. At this time of year, each of us is examining our own lives and our own commitment to the vocation to which Christ calls us. In this Lenten season during this Year of the Eucharist, I encourage you to find time to spend with Christ in Eucharistic adoration. For all of us who are troubled by the pressures and cares of our hectic existence, this devotional period can be a source of peace, of renewal, and of joy. I encourage you to then share His gifts to you with those who are needy, are suffering, or are lonely. Vivat Jesus!

On February 5th, we held the District 18 Free Throw Championship at the Heights School. We crowned 7 young champions who are now eligible to compete in the State Free Throw Championship. The State Championship will be held on March 5 at 11 am at Mount St. Mary's College. I want to thank my District Warden, Larry Grayson, and John Li of Mater Dei Council for all they did to arrange for and support the District Shoot Out. I also want to thank all those Brother Knights who organized and participated in Council level competitions and those who assisted at the District level. The enthusiasm among the youth was great to observe. February also marked one of my favorite events...the distribution of the proceeds of our tootsie roll program in Montgomery County to the many organizations that serve the mentally handicapped in our community. The Presentations Dinner, held at St. Raphael Catholic Community on February 12, was an opportunity for us, as Knights, to see the benefits of our hard work and sacrifice to those special children of God. As a community of 16 Councils in Montgomery County, we distributed over \$68,000 to 20 service organizations. Congratulations and a hearty "THANK YOU" to each of you and your family members who supported this great effort. I've never been more proud to be a Knight!

March 6th brings the annual Fourth Degree Exemplification

for the Archdiocese of Washington District at University of Maryland University College. Many men from our District have indicated their intent to become "Sir Knights" that day as they join the Cardinal O'Boyle and Sullivan Brothers Assemblies. I offer my congratulations to all new Sir Knights and encourage each of you to become involved in our patriotic programs. I also encourage you to consider developing new programs to support our new and aging veterans. Another highlight of March is the annual Founder's Day Mass and Dinner on March 13. The State Council will present its awards for Citizen of the Year, Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, and Catholic Teacher of the Year. This dinner is open to all Knights and their families. Reservations and payments must be in by March 4. See your Grand Knight for details on how to register.

April 4th is the Feast of the Annunciation and is the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. I encourage all Knights and families to observe this day through attendance at Mass, prayer, or other appropriate way. Also in April, Birthright Volunteers of Wheaton will be holding a fund raiser featuring tenor Mark Forrest. Ask your Grand Knight for the details.

In closing, let me encourage each of you to reach out to a Catholic man, 18 years old or older, in good standing with the Holy See, and ask him to join the Order. As our Worthy State Deputy reminds us, we have an obligation to share the Experience of a Lifetime with all our Catholic men. Nona and I wish you and your family a Joyous and Faith-Filled Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

## In Memory

Maxine P. Hartup, mother of Sheila Yeck and mother-in-law of PGK Gary Yeck passed away on February 19, 2005. A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Mrs. Hartup on Saturday March 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. The family would appreciate seeing the Brother Knights of Monsignor Wells Council as they celebrate her life and ask God to grant eternal peace to her soul. \*

## COUNCIL #13008

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David Czarnecki, William Bolin, Werner Moeller  
Gary Yeck, Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri, Paul Sanneman, Jim  
Lehr Michael 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

Mar. 2	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
Mar. 9	Business meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> Degree)	7:45 PM
Mar. 23	Social meeting	7:45 PM

## Shepherd's Table

It's my pleasure to report that once again, Council 13008 was well represented at our volunteer night at Shepherd's Table. This time, we were able to produce 7 volunteers for our volunteer night on February 16th. Brothers Al Tagliaferro, Dennis Salamone, Wayne Miller and I were joined by Brother Andrew Brown and his daughter as well as Fr. Dave Werning. We performed the usual tasks of serving food, bussing tables and Brother Miller even helped with crowd control. Actually, he handed out tickets and chewed the fat with the people in line.

Speaking for myself, I would like to reiterate that I find this opportunity to serve a rewarding experience and as Fr. Dave mentioned in one of his recent homilies, it is a good way to add to our Lenten experience. It reminds me of John 13:15 – "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

Jesus said this of course after washing his disciple's feet. No one has asked me to wash any feet just yet but I'd like to think that by bussing tables or washing dishes, I am serving the Lord in the way Jesus commanded us.

I invite all of our brothers to join us. Again, I know (and am very proud I might add) that many of our brothers are involved in a variety of missions, charities and services which fill up their calendar. For those of you searching for ways to grow in Christ through service, my invitation goes out to you most especially. We still meet on at 5:45PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Shepherd's Table in downtown Silver Spring. Depending on future turnout, we can move the date or add an additional date. The seven volunteers we had last time were actually probably more than was needed for that evening. If you are interested, please let me know first so I can coordinate with the volunteer administrator at Shepherd's Table so we can avoid overstaffing. The benefit of serving gets diluted if we aren't busy working!

I can be reached at (301) 962-7644 or by e-mail: [Nicholas\\_Luketic@msn.com](mailto:Nicholas_Luketic@msn.com)

Thank you to Al Tagliaferro, Wayne Miller, Dennis Salamone, Andrew Brown and daughter and especially Fr. Dave whose presence had a special significance for not only our Council but for all faithful Catholics.

Yours fraternally and in Christ Jesus,  
Nick Luketic, Lecturer\*

## Monsignor Wells Message

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

### A Pilgrimage of Love

July 31, 1994

The beach, especially the Outer Banks, is made for reading. Most of the houses have roof-level decks that catch whatever breeze that comes from whatever direction. For me, the essence of an Outer Banks week is to get a book, cold drink and chair, tell all that I have gone to the beach and then, quietly sneak onto the deck and read.

Alas, the group with whom I traveled this June was, while an awful lot of fun, far too active. One of the books I took with me, an under \$3.00 selection from Crown, was untouched. By Chilton Williamson Jr., the book is titled *The Homestead* and is about a family's ability to deal with a crime of violence committed by one of its members. As a matter of fact, even though the book is short, I am only half way through it since I do not have the time here that I do at the beach, and also because, except for one strange reason, I do not especially like the book. I suppose it is a tribute to the author's skill, but as I read about these people, I have kind of a vague sadness, the kind I sometimes have when I work with people who seem to have stopped caring about each other.

Christianity often seems a futile exercise. At a certain stage, most of us consciously chose to live our lives as followers of Christ. Perhaps the decision is forgotten more often than remembered; perhaps we have fallen short more frequently than we would ever have dreamed possible and, perhaps, our ideals have been often and easily compromised. But still, the faith is kept; decisions for love of God and neighbor are made, however routinely, and somehow, another year passes in living out a youthful word of commitment.

I guess what I am reminded of by this novel is the alternative to following Christ. Yes, my Christian commitment does, often, seem futile and pitifully unimportant—especially in the face of much that sees that commitment as an out-of-date relic. But the alternative is selfishness and selfishness means isolated loneliness. Yes, I sometime wonder if it all matters or if I really make a difference, but I never wonder if I am loved or if the best course for me is to be there for others. The grace of God makes this a pilgrimage of love, not of isolation and emptiness. It is often a journey that seems utterly ordinary,

## Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

### MONEY BACK TERM INSURANCE

Sound too good to be true? If it does it usually is not true.

Many people buy term insurance because it is considered cheap insurance. Unfortunately, when the term runs out, the member continues to need the protection. How the member is forced to qualify and, if he can, usually pay higher premium.

Term has its place, it may be used to protect someone for a specific need for a specific time period. It may be used to protect someone for a specific need for a specific time period. It may be used to provide large amounts of insurance protection when there is a need to divert premiums to everyday living needs.

Unfortunately, it may be the most expensive when the member lives beyond the term period and asks, "What is my policy worth?"

A policy should provide the amount of protection that is needed for a specific time and then the cash value in the policy may be used for the other purposes, such as education funds, retirement income, prepay other obligations or used in the event of an emergency.

"**MONEY BACK TERM**" is a misnomer. However, your life policy can work just like it.

Call your Brother Knight Bob Callaway, your Council Field Agent today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

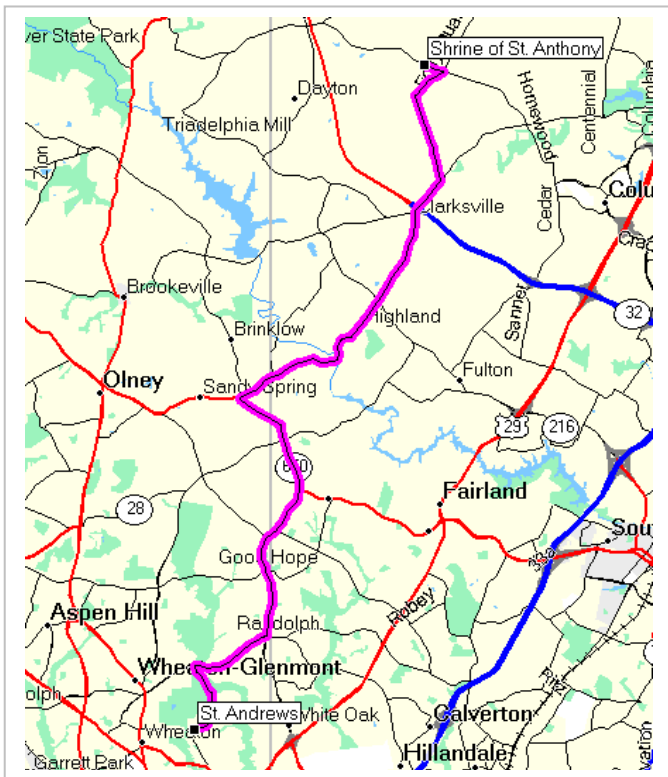
Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855  
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Scenes for the Father Kennedy's Christmas Train Display 2004



## Day of Spiritual Renewal

Join your Brother Knights from Msgr. Wells Council on "Pilgrimage 2005 – Sacred Journey, a Holy Walk" at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD. Located less than 20 miles north of St. Andrews, the Shrine of St. Anthony has been home to the Franciscan Friars for over 70 years.

The Pilgrimage will be Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Cars can assemble at the St. Andrews School parking lot at 9:00 am for the easy trip to the Shrine. Registration fee is \$35.00 and includes the Pilgrimage, materials, and a light lunch.

Let the Lord speak to you in a quiet place as HE has spoken on this ground for over 75 years to men and women desiring to follow Him. In the spirit of our Father and St. Francis, the Franciscan Friars share the Shrine of St. Anthony with the Knights of Msgr. Wells' Council who would walk as pilgrims, as fellow-travelers on the road home to God.

The Pilgrimage includes:

- a day of fasting and prayer,
- a day of spiritual inventory and healing,
- a day of sacramental presence- in Reconciliation and Eucharist,
- wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes,
- guide a fellow-pilgrim, Franciscan Friar Noel Danielewicz.

If you are searching for a deeper walk in the Lord, but find yourself at time over-whelmed at where you are and where you would like to be, consider joining your brother Knights on this spiritual journey, a pilgrimage on holy ground to a sacred place.

To register for Pilgrimage 2005, contact Dave Keefe at 301-460-6714 or [D.Keefe@verizon.net](mailto:D.Keefe@verizon.net)

Payment of \$35.00 will be due on the day of the Pilgrimage.\*

