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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Christmas has snuck up on us before we even realized it. The days have been warm until now and we were lead into a sense of false security. But now the days are shorter and snow will soon be on the ground. The airwaves will soon be saturated with toys and the big jolly fat guy. I like you to take a moment while you rush from store to store checking your lists twice. One moment..Please Thank you. Christmas is about the birth of the Savior of the World. Christmas is about an infant who was placed here for a short while to die for our sins. Remember? So when people tell you happy holidays wish them a merry Christmas.

This past month was filled with moments as why I am a Knight. We had a 2nd degree the night before the annual! No problem. An army of Knights came out to help set up the Degree. Jimmy Degnan still recovering from knee surgery set up half the room himself. The next morning we had to set up for the dance. I got there early and Tony Pelliccio had already set up most of the room. Before Tony even got there, Charlie (the ghost) Grimmer was there and hung all the plagues in the room. Joe Mansfield with his son PJ still in his soccer uniform was even there. Many members helped us but I was so busy that I forgot to write it down. I am sorry and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. The sold out annual was a complete success. We honored that night, gentlemen, who are the best of what we can be as a Knight. We were there, this band of brothers, not just as friends but as a family bound together and all working for a common purpose to help others "in service for all". We had the privilege of not only having our Shepherd Fr. Anthony Sorge and his priests there but also honored by the presence of Art Herbert and his beautiful date Marge Cunningham. I am sure that Betty and Jim was there smiling for them. We also had a contingent of people from the Emerald Society who showed what real friends and family do for each other. Thank you all and especially Bill Dowling for all you did for us. Award were presented to the following members for what they do for us and our community Kevin McGuckian, Joe Groneman, Tom Kiernan, Jimmy Degnan, Mario Antoci, Joe Mansfield, John Adams, John Woodall, and Patrick Predham. We also thanked some businesses that grace the Council and the town with their spirit Peter Collins and John L. Sullivan. There are some more awards we need to hand out when we track down the members. The Knight of the Year is Russell T. Lavan for his dedication, work and daily excellence he always shows as a Knight.

Christmas has snuck up on us but also so has some responsibilities that we continue to ignore and neglect. This Council has asked each member to send \$14 to the council for each C&B book. Even if you lost your book we would have sent you a filled out booklet when you sent us the money. We wanted to make a real difference to the community groups and it fell on deaf ears. My officers and I called each local member and understand why some can not comply. For the rest of you, if you are not presently an active member why not take this chance to help us. *Be real Knights*. This is your last chance to help us- put a check in an envelope and send it now before it is too late. If you do not want to send money for the C&B consider selecting something off the list that is in this Lake Current issue for the adult Christmas party and drop it off for the needy children of Birth Rite. I wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas and may your New Year be filled with joy.

Vivat Jesus, ◆ *Mike McDonald*

From Your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2005 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Second, visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that we provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change. Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can guarantee. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's as they say in the credit card commercial priceless. Please give me a call. Fraternaly yours, **Field Agent, Tony Ricciardi (914) 949-6368**

Monthly Events and Duties

Lounge Stewards

Date Steward Telephone Date Steward Telephone

12/09/05 Bob Ulich 225-2380 01/00/06 Tom Kiernan 225-8282

12/16/05 Mike McDonald 225-5476 01/00/06 Don Rimmer 914-243-6248

12/23/05 Mike McDonough 225-9229 01/00/06 Tony Pelliccio 225-2248

12/30/05 John Woodall 225-6695 01/00/06 Lou DiVestea 225-5628

NOTE: If unable to work, please arrange with another Lounge Steward to switch and notify Lounge Chairman Jim Degnan 225-7934

Bingo

Captain Joe Groneman 225-5064 Dec.04, Captain John Hyla 531-2716 - Jan 08

Captain Lou Albano-225-9293 Dec. 11, Captain John Adams 878-6849 - Jan 15

Captain Mario Antoci-225-9293 Dec.18

NOTE: If unable to work, Please arrange with another Captain or team member to switch and notify Grand Knight 225-5476

The Tablecloth

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18

were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the Tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job. What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years in between. The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

True Story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid

What's Happening With our Council and Members?

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of James McDonough, brother of Michael, Emily Kemner, mother of Emily Woodall, and Margaret Quinn, mother of Greg Quinn .Please keep in your prayers- Pete Boswith, Carol Schenck, and Ellen Richmond. I am glad that Mike Del Pozzo is back with a vengeance and has already regained control of the dart board in the lounge.

Once again, Bobby Palazzo has been recognized for all he does for our Council and Community. The American Heart Association has bestowed upon Bobby volunteer of the year. This distinguished award brings honor upon Bob and the Council and we are lucky to have him as a member of this organization.

The Council is proud to announce the birth of Lilly Grace, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, grand daughter to Anthony and Virginia Pelliccio, DGK. If you have any good news about your family tell Mike Stec, the Grand Knight or any officer and we will put it in the column. If you want a name to add to the prayer list let us know. Thank you's I forgot to add Mike Holmes to the people who marched in the Columbus Day parade. He exemplified what a Knight looks like in his colors. Thanks again.

Degrees to Knighthood -Congrats to the following members for the honors accorded to them through their advancement to Knighthood. Second Degree Richard Addonizio , "Captain" Louis V Albano , Raul Benitez , Kevin Carmody , Tony Colello , Frank D Anna , Harry Gorman , Bill Haughey , Brian Karst , Chris Parrinello , Tony Porto , and Salvatore Provenzano . Third Degree - Richard Addonizio , Anthony Colello , Harry Gorman , Bill Haughey , Chris Parrinello , and Tony Porto

Birthday Corner

December Buck R., Chiusano P., Cieslinski T., DAgostino, Ed Dillon, Drohan E., Fabozzi F., Ferrara A., Charlie Grimmer, Michael Hartnett, Hayes J., Jimmy Hoffman, Illuminate D., Kanganis J., Leonard M., Liquori N., Michael McDonough , McGill D., Mejas J., Miletta R., Bill Richmond , Ryan J., Savoca J., Bill Stelz , John L. Sullivan ,Joe Suraci ,Timmis R.,Tracy J., Villosio H., +W. Zaccardi

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2 Fourth Degree Christmas party Open to all 4th degree members and their spouses. Please contact Charles LaBarbera if interested.

December 4 State Officers Fund Raising Party White Plains Council. \$50 for dinner, DJ and Santa. Contact Charlie Grimmer if interested.

December 6 Council Tree Lighting 7:30 pm. Come join us while we sing a few songs and enjoy hot chocolate and dessert while Lou Albano lights our Christmas tree. This is a good way to get in the mood of the true spirit of Christmas versus the false advertisement glitter you see in the media. OPEN TO ALL AGES. If you have a friend outside the Council bring them too.

DECEMBER 10 THIS WILL BE A VERY BUSY ONE FILLED WITH MULTIPLE EVENTS SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DAY. WE NEED ALL MEMBERS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO EITHER HELP US OR ATTEND AN EVENT.

9:00AM Raising the Manger - Stop by St. James to give us a hand or enjoy a laugh. Last year without Cliff Oster's supervision we almost killed two members with the roof. Don't miss the excitement. Brother Richmond, public relations extraordinaire, will also install banners on the lawn. We will also attach a plaque to the side of the manger to remember Mr. Oster.

12 noon to 3 ♦ Children's Christmas party - This is a FREE event sponsored by the Council. If you have a child, a grandchild, or some kid you found in the Supermarket, this is for you. We ask you to bring a wrapped present for each child and Santa will present it to him or her. We have food, drinks, dessert, and a clown/magician/balloon twister for the kids. Consider it a free baby sitting service during the holidays. You need to send the form at the bottom or contact Mike @ 225-5476 to attend.

6:30 PM - Adults Christmas Party - 6:30 PM to 10:00pm. This is also a FREE party to members. 6:30 pm to 7:00pm cash bar. 7:00pm to 10:00pm you will enjoy a home cooked meal with dessert and beer and soda on the house. All we ask that you bring an unwrapped present or diapers size 4, 5, or 6 to the party. If you are interested to buy a specific item Santa left us a list what the children needs desperately now ♦ onesies sleepers 0 months to 12 months, baby towels, receiving blankets, little outfits 3 to 12 months, small baby toys, brushes, clippers, thermometers, shampoos or diaper cream. Whatever you can provide we thank you very much. Send back the form below by December 6th or contact Mike @ 225-5476.

7:00PM - Christmas parade - Brother Albano is once again going to build a float for the "holiday" parade. That's what people call the parade. All you hear now is happy holidays or the word "X-MAS" which is a word I personally despise. Not only is the birth of our Savior is overshadowed by the department stores they are trying to take CHRIST out of Christmas. Show your pride of being a Christian and march with us. We will meet in the Court House parking lot behind the Council. If you need info call Lou Albano or Mike McDonald.

December 15 ♦ St. James Christmas concert Let me know if you plan on attending this event. Thanks to Bill Richmond St. James is doing a poster contest and an essay contest in the schools and the winner will be announced at the concert. I have to present the awards and could use a show of members for the publicity.

December 30 ♦ Brother O Connor and Richmond in conjunction with the FOP is having a blood drive between 2:00 pm and 5:00pm at the VFW.

December 31 ♦ New Year's Party ♦ 8:00pm to 1:00 pm. Food and open bar, live music and dinner, and a champagne toast. Doors open at 7:00pm with a cash bar till 8:00pm. Only \$70/person and \$130 couple. We open this dance to the public on December 1 so if you want to attend hurry. This event has always sold out and with a waiting list too. Call Tony Pelliccio, DGK for info.

January 16 ♦ Basketball free throw contest ♦ St. James gym ♦ Please consider to give us a hand. Contact Phil Storminger @279-0050 if interested.

January 23 ♦ March for Life in Washington DC ♦ If interested call Joe @ 259-3801 or Marty @ 225-8658 for transport details.

Children's Party:

The party will be held on Saturday December 10th at 1PM at the Council Hall. All adults and children present **must** be hosted by at least one member of Council 6318 who is in good standing and is up to date for dues. **" At this time we only have 10 to 15 children coming to the Children's party. This year if you want to bring other children that are friends of your children to the party please feel free to. The party is now also open to children up to the age of 12 years old. The following needs to be still adhered to: 1) You need to bring a gift for the child (up to \$15) that will be given to the child. 2) You need to call Mike @225-5476 by December 8th to let him know that you are coming and how many children you plan on bringing.** If you are not coming to the adult Christmas party and want to help the infants of Birth Rite, choose a gift that is on the list under the adult party and drop it off at the Children's party or any other time.

Adult Christmas Party:

The party will be held on Saturday December 10th at 6:30PM at the Council Hall. Attendees present must be in good standing and up to date for dues. Numbers of adult's attending_____. This party is free except for a gift you bring for Birth Rite.

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