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Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

It has always been a benchmark of the Knights of Columbus to meet many of the needs of our community. We have an urgent need in our own council that needs to be met. Money is not an issue - support is! The Catholic Men's Building Association (CMBA), owners of our Council Hall, needs new members. The only requirement is you must be a current member in the Council and have the ability to help with light maintenance on the hall. Please listen to your hearts, not any rumors you may have heard, and become an active member of the CMBA. For questions or information, call Andy Mish at 402-1402 or me at 471-2134.



Sincere thanks to the Knights and Columbiettes who helped with the second breakfast at Our Lady of Grace. We served 340 people, an increase of 86 over January. The next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 2nd.

Have you ever wondered what the Directors Meeting is on the council calendar? At 7:00 PM on the first Monday of each month, the Grand Knight and all of the Council Officers and Program Directors meet to discuss the current status of the council. In addition, they make decisions on new programs and activities to be brought to the councils' attention, and to make recommendations to the council

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Deacon's Corner

Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

This letter is going to come out at the very end of Lent, or just before "Holy Week." I would like to have you think about some sort of preparation for the upcoming events and possibly even into the new Liturgical year.



All through Lent and even the Gospels of Ordinary times, there is the running debate between Jesus and the Pharisees, it is continuous. There is a kind of resident obtuseness or lack of insight in their understanding of the Lords words. In the Gospel of "John 8 vs.28", He states, "When you lift up the Son of Man, you will come to realize that I Am He, ...I say only what the Father has taught me."

On the Cross it all comes together. The Cross next to the Holy Eucharist is perhaps the central devotion of our Christian spirituality. If we could point to any one symbol that captures everything Jesus was and is, everything He said and did, it would be the *Crucifix*. The Cross contains all kinds of meanings. It illustrates a great deal about mankind and about God; it is about Love and about hate; about sin and about grace. It is as though all the parables, healings and discourses of the Lord imploded into the Cross and Christians have spent centuries drawing those meanings out. We, my brothers and sisters, bring our own meaning and understanding to the

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Upcoming Events

- Mar 2nd - Breakfast OLG (8 AM)
- Mar 3rd - Directors Mtg (7 PM)
- Mar 4th - 4th Deg Meeting (7 PM)
Lake Placid
- Mar 8th - Columbiettes Major Degree at Hall (10 AM)
- Mar 8th - Military Ball (6 PM)
- Mar 11th - Council Mtg (7 PM)
- Mar 11th - Columbiettes (7 PM)
- Mar 30th - Devine Mercy (3 PM)
- Mar 31st - Pro Life Rosary
- Apr 1-6th - Pilgrimage to Our Lady Of Guadalupe Shrine - Mexico
- Apr 15th - 1st Degree (8 PM)
- Apr 24th - 4th Deg Exemplification
Cane Canaveral

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Columbiettes

Easter Greetings,

For those of you who did not attend the Feb 12th meeting if was discussed and voted upon to cancel the Dinner Show on Feb 21st because tickets sales were very poor. We did make a donation to A.R.C. even though we did not have the Annual Fundraiser.



Thank you to all those Columbiettes who helped with the breakfast Feb 3rd at Our Lady of Grace. Mar 2nd will be the next breakfast.

On Mar 8th at 10:00 am we will host the Major Degree at the Council Hall. If you signed up to bake a cake please have it there before 10:00 AM. All Sister Columbiettes are invited to attend the Major Degree to show support for our members who will make this important Degree.

Mar 11th will be our regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM.

A big thank you to Alvina for making the patriotic gift for the goody bags for the State Convention in April.

If anyone knows of a Columbiette who is sick or just needs a cheering up card please contact Carrie Furgala.

Prayers & Thanksgiving to our Military men and women and our Charter Honorary members .

Special thoughts and prayers to MaryAnn Estgen, Helen Minard, Maria Tavarez, Lucille Hebert, Doris Bright and Rita Harrington.

Birthday Wishes to all those born in March.

HAPPY Easter !

Fraternally

Alma

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Officers and Program Directors. The January 7th, meeting was attended by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary. The February 4, 2008 meeting was attended by the Grand body. There are sixteen (16) Council Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and the Financial Secretary. This is a good example of the interest, or lack thereof, in the people who are supposed to be guiding our council. Topics that will significantly impact council operations will be discussed at the March 3rd meeting. Plan on attending if you are a Council Officers or Program Director.

Future dates to keep in mind are:

1. March 31st - A pro-life Rosary at the hall. Note the change in date from March 25th to March 31st.
2. April 24th through 27th - Fourth Degree Exemplification to be held at Cape Canaveral.
3. September 27th and 28th - The K of C State Golf Tournament.

God bless us all.

Dick Carlson, GK

Pilgrimage

Brother Knight Bill Hutchison

Based on the Knights of Columbus devotion to Our Lady Of Guadalupe, I want to extend an invitation to all Council members, their families, loved ones, friends, relatives and the Columbiettes to join us on a pilgrimage to Our Lady Of Guadalupe Shrine, Mexico City. The dates are April 1-6, 2008.

Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor of Our Lady of Grace will be the Spiritual Director. For answers and more details please contact Bill or Mary Hutchison at 863-453-0450 or email: c130hutch@comcast.net.

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in the Knights of Columbus

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Cross. It is the one constant in our lives from the time we were children. It is no surprise that the *Crucifix* "has a central place" in all Christian churches and in most Christian homes. Like the bronze serpent which Moses raised in the desert, it is at once a symbol and an instrument of healing.

Generations of Christians have looked to the *Cross* as the most dramatic and profound symbol of the meaning of Christ. It freezes the moment of death, of human excess and as the Gospels emphasizes, "the moment of new life," as Jesus hands over the Spirit.

We, my brother knights and sister Columbiettes, can take some time during the remainder of Lent and into Holy Week, to exercise our spiritual sight and look at our lives in the light of the *Cross*. It is the perfect image of God's love and of the inspiration of human love as well. **My Point: The real meaning of Love is shown by the Cross!**

Happy Easter!

Deacon Jim

Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers: Art Paek, Hibbard Pudvah, Bill Reagan and Ray Whitlatch who are sick.

Remember our Brother Knights, Columbiettes and their spouses in need of prayers and our military men and women who are serving in harms way to protect our freedom.



Pro-Life News

Ed Cronin, Pro-Life Chairman

Our next major Pro-Life activity is the annual, order wide rosary on the Feast of the Annunciation. Since this feast day is a movable feast, it is scheduled this year for Monday, March 31, at 12 Noon, at our hall. Both parishes are invited to participate and all persons of good will are welcomed.



The popularity of this event is growing each year. It only takes 10-15 minutes to say the rosary and then there will be light refreshments for those who can stay longer. Each year we seem to make a little more progress in the fight against abortion.

Witness the ban on partial birth abortion and the recent reports in the secular press of the falling numbers of abortions in the USA. More prayers to end abortion followed by falling numbers of abortions. Can you not possibly not see the relationship between the cause and effect?

The Culture of Life is one of the most important current battlegrounds identified by Holy Mother Church. Remember when you were confirmed and you were taught you were then a Soldier of Christ? Well, the Church is calling you one more time to answer the call. Please support this rosary with your presence and prayers.

Thank you again to all who participated in the Roe v. Wade Protest Rally on January 20, 2008. It was one of our council's proudest hours. There is a photo album of the rally in the members lounge and you are encouraged to view it when in the hall. Since the rally, our council participated in the Health Fairs at Our Lady of Grace and St. Catherine Churches. Our Pro-Life and Teen Abstinence Booth is always well received.

Ed

4th Degree

Al Phillips, Faithful Navigator

The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. It is a group of outstanding Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order. These men are unified in the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic and charitable causes.



For Church ... Financially support causes addressing religious, civic and educational needs; Promote active support of the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) and funds the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Program; Help restore historic cathedrals and basilicas, i.e., St. Joseph's Cathedral in Oklahoma City after the bombing; Provide honor guards for the Holy Father on his visits to the countries where the Order exists; Provide honor guards to local churches for special Masses and ceremonies.

For Country ... Sponsor programs that promote respect, knowledge and protection for national flags; Promote legislation to protect the flag as the symbol of the nation and its history; Present free flags to local churches, public and parochial schools, libraries, etc.; Place the national flag at the graves of military veterans on certain holidays; Conduct "Get Out the Vote" awareness campaign to stress the importance of voting and assist in taking home-bound citizens to the polls; Promote programs that encourage love of country and support the application of Christian principles at all levels of government; Encourage active participation in programs for Church, country and the Order; Sponsor youth essay contests geared to patriotic themes; Organize and participate in parades and public events to mark patriotic holiday and to impress the

community with the visible presence of the Knights of Columbus.

And The Order ... Participate at wakes and funerals; presents a "Resolution of Condolence" to the family of a deceased member; Sponsor a program to commemorate the death of a member by presenting a memorial chalice to a priest in need; Honor veterans by volunteering at veterans hospitals, health care facilities and homes for the elderly; Conduct educational programs to enable its members to defend our faith and life in all its stages; Speak out against the culture of death, euthanasia and assisted suicide; Sponsor Columbian Squires Circles and scout troops.

Are You Qualified? To qualify for the Fourth Degree you must: Be over 18 years of age; Be a citizen of the country where you reside; Have been a Knight of Columbus for at least 12 months; Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your council

53rd FL State Golf Tourney

Don Sliwicki, Chairman

The 53rd Florida State Golf Tournament will be held Sep 27-28, 2008, at the Sun n' Lake Golf & Country Club. Both Deer Run and Turtle Run courses will be used. The Quality Inn Conference Center will be the host hotel.

We need donations for door prizes and "Gift Packages" for the players, and items for the Basket of Cheer".

We are also in need of advertisements for our program book. Cost is \$100 for a full page ad, \$50 for a ½ page, \$25 for a ¼ page, \$20 for business card size, and \$5 for sponsors.

If you can volunteer to solicit prizes or advertising, or if you have any questions contact Don Sliwicki (402-0423), Jack McLaughlin (471-3295) or Al Phillips (314-0064).

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March Birthdays

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March Anniversary

Dr. Michael & Sandra McLeod March 30, 1986

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

This year's Military Ball will be held on Saturday, March 8th at the Elks Lodge on Lakeview Drive from 6-11 PM. Dress is formal/semi-formal with tickets costing \$50/couple or \$30 for a single. There will be a 25/25/50 raffle and silent and Chinese auctions, and a live band. A full meal is included with your choice of beef or chicken. As there will only be 200 tickets printed, get yours early.

The Veterans Advisory Council is also sponsoring a raffle for a 5-day, 4-night cruise to the Bahamas. Chances are \$10 each, with 800 total chances to be sold. The drawing will be held at the Lake Placid VFS Post #3880 with a steak dinner at \$1/ounce.

For tickets or information about either event, call Mike Basile at 382-4550. ***Take time to remember our veterans, both past and present!***

Mike

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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