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## Grand Knight's Message



**Grand Knight Wayne Miller**

Worthy Brothers All:

April, where did it go May I ask? We are so blessed to have such Knights, who still ask what more can I do to help? Well since you ask I shall tell you. Sand,

varnish, and stain doors, come to "Knight at the Movies", help hand out Carnations on Mothers Day, help hand out Finger rosary's on Fathers Day, help with the pool party in June, Come to the GK Dinner, ask a practicing Catholic Gentleman to become active, become an officer for next year, ask someone if they need assistance, lose an argument every now and then, tell your family that YOU LOVE THEM, come say the rosary at 7:30 PM on the fourth Wednesday, think of two activities to volunteer for in the next fraternal year (Council, Church, Community, Youth, and Family). Congratulation to Jim Lehr (Family of the Month) and Dr. Gorschboth (Knight of the Month).

The State Convention is coming up at the end of May. All of you should pat yourself on the back and pat another Knight on the back for making this year a successful year. Eugene, Gary, and Dave thank you for being great leaders in the past. I would have been unsuccessful without your kind and direct leadership. As for the rest of our council, I would not have been able to show STATE anything if you hadn't stepped up to the call and taken care of the Activities. They ran smoothly and without complaint. We helped in all areas of responsibility to the Council, Church, Family, Youth, and to the Community. Even our invisible Knights became visible. Many others have expressed an interest in our council and we need to keep them interested.

Remember to be THIRD and most of all Breathe.\*

## Sponsor of Holy Land Child

With contributions provide by students of St. Andrew's the council provided a \$300 check to the Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation to support the Christian education of one child in the Holy Land for one year. \*

## Community Activities

**Director Nicholas Luketic**

PGK Gary Yeck, Chancellor Dennis Salamone and Community Activities Director Nick Luketic have volunteered to team up with the St. Andrew's School Advisory Board volunteers to organize this year's annual Phyllis Kritzer Golf Tournament to benefit the faculty of St. Andrew Apostle School.

Brother Luketic will serve as the overall chairman for the event while PGK Yeck and Chancellor Salamone will chair individual tasks. By volunteering to support this event, Msgr. Wells Council will be a co-sponsor which should give the council higher visibility within the parish. Any brothers who would like to donate their time and talents are encouraged to contact Brother Luketic at 301 962 7644 or by e-mail at [nicholas\\_luketic@msn.com](mailto:nicholas_luketic@msn.com).

Also, please remember that as summer approaches and vacations are being planned, we are not taking a vacation from donating food to S.O.M.E. in the District and donating our time and hard work to Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. For details on how to donate to S.O.M.E., please contact Brother Luketic. If you are interested in volunteering your time to Shepherd's table, remember that Msgr. Wells council always serves the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:00PM to about 7:45PM. For members who are short on time, S.O.M.E. is a great way to help the area's homeless. For those short on cash, Shepherd's table is a great way to make a difference with your time. Both are worthy causes and wonderful opportunities to all His grace to work through you.\*

## Father's Day Gifts

Not only will the Council be providing carnation mementos for the Mothers of the Parish on Mother's Day but this year the Council has made arrangements of gifts for the men of the parish on Father's Day. \*

## Officer Elections

Nominations for candidates for the 2006-2007 slate of officers will be announced at the May 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.\*

## Chaplin's Message



Associate Chaplin Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

### *St. Joseph—The Model Knight*

The month of May begins with the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker. The feast is important for the entire Church, but in particular the Knights of Columbus. In 1950, Pope Pius XII initiated this feast day to counter Communism's false concept of the worker and their belief that Communism would lead nations to becoming "worker paradises."

What do we know of St. Joseph? Well, not very much at all. We know that he was completely obedient to Almighty God's will. He was chosen to be the foster father of our Savior, Jesus Christ and the spouse of our holy mother Mary. What an important vocation!!

But St. Joseph also had to live in the world and provide for his family. He was a carpenter by trade and a Roman subject. He had to travel to Bethlehem with his pregnant wife to comply with the Roman census. After the birth of Our Lord, he provided a home for his family in Bethlehem and worked his trade. Because of the threat of Herod to kill the male children, he moved his family to Egypt. In a strange land without family or friend, St. Joseph had to provide a home and support his family through his labors. Eventually, he moved his family back to Nazareth where again he had to find a new home for his family and provide for his family by his work.

Travel was tough in those days, as were living conditions and carpenter work. But St. Joseph carried out his vocation with great love and did not complain. He made his work holy because it was his work that provided the means for his family to remain strong, safe and healthy. St. Joseph was not just a worker, but a husband and foster father. He was attentive to his wife, and had to instruct Our Lord in the faith and teach him his trade.

St. Joseph led a simple life and the world would judge his life as unremarkable. But it was this ordinary man that Almighty God chose to do great things for the salvation of the world. The only description Holy Scriptures provides is that St. Joseph was "an upright and just man." Now we know St. Joseph as a great saint, and the patron saint and protector of the entire Catholic Church.

Our goal in life should be to be obedient to Almighty God's will, provide for and protect our families, and give of

ourselves completely just as St. Joseph did. If we do, we will be described as "upright and just" and become great saints too.

St. Joseph possessed all the qualities to lead a saintly life and would be the Model Knight if he were alive today. He is an outstanding example for all on how to live in the world in the complete joy and peace that only Our Lord can give.

St. Joseph, Model of Knights, pray for us.\*

## District Deputy's Message



District Deputy Lawrence P. Grayson

My Brothers and Sisters all:

In the Lenten Season just passed, I had the good fortune to read Jim Bishop's book, *The Day Christ Died*. Although we know the events of the Passion by heart, and listen to several Gospel versions of it each year at the Masses during Holy Week, Bishop has written a smooth flowing narrative making the reader feels like an unseen observer during those last hours of our Lord's life. Each chapter covers one hour of the period from 6 pm on Holy Thursday until 4 pm on Good Friday. While there is no record of the times when most of the events occurred -- people 2,000 years ago did not have the ability to accurately tell time, especially at night-- the author makes reasonable assumptions to provide a sense of when things happened during those all-important 22 hours. With the aid of two maps, one can follow our Lord as he first walks and later is led throughout Jerusalem. The book has been out of print for many years, but still can be purchased on the used book market. If you haven't read it, I recommend it highly.

Today, the descendants of the first followers of our Lord still live in the Holy Land. However, the dire conditions created by the hostilities between the Israelis and Muslims have taken their toll on the Christian population, which has been reduced from 18% after World War II to less than 2% at present. The Vatican has stated that if the Holy Places are to remain active shrines rather than become museums to a dead past, a Christian presence must be maintained in the Holy Land. Our State Deputy, Ronald B. White, has appointed a Holy Land Outreach Committee to assist in this effort. As

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## COUNCIL #13008

### 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 & Eles 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.

### May Meetings

May 03	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
May 10	Business meeting	7:45 PM
May 24	Rosary (7:30PM)	
	Social meeting	7:45 PM
	Movie (Fish – 28 minutes)	

## April Knight of the Month

Brother Fred Gorschboth.\*

## April Family of the Month

The family of Financial Secretary Jim Lehr.\*

## May Birthdays

Dr. Bernie Hillig on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Brother Jeffery Bergman on the 5<sup>th</sup>; Treasurer Paul Sanneman and Brother John O'Donnell on the 11<sup>th</sup>; Brother Frank Kenney on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Brother Jeffery Whitesell on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Brother Christopher Smith on the 21<sup>st</sup>; and, Brother Tom Devlin on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, Josephine, wife of Recorder Prosper Youm on the 1<sup>st</sup>; Sylvia, wife of Brother Robert Panick on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and La Verne, wife of Outside Guard Tony Gatti on the 31<sup>st</sup>.\*

## May Anniversaries

Brother Robert Panicj and his wife Sylvia celebrate their forty-eighth anniversary on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Brother Al Tagliaferro and his wife Ana celebrate their twenty-seventh anniversary on the 12<sup>th</sup>; Trustee PGK Eugene Cottilli and his wife April celebrate their nineteenth anniversary on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; Brother Dennis Gorres and his wife Isabel celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup>; and, Financial Secretary Jim Lehr and his wife Eleanor celebrate their fifty-second anniversary on the 29<sup>th</sup>.\*

## Remember In Your Prayers

The brother of GK Wayne Miller who passed away May23rd, Brother Anthony Gentilcore who is recovering from a heart attack, Brother Joseph Barrett who is in and out of the hospital, Robert Cowley who is ill, Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy who is back in Suburban Hospital, 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.\*

## Spaghetti and Awards Dinner

The Grand Knight invite all worthy brother to a special Social Meeting in June. The Spaghetti and Awards Dinner is planned for June 28, 2006, 7:00 PM St. Andrew Apostle School in the Multi-purpose room.

Please RSVP to our Worthy Grand Knight Wayne Miller by June 1, 2006.\*

## Monsignor Wells Message

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



### Potential for Good

May 28, 1995

I guess I first heard the word potential applied to me from my seventh grade nun. I was standing in the hail outside of class, where I had been sent — probably because the other children were being a bad influence on me —

when Sister came out, and among a few other warm words of support, she shook her finger at me and said, “Tom Wells, you have great potential either for good or for evil!” Whether there was any potential, or whether it was for good or for evil, I do not know; but I do know that I find myself frequently using the word, especially when working with the young.

The ten days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday were days spent in prayer by the Apostles, Our Lady and the early believers as they waited for the Spirit, whom Jesus had promised to send upon His return to heaven. They already had faith. After all, they had seen, spoken with and eaten with the Risen Lord after His Resurrection. What they awaited was His Spirit that would empower them to do the work of Jesus, to be His Church, until the end of time. In other words, the Holy Spirit was the source of the potential that would allow that simple group of Jewish peasants to begin the proclamation of the Good News. Sister was probably speaking about a natural potential on that day in seventh grade, and as I say, she may or may not have been correct, but a couple of things are beyond question: the Church derives its power for good (its potential) not from natural gifts only, but from the very presence of the Spirit of God at the core of its being. Secondly, any member of the Church, especially when confirmed, possesses that same potential to dramatically communicate the goodness of God to the world.

No potential can be developed unless the decision is made to make it develop. God will place no limits on my ability to show His goodness as a priest, but I must choose daily to cooperate with His grace and to do the hard work involved. God will never say to a married couple, “You have experienced too much love, you must wait for heaven for the rest.” But, likewise, He will not force them to make decisions of forgiveness, patience, self-denial and faith in

Him, as well as the partner, that are the essence of love. And so it is, in workplace and bail field, the Spirit of God gives us the potential to be powerful signs of the presence of God in our midst, but we must decide to develop that potential. In this week before the Feast of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as a parish that God will deepen our faith and our courage so that we might ever more sincerely pray:

“Come, O Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of the faithful. Kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth.”

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Catholic education is imperative for the future of that region, the Committee's first initiative is to encourage each Council in the State to support the education of one child in the Holy Land, at a cost of \$300 per year. I am pleased to say that all of the Grand Knights in District 18 have pledged to do so.

In reading the quarterly and other reports of the Councils in our District, it is evident that they actively engage in a variety of pro-life activities. One initiative that has been going on for several years is to have a group peacefully gather to pray the rosary outside of an abortion clinic. Dick Retta, a member of Mater Dei Council, can be found every Saturday morning with a group praying and counseling near one of several clinics in this area. Dick frequently is joined by a few members of his Council. As a result of these efforts, several young women decided that they could not abort their children, and several lives were saved. If you have 30-minutes to spare on a Saturday morning, consider joining Dick. You can get more information by calling him at 301-424-4225.

A second way you can express Catholic involvement is by writing to each of our two U.S. Senators (see the separate announcement) and asking them to support an amendment to the Constitution to define marriage as “the union of one man and one woman.” The Knights of Columbus, in cooperation with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is mounting a write-in campaign in support of the amendment.

**Vivat Jesus!\***

## Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

### *Supreme Knight Recognizes Fraternal Benefits Advisor Bob Callaway In Dublin, Ireland*

On Monday, March 27, 2006, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recognized Bob Callaway for his efforts in attaining the production requirements necessary for membership in the prestigious Supreme Knights Sales Club during the 2005 calendar year. Bob's efforts placed him in the top five percent of the Agency Field Force of over 1,200 agents. This marks the eighth time in nine full years as a Fraternal Benefits Advisor that Bob has been honored for this achievement.

Later in the week, Bob and his wife Laura were guests at a reception honoring those agents who had met the production requirements for the Million Dollar Roundtable (MDRT). MDRT is the premier designation for financial services sales professionals and is bestowed on only the top three percent in the industry internationally.

Invite Bob into your home. He can help secure your families financial future with the many top rated products available through the Knights of Columbus. Bob can be reached at (301) 210-5855 Office, (301) 775-9177 Cell, or through email at [RJCALLA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RJCALLA@GMAIL.COM).\*



## The Individual In A Moral Economy

Lawrence P. Grayson, DD, PGK, PFN

In America today, too many people are bound to an economic system that infringes on their humanity in one way or another. The well-educated are pursuing ever-increasing, never-reaching monetary goals that require either both parents to work or one to be working inordinately long hours which keeps the family members apart and does not allow them to fulfill their responsibilities as parents. The poorly-educated are tied to a welfare system that replaces opportunities for work with income maintenance and bureaucratic regulations that undermine the work ethic, denigrate male responsibility, and reward single mothers. In either case, family life is strained, if not destroyed.

The purpose of human life is not consumption, nor the accumulation of material goods. An over concentration on the material aspects of life is not the way to achieve the ultimate purpose of our existence. God created man and woman in His image and gave us free will so that we could use the things of this world to pursue a spiritual end. Salvation is why we were created. The economic system we have developed is a means, rather than an end, and is to be used to help us fulfill the purpose of our existence. The common good and the spiritual aspect of human nature must be taken into account in the marketplace, for there are important human needs that must be met and which cannot be treated like commodities.

Catholic social teaching is supportive of productive economic activity. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church reminds us of the Biblical parable of the talents, that "what has been received should be used properly, preserved and increased." Producing goods in an efficient manner can be viewed as a moral duty, in the sense that not to do so would be akin to the servant who hid his talent in the ground until his master returned. Pope John Paul II, in *Centesimus Annus*, wrote favorably of the market economy, suggesting it as the model that ought to be followed by the countries of the Third World and of the former Communist bloc which are trying to rebuild their economies and societies. His caution, however, is that such an economic system should not be unconstrained, relying on market forces alone, but that it should be "circumscribed within a strong juridical framework that places it in the

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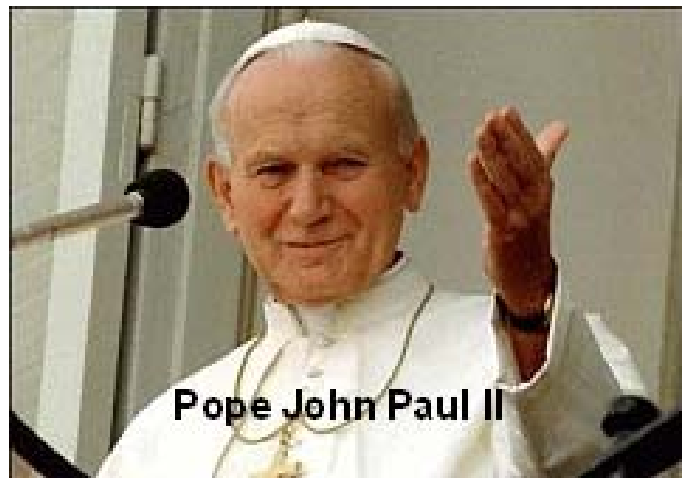
service of human freedom in its totality, and which sees it as a particular aspect of that freedom the core of which is ethical and religious.”

In America, wealth is created through intelligence, invention and human enterprise, which in turn rely on a political system based on liberty, private property, and a limited, but supportive role for the government. Profit and the wealth that results from it are legitimate ends of business activity, and are the primary incentives for establishing new businesses, taking risks, investing, and engaging in other creative economic activities. Without a vibrant economic system producing wealth, the ends of social justice and charity cannot be attained. "Riches fulfill their function of service to man when they are destined to produce benefits for others and for society," continues the Compendium. What is immoral is inverting the correct order of means and ends.

Catholic social principles teach us that economic activity needs a moral orientation, and must be conducted with a hierarchy of values – values that can aid us in deciding how to act as persons created by God to be involved with Him in continuing His creative action in the world. In a dynamic, market economy, the emphasis is on initiative, enterprise, and the application of the inventive intellect, rather than on passive contentment, resignation and dependence on others. Not everyone, however, can participate fully in the opportunities of society, and so there must be a sense of social responsibility towards those who are unable to adequately provide for themselves and their families. The elderly, the young, the disabled, the chronically ill, the mentally handicapped, the poorly educated, and others who are permanently or for a time unable to work must receive assistance.

When the economic system cannot meet the special needs of the weakest and most vulnerable members of society, other sectors of society must come to their assistance. This should be done in a manner that preserves the dignity of the individuals, and creates self-reliance rather than dependency. The provision of assistance must, following the principle of subsidiarity, meaning that the institutions closest to those in need should act first. Only when local and private agencies cannot meet the need should larger and governmental organizations step in. Economic activity carried out in this way becomes an opportunity to practice solidarity and to build a more equitable and humane society.

Abundance is a blessing from God. Mankind, unfortunately, has not made as much progress in spiritual development as it has achieved with material advances. Flawed or non-virtuous behavior brought about by greed, egotism and total self-absorption forms part of the human condition and is at the root of the misuse of our abundance of material goods. The challenge for us is to determine how to order our economic activities according to moral principles. Our efforts and decisions must be made according to a correct hierarchy of values. If we opt for what is good with respect to the human person, rather than simply what is useful or pleasurable, and treat economic gain as a tool for achieving salvation, it will be possible to possess material wealth without abrogating the true purpose of our existence.\*



## Write-in Campaign Supporting Marriage


On June 6, 2006, the U.S. Senate is scheduled to vote to begin the process of amending the Constitution to define marriage as “the union of one man and one woman.” Known as the Marriage Protection Amendment, or Senate Joint Resolution 1, it would preclude actions like that of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, which a few years ago legalized same-sex marriage by judicial fiat. The Knights of Columbus, in cooperation with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is mounting a write-in campaign in support of the Resolution. Ten million postcards have been printed and are being distributed through the Councils to every parish in the nation. Please either write separate letters to Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Paul S. Sarbanes (United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510) or mail two postcards which are available at the Council.\*

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## MONSIGNOR THOMAS M. WELLS COUNCIL #13008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 OFFICERS MEETING 7:30PM	4	5	6
7 END OF LIFE ISSUES PRESENTATION 1:00-3:00PM	8	9	10 BUSINESS MEETING 7:45PM	11	12	13
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