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News

Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

The new fraternal year is already four months along and I am late getting this newsletter out to you. Please forgive my lateness, it won't happen again. I wish to thank every one for showing trust in me by electing me as your Grand Knight. I, along with Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Giordano, would like you to know that we will serve the council to the best of our ability and that we are here if any brother knight or his family needs us.

I would like to congratulate the other new officers and I look forward to working with them this next year. It takes more than just the officers to make this council successful, and luckily we have many brothers who are willing to volunteer and help get the job done, no matter what it is.

I would like to give a special thanks to John McCabe, our immediate Past Grand Knight, who not only did a great job leading our council but also showed me how it should be done. It is my privilege to congratulate John and the whole council for winning the Star Council Award for the last fraternal year. It

is an award that the council should be very proud of, as it takes the whole council to achieve the award.

As we look to the year ahead I would encourage our new brother knights to get involved and to any older knights to come back to the meetings and get reconnect with the council. We have a great council and we need everyone's help to keep it that way.

The Christmas season is coming soon and I wish all of you have a very happy and safe holiday. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord try to keep the true meaning of the season in your heart. Jesus came as the light of the world let that light shine on you and on all those you know.

May God Bless You!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael J. Kish

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Chancellor:

Ken Saxon 610-873-5582

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Bill Grier 610-269-5125

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Dan Wilson 610-256-7732

Advocate:

Rick Carcella 610-269-0703

Warden:

Frank Forcellini 610-873-7517

Lecturer:

Bill Dunn/Wayne Jones

Inside Guard:

Ed Shultz 610-942-9181

Outside Guard:

Chris Rodgers 610-873-5181

Trustee for 3 years:

John McCabe 610-518-2276

Trustee for 2 years:

Lou DiJiacomo 610-269-0904

Trustee for 1 year:

Kevin Jenkins 610-269-3995

Council Directors

Membership – Chuck Giordano

Community – John Rose

Council – Ken Saxon

Church – Deacon Ed Schiappa

Youth – Bill Grier

Family – Chris Shirley

KofC Benefits Advisor

William Bushey
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Council Meetings:

Officers – second Monday of the month,
7:30 PM, Parish Center Conference
Room

General Membership – third Monday
of the month, 7:30 PM, Parish Center
Meeting Room #3

Council Calendar

November

6th

Precious Infants Mass 8:00AM St. Agnes

8th

Officers Meeting

11th

Veterans Day

11th

Memorial Mass

14th

Basket Bingo

14th

Greeters at 9:00AM Mass

15th

Council Meeting

25th

Thanksgiving

26th

Blood Drive

December

4th

Coal Tickets Due

5th

Precious Infants Mass 8:00AM St. Agnes

12th

First Degree 7:30 PM Parish Center

13th

Greeters at 9:00AM Mass

20th

Officers Meeting

24th

Council Meeting

25th

Luminaries

31st

Christmas

New Year's Eve

January

1st

New Year's Day

2nd

First Degree 7:30 PM Parish Center

7th

Vocation Appreciation Reception

9th

Greeters at 9:00AM Mass

10th

Officers Meeting

17th

Council Meeting

22nd

March for Life-Washington

Basketball Free Throw Contest

Chaplain's Corner

My brothers:

Reflecting on my last letter, I noticed that I had talked about the Eucharist as I wrote to you last Easter. Once again we turn our attention, with renewed efforts, towards the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion. Our Holy Father has marked this Year, from now until October of 2005, as a Year of the Eucharist. What does this mean for us?

Certainly we have not yet fathomed what and who the Eucharist is for us. If the world truly realized the gift which is the Eucharist, perhaps the Holy Father would not have once again reminded us of the importance of such a mystery. As it is, we need to explain, to Catholics, Protestants, and non-baptized persons alike that the Eucharist is what truly makes us Catholic, and at the same time One, Holy, and Apostolic. With all respect, we recognize that our Protestant brothers and sisters may have communion services, memorials or remembrances of the Last Supper, but only the One Church founded by Christ on Peter the Rock—only our Catholic Church has such intimate Communion with Christ, true God and true Man. At the same time, we are in no way elitist in our humble yet confident proclamation of such a glorious reality; on the contrary, we invite all men and women of good faith to proclaim belief in this same sacred mystery. Yet unequivocally such belief demands a carrying of the Cross, a laying down of life, a shedding of blood.

It is in no way routine to be Catholic; it is by no means easy. To have the world look at us and question who we are to proclaim the fullness of Truth is at times intimidating. Yet there is something absolutely Divine about the mysteries we have treasured and handed on for centuries within our Catholic Church. I urge you to once again reflect on the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and consider that when we receive our Lord's Flesh and Blood in a real and not symbolic way, we are saying "Yes" to His Cross. We are making peace with the men and women we have

offended, who share in this same Heavenly Banquet, as we grow in our unity and peace with them through Holy Communion. We are saying "Yes" to all the truths revealed by Christ and His Apostolic Church. When we say "Amen," we are doing so much more than walking to a person to receive a piece of Bread. To quote from the Letter to the Hebrews: "You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm..." (Heb 12:18); "No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel." (Heb 12:22-24)

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families during this Year of the Eucharist.

Peace,

Fr Steve

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Council Activities

Night at the Reading Phillies

The Council enjoyed two game at the Reading Phillies this summer and they were such a success that we plan to schedule them again next summer. If you did not make it this year I would encourage you to attend next year.

Ice Cream Social

The social was once again a big hit with the kids. All the ice cream was given out and enjoyed by all.

Life Chain and Spaghetti Dinner

The Life Chain was held on Oct. 3rd and many Knights participated. This is a great way to witness to our faith and to show the public that we stand against abortion. Thanks to Dan Bowser for coordinating the life chain in Downingtown. The Spaghetti Dinner after the Life Chain was a big success and resulted in a \$700 donation to Birthright of West Chester. This is a great cause and it grows each year. Thanks to Wayne Jones and his family for cooking all the food.

Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass for our deceased brothers was held on Nov. 11th. Although there was some confusion about where to hold the mass, it was finally held in the parish center. Our chaplain presided and the mass was a solemn occasion. I hope that we will be able to have the mass in the church next year and have a larger attendance.

Council Golf Shirts

Wear your colors with pride. If you want to place your order for one of these great shirts with the K of C – Father Fenerty logo please contact Michael Kish @ 610-518-6062

Family Activities

Family Picnic

The Council's annual Picnic was held in August at Brother Lou DiJiacomo's house. Many thanks to Lou and his family for hosting our picnic once again. We had many new brothers attend and the weather and food were great.

Vocations

Please continue to keep our seminarian, William Monahan in your daily prayers. If you would like to drop William a quick note or card, he can be reached at St. Charles Seminary. The address is:

Mr. William Monahan
St. Charles Seminary
100 E. Wynnewood Rd.
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Financial Secretary's Report

If you have not yet paid your 2004 dues, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Our ranks are strong, and we value each and every member of our Council. We don't want to lose you! If you have any questions or need to make arrangements to bring your dues up to date, please contact Dana Gryger at (610) 269-4613.

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Membership

Degrees

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights for recently receiving the listed degrees, and advancing toward full Knighthood:

1st Degree

Francis DeRitis	Scott Hastings
Sean Johnson	Christopher Kerr
Jeffrey Korpics Sr.	Paul Korpics
Michael Korpics	Jeffrey Korpics
Kevin Larkin	Jeffrey Wentzel

2nd Degree

Scott Hastings	Jeffrey Korpics Sr.
Paul Korpics	Michael Korpics
Jeffrey Korpics	Kevin Larkin
Jeffrey Wentzel	

We would continue to ask that all Council members make every effort to recruit one new member during the fraternal year. And remember, a new fraternal year is just around the corner! If you need any Form 100's please contact Chuck Giordano.

Good of the Order

Please remember in your prayers all of our brother Knights and their families who are in need or distress, those who have gone before us, and those who are ill. Also remember in your prayers all the men and women who are in harm's way while serving our country.

Please contact Michael Kish (610-518-6062) or Chuck Giordano (610-873-0432) if you know someone who has a need of any kind.

2004-2005 Slate of Officers

Elections for the 2004-2005 Fraternal year were held at the May council meeting. Results of those elections are:

Grand Knight – Michael Kish
Deputy Grand Knight – Chuck Giordano
Chaplain – Fr. Steve Kazanjian
Financial Secretary – Dana Gryger
Chancellor – Ken Saxon
Recorder – Bill Grier
Treasurer – Dan Wilson
Advocate – Rick Carcella
Warden – Frank Forcellini
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Inside Guard – Ed Shultz
Outside Guard – Chris Rodgers
Trustee for 3 years – John McCabe
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These officers assumed their positions beginning July 1st, with the start of the new fraternal year.

E-mail Reminder

If you are not on our email list and would like to be please send your email address to Michael Kish at mjkish@comcast.net. Many times we are needed and must respond quickly and email is the fastest way. Thanks for your help.

A Message from our Insurance Agent

Has the market made you concerned about your investments? Most long-term investing will recover recent losses. One investment you may have overlooked however is your life insurance. Certain types of policies are sensitive to interest and market fluctuations. It's important to know this information as this can adversely affect your future premiums. What about your policy or investments with the Knights? According to A.M. Best Company, "consistently favorable gains from operations and modest realized capital gains have enabled the society to maintain an exceptional level of capitalization for its operating profile and overall insurance and investment risk. The society's investment earnings on surplus allow protection against market fluctuations and are used to produce dividends paid to policyholders. Furthermore, the cushion in its unassigned funds also offsets potential mismatches which may develop with changing interest rate environments. The society's small holdings of common stocks are actively managed to insure that investment characteristics meet the society's self imposed religious, moral and ethical parameters." On the latter, how does your insurer invest your money? One question to those who haven't looked into K of C coverage: WHY?

Fraternally,
Bill

Fourth Degree News

Fourth Degree

We realize that this year's 4th degree exemplification will be a memory by the time you receive this edition of the *Knighly News*. Congratulations to all who were welcomed into full Knighthood this year!! If you are eligible to receive the Fourth Degree but have not yet done so, please consider it for next year. I'm sure if you ask this year's candidates, they'll tell you just how great the experience is – it's one you shouldn't miss. The exemplification will be held on May 29, 2005. The one year wait has been waived and you only need to be a knight for six months to become a 4th degree. Start making plans to attend next year's exemplification early!! If you have any questions, please contact any 4th Degree Knight.

