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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Bill Bolin

Worthy Brothers All:

Labor Day weekend marks the traditional end of summer. For me as a teacher, this means going back to school and meeting new students. For the Knights of Columbus it means getting back to a busier schedule as the Council faces a host of events.

Our fall activities include hosting Community Sunday on September 10, a 9/11 Mass at St. Andrew's, the Soccer Shootout, a parish activities event, and the Tootsie Roll Drive for the developmentally disabled on the weekend of September 23/24. They also will include the wrap-up of the Incentive Car Raffle and a First Degree Ceremonial at St. Andrew's on September 27. Take a deep breath!

We will all need to work together to make these events successful. I am going to ask the Program Chairmen to focus on encouraging membership to participate in the council's activities. If you want to help with any activity, just answer the call. Better yet, call or email the respective Chairman with your ideas and assure him of your availability.

I would also like to thank the brothers who attended and helped out at the Installation of Officers. In addition to having a good time, the council raised over \$150 for our Seminarian Fund by raffling off one of the quilts donated by Jean Rogers.

Finally, I want to recognize the indefatigable Tony Gentilcore for his raffle ticket sales. The council will have reached its goal of selling 1000 tickets by the time you read this message.

Lastly, we are having a First Degree on Wednesday, September 27, the night of our Social Meeting. There is still time to ask a qualified Catholic gentleman to join the Knights.

God Bless you and your families,

Bill.*

Parish Picnic a Hit

**Community Activities Director Nick Luketic
Family Activities Director Mike Caruso**

I wanted to let you all know that the report I got from Robin Tomaselli was that the efforts put forth by the Knights was outstanding!

Robin was gushing with praise and I have to admit it made me quite proud. I am proud because it didn't take an extraordinary amount of planning and meeting. We received orders and carried them out. That is not only a sign of diligence, it's a sign that our Brothers believe in what they are doing.

Thanks to all of you who were able to lend a hand great or small.

Monsignor Wells Message

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

The Perfect Prayer

July 10, 1994

The core of my spiritual life has always been the Mass. Even as a small boy, I figured that if the Host really is the Lord, it would be hard to find a better way to be close to God than by going to Communion. Therefore, I would hear, for example, that the Mass is the perfect prayer or the perfect sacrifice or that, because the Mass is, fundamentally, the prayer of Jesus Himself, that is the only act of praise that is worthy of God and I would accept all this as making good sense. But, it is funny how you can repeat something all your life before you really hear it.

I really do try to pray. I do not try hard enough, I readily admit, but I believe I have an obligation to go apart each day and spend some time with the Lord. After all, since everything that is good comes from Him, it makes perfect sense to me that I should give at least part of my day back to God. The problem is that, for the most part, I experience my prayer as very imperfect, filled with distractions, and rarely, if ever, yielding insights into the nature of God and life. However, I certainly do recognize the fruit of prayer in my life and so, as poorly as I

Chaplain's Message



Assoc Chaplain Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

September Brings Busyness

For many of us, September means that the demands on our time will greatly increase and this really begins our "new year."

Schools are back in session, the pace of the workplace accelerates after the vacation period, the traffic is more intense, Redskin season begins, children's sports practices begin and parents need to participate and drive them to the practices, the grass grows more, the leaves think about falling, on and on.

If we are not careful, we can go on autopilot and become less and less engaged as we save all our energy just to accomplish the things we have to rather than really think about why we are doing them. All the things that take up our time are important, but successfully meeting our responsibilities can come at a great price to all of us. As Knights, we accomplish many things for our parish and community. But we are not just robots that accomplish, but we also serve as important role models to others in prioritizing our time on what is really important.

We should all take seriously the recent guidance by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, who said that we should not work too hard. If we only spend all our time accomplishing and filing out time with more and more responsibilities, we will have no time to reflect on Almighty God and develop a strong relationship with Him.

We need to preserve time for meditation. Meditation is reflection on Almighty God, the economy of salvation, our call to discipleship and growth in intimacy with Christ. Meditative prayer links our mind, heart, and soul in speaking with Almighty God and listening to His guidance. This takes time, and quiet time whereby we must be still to the busyness of our lives. This is very difficult as any of us can attest, but it allows us to accomplish so much more because we allow Almighty God to guide us each step of the way.

As Knights, we need to make time for meditative prayer not only for ourselves, but to guide our family, friends and community to bring Almighty God into their daily lives. Through our example, others will discover that Almighty God will assist them too if only they make some time for Him.

We may all be busy, but our tasks will be easier and our accomplishments better if we let Almighty God to guide us.*

District Deputy's Message



District Deputy Tom Schneider

Editor's note: The District Deputy's report is deferred this month due to Tom's trip to the hospital. Tom is back home and is recovering now and thanks you for your prayers.

Soccer Shoot Out Planned

Program Director Wayne Miller

The Soccer Shoot Out is October 9, 2006. St. Andrews Field behind the school. Volunteers need to be there at 3:30 PM. Participants need to be there at 4:30 PM. the competition will begin at 4:30 PM.

Bill Taylor, Wayne Miller, and Dave Keefe, have already volunteered to assist. Please contact Bill Taylor (301-460-9215) if you plan on assisting with the event. *

Invitation from Our Lady of Viet Nam Council

Our Lady of Viet Nam Council will receive Our Lady of Bai Dau on Sunday, October 1, 2006, 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Viet Nam Church, followed by a special Mass at 9:30 AM. Our Lady of Bai Dau protected all Vietnamese as they left Viet Nam during the final days of the war. We would like to invite members of your council and their family to participate and celebrate with us.

On behalf of the Grand Knight, and organizing committee, I look forward to seeing you and together we thank the Blessed Mother for protecting all of us during our exodus from Viet Nam and for the Knights of Columbus. Thank you.

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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.

September Meetings

Sept 06	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
Sept 13	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Sept 27	Social meeting	7:45 PM
	Rosary (7:30PM)	

September Birthdays

Inside Guard Yves Sainteus and Brother Richard Wanat on the 7th; Brother Nick Dhanaraj on the 10th; Trustee PGK Dave Czarnecki on the 12th; Brother Donald Walter on the 13th; and, Brother Joseph Barrett on the 15th. Also, Sheila, wife of Trustee PGK Gary Yeck and Ana, wife of Brother Al Tagliaferro on the 24th; and, Christina, wife of Brother Jay Dhanaraj on the 17th.*

September Anniversaries

Apparently, no one found time to be married in September.*

Remember In Your Prayers

Brother Tony Gatti, who is now recovering at home. Brother Joseph Barrett who is in and out of the hospital, Brother Robert Cowley who is ill, Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy's recovery, 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 and our servicemen who are in harms way. Also, remember prospective member Donald McCallum who is ill.*

Next Month Council Activities

- October 4: Officer's Meeting 7:30
- October 9: Soccer Shootout at St. Andrew's (Council and District time TBD)
- October 11: Business Meeting 7:45
- October 25: Social Meeting 7:45, (Rosary 7:30)

Lecture Schedule

Lecturer Deacon Michael Bond

The following lecture presentations have been scheduled for Sept-Nov '06 Social Meetings.

- September 27: Pastoral Chat with Msgr. Mike
- October 25: Get Out the Vote!-Legislative and Election Updates by Archdiocesan Legislative Network and Action In Montgomery (AIM)
- November. 26 Feast of St. Andrew Apostle Celebration (Pizza Party for parish youth and adults "hosted" by KoC after 11:30 am Mass. This will be in recognition of Feast on St. Andrew on Nov. 30).

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

An Economic Must

Do you have seat belts in your car? Of course you do! How many do you have? Aren't you certain that you have one for every member of your family? Would you buy an automobile that only provided one "belt" -- that being for you?

But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with the one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father -- not the mother.

Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance", should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children.

Call me today to discuss these needs.

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, 301-210-5855, rjcalla@aol.com*

St. Andrew's Health Ministry

Health Services Chairman Tony Gentilcore

Sunday, September 10 the Knights of Columbus and the St. Andrew's Health Ministry sponsored a weight loss presentation by Michael Anchors, MD, PhD-internal medicine-bariatrics. Those attending found the open discussion very informative and were presented with an opportunity to have a free dialogue with a well known expert in the field.

One-day passes to Bally's Health and Fitness to tour their facility were passed out. Should any of you desire to take a one-day pass please let me know and I will send one to you.

God has blessed us with our bodies and inside of each one of us is the body that He had in mind for us. With proper diet and exercise maybe those of us that lost that body can soon find it once again.

go about it, I am committed to at least trying to pray.

All of this leads to the Mass. I was celebrating Mass one morning, using the Third Eucharistic Prayer, when all of a sudden some of the lines spoke to me as I had never heard them before. "See the victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself." "May He make us an everlasting gift to you." "May this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you..." Of course my prayer is flawed, but the prayer of Jesus, the sinless son of God, is not; of course, because of my sinfulness, I sense a lack of unity with God, but Jesus, when He prays, is completely one with the Father.

The Mass is such an awesome gift because Jesus allows His prayer to become our prayer, too. "Do this in memory of me," He tells us. Do this (celebrate the Eucharist), and I will gather all your hopes, prayers, and needs, distorted as they are by the effects of sin, and I will unite them with one perfect sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise and I will present them to the Father. In the Eucharist, there is no need to focus on our very real limitations; they are nothing compared to the offering of Jesus, the great High Priest, who intercedes with the Father on our behalf.*

Council Supports Children in the Holy Land

Lawrence P. Grayson

Chairman, Holy Land Outreach Committee

The condition of the Christians in the Holy Land is dire, with the current fighting in the Middle East being the most recent test of their resolve to remain in their homeland. The insecurity of living in a perpetual war zone, high unemployment, innumerable restrictions, and growing poverty have caused a continual migration from the area so that the Christian population has decreased from almost 20% in 1948 to less than 2% today. The Pope has expressed a particular concern that if these descendents of the first Apostles leave, there will be no Christian presence in the land of Our Lord.

The Knights of Columbus is helping these brethren by providing support for the education of their children in Catholic schools in the Holy Land, at a cost of \$300 per child annually. Msgr. Thomas M. Wells Council voted to support a child, and then raised the funds in conjunction with St. Andrew Apostle School. Then-Grand Knight Wayne Miller spoke to Mrs. Kathleen Kilty, the Principal, who called a "dress-down" day at which each student who contributed a dollar did not have to wear the school uniform on a given day. Thank you

Wayne and Mrs. Kilty!

The child being helped by the Council is Louai Bajali, a 5th grade student at The Latin Patriarchate School in Madaba, Jordan. Louai, who has one sister, enjoys his studies in math, science, and religion, as well as riding his bicycle. His father is a chauffeur and his mother a housekeeper.



The Council was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and a framed picture of Louai. It is expected that he will be writing to the Council to tell the members a bit about his life in the Holy Land.*

Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

America's Creed

Throughout American history, it has been a belief in God and an adherence to the moral and ethical principles derived from that belief that have provided the country's binding force. They have been, and continue to be, central to the concept and practice of American democracy.

G.K. Chesterton wrote "America is the only nation in the world that is founded on creed. That creed is set forth with dogmatic and even theological lucidity in the Declaration of Independence." He further suggests that as America is populated by people from diverse cultural and historical backgrounds, fidelity to that dogma defines who Americans are and keeps our nation intact. The old nations of Europe, in contrast, did not need a creed. Their identities were established by national traditions that had evolved over centuries.

Belief in a Divine Being and the exercise of religion underlie our national view of the rights we have, our relationship to the state, our purpose in the world, and how we react to various injustices. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed and justified the end of British rule over America on the basis that "all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." From its very beginning, the nation recognized the existence of a Supreme Being and that every

person has innate prerogatives as a result of being created in God's image and likeness.

The Constitution established a government based on those beliefs in order to secure the unalienable rights. The Bill of Rights, that is, the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, specifies the most basic endowments of the American people. The first of the Amendments states that the government shall not interfere with the right of the people to practice religion by either supporting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. In this manner, the political and religious spheres are meant to be distinct. The state is not to interfere in the activities of the church, and the church is not to dictate policy to the state. The First Amendment does not mean that any mention of God or the expression of religious beliefs cannot be made in the public sphere, but rather that the state is to remain neutral toward religion, neither promoting a given set of religious beliefs nor interfering in their practice.

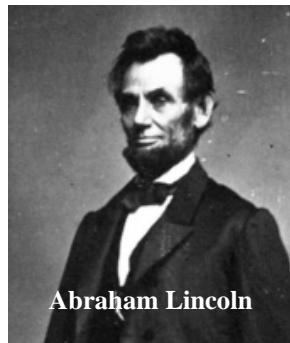
Religion has had a role in virtually every social movement in America, and continues to shape public policy. When the Civil War and the issue of slavery confronted the nation in the mid-1800s, Abraham Lincoln declared that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom," as it is "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." This was a reaffirmation of the God-given dignity of man, a recognition that gave rise to several Constitutional Amendments to delineate the rights of Americans. The strong religious sentiments of the abolitionist movement led to the Thirteenth Amendment, which ended slavery and involuntary servitude. A few years later, the Fifteenth Amendment was passed guaranteeing that the right to vote "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Religion played a role in women's suffrage activities, which led to the Nineteenth Amendment extending the right to vote to women. It was a prominent factor in labor reform to abolish child labor, regulate the hours of work by mothers, and eliminate the 12-hour day for men, as well as in the social movements of the early 20th century to help the poor and immigrants improve their lives through better housing, education, health care, and the eradication of slums. In the 1960s, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his clerical colleagues relied on religious belief and rhetoric to advance the civil rights movement. Currently, religion is very much a part of the societal debates on abortion and the definition of marriage.

Religion and public discussion of major issues have been intertwined throughout American history by religious leaders

illuminating the moral implications of social conditions, political decisions and legislative actions. Churches not only have a right, but an obligation to speak out on issues of war, injustice, violence, freedom, the dignity of the individual, the protection of human life, and other social issues, in order to assure that conditions of justice and peace exist in which individuals and communities can flourish.

Today, with changing European demographics and the large influx of guest workers and immigrants possessing very different cultures, ideologies and religions, it can be argued that those traditions are becoming so diluted that they can no longer satisfactorily define a European, or even an Englishman, Frenchman, or German. Can a united Europe, or its individual nations, continue to exist without the binding force of a common creed? Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have decried this change as the loss of Europe's Christian "soul." If America is not to suffer a similar fate, we must remain "one Nation under God."*



Abraham Lincoln

Tootsie Roll Drive

Tootsie Roll Chairman Werner Moeller

Brothers all: Thank you to all who have already signed up for the Tootsie Roll drive. We could certainly use more help. So far Bill Bolin is alone at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday and Nick Luketic is alone at the 6:00 Mass on Sunday. Please let me know if you can assist at either of these Masses. We really need to cover both front doors. I could also use some help at the Kemp Mill Giant on Sunday for any of the two-hour sessions. Please let me know if you can help out.

Degree Date Changes

Program Director Wayne Miller

The second degree scheduled for Nov. 28 at St. Ignatius is to be changed to Nov. 29.

A first and second degree at St. Peter the Apostle in Liberty town, scheduled for Jan. 20, 2007, is rescheduled for Jan. 13th.

If you need assistance getting there or you want to attend, please contact Paul Sanneman.*

Raffle Ticket

Cochairmen Prosper Youm & Tony Gentilcore

With a 1000 ticket goal, an estimated 1300 Raffle tickets have been sold this year, thanks largely to the expanded coverage facilitated by Tony Gentilcore and his crew of Council members who covered weekend Masses through much of August and September. More than 1200 tickets were sold through the after Mass efforts.*

9-11 Remembrance

St. Andrew's offered a special Mass in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack of that day and to honor those who responded and assisted with the rescue operations. Police, fire fighters, doctors, nurses, military personnel were invited to attend in uniform. Our own Wayne Miller sang and the Knights of Columbus color corps participated in a moving ceremony.*

Annual St. Andrew's Golf Tournament

Community Activities Director Nick Luketic

St. Andrew's parish golf tournament is planned for 10/6.

If you are interested participating or sponsoring the event, contact Nick Luketic (301) 962-7644

