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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight Gary Yeck

My Brothers All:

I am thinking of the words of this salutation: my, brothers, all, three little words that mean so much. This is what we become when we accept the invitation into Knighthood, a worldwide order of Catholic men. Each of us is truly united in brotherhood with a group of men most of whom we will never know, but with whom we share so much. Our order is the largest lay Catholic family, fraternal service organization in the world. We are dedicated to the service of our dioceses and parishes, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, our families, our communities and our young people.

It is no accident that the key elements of our programs include: working in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests including extensive financial support for seminarians; serving as strong advocates of life from conception to natural death; aid to the handicapped especially those with mental and developmental disabilities; support for strong family values and the development of personal piety and devotion to our faith among our members. In Maryland alone we now have 138 local councils with over 25,000 members.

Our own council was formed at the invitation of our parish pastor, Father Joseph Kennedy. This year Father Kennedy has asked us to help with his efforts to develop a Parish Photo Directory. Past Grand Knight, Eugene Cottilli is serving as chairman for this effort, which began with a flyer in the August 6th, and 7th bulletin and continues with sign-ups after Masses the next two weeks and culminates the week of October 6-11 when pictures will be taken.

Our council has financially supported two seminarians in our first two years and we will have the name of our next seminarian in just a few weeks.

We will hold our Tootsie Roll drive to support mentally and developmentally handicapped persons on the weekend of

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Knights to Coordinate Parish Directory

PGK Eugene Cottilli has been hard at work organizing the logistics for the upcoming St. Andrew's Parish Directory. As it stands now, sign ups for directory pictures will take place on the weekends of September 20/21 and 27/28. Council members, we need your help. If you are able to volunteer a short time after mass on either of these weekends to help with the sign up process, please notify PGK Eugene Cottilli. Volunteers will also be needed during the week of October 6-10 from 3:00 to 9:30 P.M. and Saturday, October 11 from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. This is a great opportunity to support our council and St. Andrew's Parish. *

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

Did you know that August 14 marked the 113th Anniversary of the death of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, who died on August 14, 1890? We Knights of Columbus can play a role in promoting Father McGivney's cause for canonization by joining the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. Membership is free and members receive a newsletter and periodic reports on the progress of the cause for canonization. Membership is open not only to all Knights, but anyone who is interested in sharing in the mission of making known the life and works of Father McGivney and encouraging devotion to his memory. Any member who would like an application for the Guild should contact Bill Bolin. *

New Members

Do you have a friend or acquaintance who might be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? All they need to do to get the membership process started is fill out a form 100. Please contact Bill Bolin if you need a form 100 or know of someone interested in the Knights who would like to have more information on what our organization is about and how to become a member. *

October 3rd-5th.

These activities depend on all of us to do what we can do. Please make an hour or two available to assist your fellow brothers during these events.

I want to thank our Brother Knight, Deacon Kevin Mukri for presiding during the Marian Hour of Prayer on Friday September 5th, which was held concurrently with the First Friday devotions to the Blessed Sacrament.

Finally, as the second anniversary of the attacks of September 11 approaches, please take time individually, or during Mass or the other prayer services planned at St. Andrew the Apostle Church or at churches throughout the area to remember lives lost and to pray for peace. *

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Joseph Murphy

My Brothers and Sisters all:

Some of the "canned" responses I've seen to recent letters to our elected representatives regarding judicial nominations seem to suggest that religion should play no part in our political decisions. Respectfully, I beg to differ. Inspired by the homily at the Mass preceding the Installation at Msgr. Wells Council, I believe others would also disagree. Consider how the following authors would react to this suggestion, based on what they said:

"...with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Signers of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. ... (R)eason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796

"And may that infinite power which rules the destinies of the universe lead our councils to what is best, and give them a favorable issue for your peace and prosperity." Thomas Jefferson, Inaugural Address, March 4, 1801.

Partisan politics has no place in the Knights of Columbus, but we have a duty to be informed and to act on the issues of our day. In doing so, we do it on the basis of the issue, never on the party of the politician. On those issues that are important to all of us, contact your elected representatives. They will never know the strength of our convictions if we don't communicate them.

The Supreme Knight has directed that a membership campaign be held in each parish in the USA October 18-19, 2003. This will take a major effort and require much planning. The time to start is now. Volunteers will be needed to pass out information, speak, and collect interest cards. More effort is needed to respond rapidly to all expressions of interest. I urge you not to wait for the phone call – VOLUNTEER!

Cardinal McCarrick's letter of welcome to those attending the Supreme Convention In Washington D.C. bears repeating. Consider this excerpt:

"The presence of all our brother Knights and their families will not only be a special joy to us but, I truly believe, a grace to this local Church. It will allow us to focus with special attention on the extraordinary values which the Knights of Columbus have fostered in our country and over the world for so many years. It will allow us to give thanks to God for the work of the Servant of God, Fr. Michael McGivney, and all those clergy, religious and lay people who have given so much of their lives to the development of this important Order."*

Knights Hold Marian Hour of Prayer

Members of the council and parishioners of St. Andrew's attended a Marian Hour of Prayer on Friday evening, September 5. The service was lead by Associate Chaplain Deacon Kevin Mukri who told the participants that prayer to Mary was a way of reaching Jesus. The prayer service includes five decades of the Rosary for the Glorious Mysteries and hymns sung in honor of our Mother. *

COUNCIL #13008

OFFICERS

<u>Chaplain:</u>	Rev Joseph Kennedy
Associate Chaplain	Rev. George Wilkinson
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri
Grand Knight	Gary Yeck
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Advocate	Alan Kistler
Lecturer	Andrew Brown
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Outside Guard	Sean Hardman
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Trustee	William Taylor
Trustee	Justin Harris

CHAIRMAN

Program Director	David Czarnecki
Membership	William Bolin
Vocations	Bernard Hillig
Tootsie Roll	Werner Moeller
Youth Activities	Dennis Salamone
Council Activities Dir	Wayne Miller
Community Director	Nick Luketic
Church Director	Mike Bond

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

Sept. 3	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
Sept. 10	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Sept. 24	Social meeting (1 st Degree)	7:45 PM

Other Activities

Marian Hour/First Friday Rosary

Fri. Sept. 5	St. Andrew's Church	7:00 PM
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Bulletin Stuffing for Parish Directory Announcement

Sat. Sept. 6&13	St. Andrew's Rectory	9:30 AM
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After Mass Sign-Ups (Parish Directory)

Sat/Sun Sept. 20,21	St. Andrew's Church After Masses
Sat/Sun Sept. 27,28	St. Andrew's Church After Masses

Tootsie Roll Sales

Sat. Oct.4	Selected Giants	12:00 -4:00 PM
Sat/Sun Oct. 4,5	St. Andrew's Church After Masses*	

How We Are Called To Live

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

The pace of summer is so quiet in the parish that I must confess to some regret as we move into what really is the new year in our society. It hardly seems possible, but even as we pray for rain and cooler weather, those who wisely look ahead can easily see Thanksgiving and Christmas on the horizon. Since this seems to be a time for blocking of sections of the calendar year, I have decided to use this space in the bulletin for the next eight or ten weeks to develop some thoughts on the beatitudes, those sayings of Jesus (Recorded in different forms of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke) that are the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount.

Without going into too much background, it is more important to remember that Matthew, whose version of the beatitudes is the more familiar (Mt. 5:1-12), saw Jesus as the new Moses, and saw Jesus' life as the fulfillment of the Law of Moses. So it is no accident that Matthew tells us that the sermon takes place "on the mount". Thus, the New Law of Jesus is linked to the mountain on which Moses received the Old Law.

However it takes little examination to see how different are the Ten Commandments from the Beatitudes, at least on the surface. I may be able to honor my parents, for example, or refrain from stealing, but I cannot say that I hunger and thirst for righteousness in the all-consuming sense in which it is commanded by the Lord. Actually, many scripture commentators say that even the Ten Commandments should be observed with a spiritual and interior interpretation that leads us to the heart of the Law, but there is no question that observance of the beatitudes is impossible apart from a relationship with Him who gave them to us.

And that is the point: Jesus is the Lawgiver. He is the Law and He is the power to observe the Law. The law is given to us so that we might achieve the blessedness that every person seeks. We are destined for God; we are made in his image and unless we live like God, we must wonder through life unfulfilled. Blessedness, the life of God, is achieved through God's good grace and our choice. The Beatitudes (based on the Latin word for blessed) are a reminder of the power that is given to us through God's grace and they are statements of how we are called to live. *

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

HOW DO ANNUITIES COMPARE WITH OTHER INVESTMENTS?

The Knights of Columbus and their INSURANCE PROGRAM think so. Thousands of our policyholders enjoy the peace of mind knowing that our profits go to help our Church, the community, the sick, the elderly, the unborn, etc.

<u>Feature</u>	<u>K of C Annuity</u>	<u>CD's</u>	<u>Mutual Funds</u>
Tax-deferred	Yes	No	No
Avoids probate	Yes	No	No
Safety	Yes	No	No
Guaranteed Lifetime Income	Yes	No	No
Liquidity	Yes	Yes	Yes

Which are important to you? Which make a difference to your financial well being? Annuities are growing in popularity. Why? The annuity may be used to fund an IRA (new or a rollover), save money for retirement, leave to live or children (avoids probate), provide a lifetime monthly income — all these possibilities with guaranteed interest and safety. “Time is money”; tax deferral buys time. The more time you can buy, the faster and larger your assets can grow. The Knights of Columbus is a 30 Million Dollar non-profit insurance company for Catholics with the highest possible rating given by the A.M. Best Co. (A++) and Standard & Poor (AAA Superior).

Call your Brother Knight Bob Callaway, your Council Field Agent so he can review the ins and outs of our Order's annuity program.

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855

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First Degree Ceremony to be held at St. Andrew's

A First Degree Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:45 by the Monsignor Wells First Degree Team. Candidates are asked to report to the rectory basement by 7 P.M. If you are interested in joining the First Degree Team, please contact Grand Knight, Gary Yeck. *

Terps Football

On Saturday, November 1, Knights of Columbus from all over Maryland will turn out for the Maryland/North Carolina game at Byrd Stadium. Tickets will be available for \$15 each, half the normal price, but you have to act soon. Members interested in attending should call one of the officers before September 13. *

New Committee Chairman

The following brothers of the Thomas M. Wells Council will serve as committee chairmen for the 2003-4 year:

Council Activities – Wayne Miller
Community Activities – Nick Luketic
Youth Activities – Dennis Salamone
Church Activities – Mike Bond
Family Activities – Paul Sanneman
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Tootsie Rolls

The Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to collect money to assist the mentally retarded will take place in early October. More information will be forthcoming. The Tootsie Roll Drive provides members with the chance to help members of our community by volunteering a short amount of time. If you have never donned the yellow apron, consider giving some time this October. *

Annual Raffle

The Annual Knights of Columbus car raffle is underway. Members have received tickets and should return the ticket stubs and proceeds to Financial Secretary Jim Lehr before September 24. *

The Columbus Day Ball

The Annual Columbus Day Ball will be held this year on October 11 at Le Fontainebleau in Glen Burnie. Tickets are \$38 per person and include dinner, bar, and dancing. Those interested in attending should contact one of the Council officers*