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From the Chaplain - Father Ted Osbahr

We are in the midst of the season of Lent. Lent is a time of forty days in preparation for the celebration of Easter. In the early Church this time before Easter developed as the period when adult candidates for admission or initiation into the Church received their proximate preparation. This time was fixed at forty days by the time of the first ecumenical council at Nicaea in 325. The arrival at this length of forty days was certainly influenced by Jesus forty days fasting in the desert, Moses forty days on Mount Sinai, Elijah's forty days fast on his journey to mount Horeb and the forty years of Israel's journey in the desert from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

Because Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist are celebrated at the initiation at the Easter vigil, the reading of the First Sunday of Lent, particularly the Old Testament reading from Genesis and the second reading from The First letter of Peter, introduce the Baptismal theme. Genesis tells the story of God's covenant with Noah and his companions after the flood. Peter says explicitly that the waters of the great flood symbolize the waters of Baptism. The waters of the flood in fact do not drown Noah, but save him by floating up the Ark in which they sought refuge. Thus the two-fold power of water to either kill or save is revealed in the story. The Ark floats on the water. In early Christian writings and sermons of the fathers, the Ark is a symbol of the Church. We enter the Church by Baptism. Lent is a time of preparation for Baptism. Baptism is celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

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APRIL EVENTS.....

CALLING ALL MEMBERS FOR THE RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE

The Retarded Citizens Drive (RCD) is just around the corner. During the month of April we will be holding our street and church collections. Please support this fundraiser. This is one of the charities that the Knights of Columbus are known to enthusiastically support. Also, in addition to these collections we will hold a *Mega 50/50 RCD Raffle*; look for these raffle tickets in your mailbox soon. Please call Steve Ruhl (908-964-8095) for more information and volunteer to help this effort.

Dr. Cheeko's Island Sound

Saturday, April 12, 2003, 8pm-12 midnight
Tickets: \$35 per couple, \$17.50 per person

Summer comes early at the Knights of Columbus when Dr. Cheeko plays a mix of rock and ragga. Beer, wine, soda, and sandwiches included in price above. For tickets and information call Clarence Cunningham (908-241-7710), Harry Lupo (908-851-2493), or Allen Pascullo (908-851-9274).

First Friday Mass and Fellowship

Friday, April 4, 2003, 7:30pm

Knight's Family Sunday

This regular event will return after Lent.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2003, 2pm

This annual event will be held at the council picnic grounds for children ages 12 and under. No raindate. If you have any questions, please call Larry Kilmer at 908-3891341.

Tricky Tray

Saturday, April 26, 2003, 7pm

Tickets: \$15 per person

The Knights of Columbus will be serving sandwiches and dessert during this tricky tray raffle. A raffle card will be received with every admission for your chance to win one of the many gifts and prizes given away that evening. Co-chairman Mike Cavallo and co-chairwoman Donna Ruhl are requesting donations to make this evening a success! If anyone has a business or service and would like to donate a product or gift certificate please call Mike (908-686-7540) or Donna (908-964-8095). Also, they are looking for families to contribute themed gift baskets (e.g. an Italian-night gift basket might include, a pot, special pasta, gourmet sauce, a bottle of dipping olive oil, and perhaps a gift certificate to a local Italian bakery). This would be a great opportunity to get together with another family and come up with a special gift to make this tricky tray a success. Call Mike and Donna for details.



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GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Brothers, I hope that this article finds each of you successfully meeting the challenge I placed before each of you last month, which was turning to prayer this Lent so to get spiritually in shape for the coming of the risen Lord.

As the season of lent now draws to a close, I hope that in some way each of us were able to become at least a little bit closer with our relationship with God and are now spiritually ready to truly receive the Lord into our Life.

As your Grand Knight, I am once again turning to each member of our council for your help. It is hard to believe that the Columbian year 2002 – 2003 is just about coming to an end. In the past nine months we have been able to accomplish many things but without much support from our membership. In these last three months there still much more that we must do. As you can see just by this digest alone, our council offers many activities and events that help foster the main principals Columbianism. The problem that we as a council are facing today is, most of these events are not well attended by our membership and the question is WHY? I now ask each of you at this time to please let me know why this is occurring. You may respond to me in whatever way is best for you, be it be an email, a phone call or a note signed or anonymous, but please let me know and let your voice be heard. Your responses are important to the future of our Council. My email address is MikeLC1104@aol.com, my phone number is 908-686-7540 and my address is 530 Malcolm Road, Union or drop off your note at the council, attention Grand Knight.

May the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones this Easter Season!! Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo
Grand Knight

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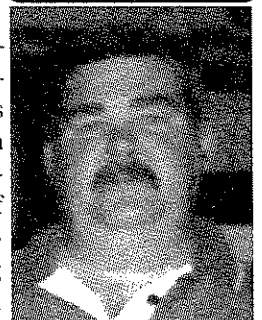
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Ordinations were celebrated in Lent more frequently in the past. I was ordained in Lent on the Saturday before the old Passion Sunday, the Sunday on which the crucifix and statues appeared covered in purple. This Sunday before Palm Sunday is now called the First Sunday of the Passion.

Lent in our tradition is emphasized as a time of penance. Few of us have ever been successful observing some penance of denial for the whole of Lent. If you have, I commend you. If you, like me, have always had difficulty with those penances of denial or giving up something I suggest that we resolve to do something. Lent should be a time to try or to dedicate ourselves to grow in our relationship with God. It is a time to spend more time with God. Spending time with God is called prayer. We must pray. We have to pray. Prayer is the way to know God, to feel God, to love God. A decision to pray a certain time or times every day is the absolute first step in knowing, loving and serving God better. That, I suggest, is what Lent is about for us who are not preparing for Baptism and initiation into the Church, knowing, loving and serving God more deeply.

The Knight of the Month for April 2003 is Brother Bill Morris. Bill has been a member of our council for 2 years. Bill has been married to his lovely wife Annette for 14 years and together they have 2 children, Joshua, age 12 and Felicia, age 8. They are members of St. Michael's parish. Bill has had his own contracting business, for the past 20 years. Bill is the kind of individual that is always giving of himself to help others. This was very apparent a few months ago, when Bill came to the aid of an elderly gentleman who needed assistance cleaning up his apartment or would face the fact of being evicted. Bill is the type of person that would give his shirt off his back to help a fellow neighbor in need. In Bill's free time he enjoys fishing and spending time with his family. Union Council 4504 is proud to name Bill Morris as Knight of the Month for April 2003. Congratulations, Bill!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1st Mon. Council Officers
- 2nd & 4th Mon. Council
- 3rd Mon. Swim Club
- 1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
- 2nd Thu. 4th Degree Corps
- 3rd Wed. Assembly
- 4th Wed. Council Committees
- 4th Thu. Columbian Club

A Letter From Your Fraternal Insurance Advisor

Dear brother knights and families,

My purpose in writing this letter is to introduce a new insurance product the Knights of Columbus has just developed. It may benefit you and your family. As you know, our insurance program has a full array of life, annuity, and long term care products available to members and their families. Our goal is to better serve the many needs of members and families by constantly striving to improve our product portfolio.

Effective immediately, the Knights of Columbus is offering a unique class of term life insurance products for our brother knights and families who enjoy above average health. If you qualify, you could see a substantial savings from our already competitive rates. Such savings can add up!

If you feel this program fits your needs just give me a call and we can give your program a "tune-up."

Also, if you have a certificate of deposit (CD) or an independent retirement account (IRA) that is due for renewal, call me first. Investigate your options. For accounts over \$10,000, the Knights of Columbus annuities are paying 4.24%. We can also help with 401K transfers, *so don't let your 401K turn into a 201K.*

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Rich Fuentes
Fraternal Insurance Advisor
Certified Senior Advisor
Million Dollar Round Table, Member
(908) 437-0310

MAY EVENTS

SPRING FOOD DRIVE PLANNED FOR MAY 2-3

It is an unfortunate fact that we have friends and neighbors that will go hungry without our help. To assist these families, the Knights of Columbus are planning the Spring Food Drive to collect nonperishable food items. All items will help stock our local food pantries. We are looking for volunteers to stand outside of local supermarkets on May 3 to ask shoppers to contribute nonperishable food items to support our efforts. Also, we need people to pick up the food donations at the elementary schools and C-5 on May 2 and deliver them to our council hall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chairman John Conti at 908-810-1310 (home) or 908-380-8793 (cell). Thank you in advance for your help.

2003 Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention May 15-18, 2003

This year's Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention will be held on May 15, 16, 17, and 18 in Wildwood, New Jersey. Union Council 4504 will once again be staying at the Adventurer Motor Inn. As always, this is the perfect opportunity for all Brother Knights and their families to spend an unforgettable weekend together. The fee for a three-night stay will be \$244.00 per family and \$176.00 for a two-night stay. There will be a \$14.00 charge per person, per night for more than 4 individuals in a room. As in the past, we will be hosting our hospitality room for your convenience. We will be serving refreshments for the entire weekend for you and your family. We are also hosting a continental breakfast on both Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 as well as a pizza party on Friday evening and a barbecue lunch on Saturday. The fee for the hospitality services will be \$50.00 per family. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Tony Addotta at 908-464-9126 to make reservations.

Swim Club News - Lifeguards Wanted

There are openings for Lifeguards in this years swim club season. If interested, send a letter of interest to: Knights of Columbus Swim Club, c/o Brian Shannahan. Interested individual must be 15 years of age and you can apply for your Red Cross certification and CPR at a later date. Should you have any questions, you may call Mr. Shannahan at 908-687-7767.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates For Officers

Anyone interested in serving as an officer please call Mike Carr at 908-276-8006.

Summer Snack Bar

Anyone interested in managing the snackbar this summer, please submit a proposal with a sample menu by April 1. Contact Allen Pascullo at 908-851-9274 or Bob Calderone at 908-688-1249 for more information.

YANKEE TRIP OLD TIMERS DAY

Our annual Yankee trip will be on Saturday, July 19 which is Old Timers Day. In addition to tier reserved seats, luxury motor coach, snacks, beer, soda, water and goodie bags, we will also take the Yankee Clipper to the mecca of baseball — Yankee Stadium. The Yankee Clipper is a ferry departing from Port Imperial located in Weehawken and sailing around Manhattan and up to the stadium. Don't forget your camera to take some wonderful pictures of the Manhattan skyline and the house that Ruth built!!!

This entire trip is priced at \$55 per person. A number of tickets have already been sold, so call *as soon as possible* to avoid being "shut out" of this unique experience. Call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039.

K of C COUNCIL #4504 BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1 DEVILs	96.0	79.0
2 Numero Uno	92.0	83.0
3 3 Blind Men	87.0	88.0
4 Tree Pops	86.0	89.0
5 PMJ	85.0	90.0
6 HURRICANES	79.0	96.0

Any Brother Knight interested in bowling can contact League Secretary Jim Bayer at 908-687-8481.