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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:

You and I have been on a journey these past 40 days through the season of Lent. We have taken time out of our lives to reflect who we really are and want to be. We have fasted and through self denial given up some of our favorite things, And yet anyone who makes the Lenten journey is called to be more alert to the attacks on human life and dignity. My brothers come and show your support that all life is precious by attending the Knights if Columbus Prayer Rally on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. Please contact Grand Knight if interested. On Easter morning we arrived at the end of this phase of our journey and the start of the Easter season. We know from past experiences that the joy of the celebration of Christ's resurrection will stand in sharp contrast to the season of Lent. That the victory of Jesus over death may encourage all who work to end abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, Jesus did not only conquer His death; He conquered ours. Because of this, we are the People of Life. We seek to apply the victory of Jesus over death to the problems of our day. We are a pro-life people, and reject the false solutions of abortion and euthanasia. Rather, we say yes to every life, no matter how vulnerable or burdensome. It is an Easter yes; it is a yes filled with hope.



On the third Sunday of April the Joseph P. Ryan, Knight of the Year will be presented to Msgr. Robert J. Batule for the 2010 fraternal year. Msgr. Batule is the second priest to win the award since Rev Thomas Manning won in 1963. If you want to attend please make a reservation, because we have to order the food in advance with the Grand Knight at 746-8643.

Following the 12:00 PM Mass at St. Aidans a brunch will be held in Fr. Batule's honor back at the Council at 1 PM. The cost is \$12

Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade contingent was led by our 2010 Knight of the Year Msgr. Robert J. Batule who led our spirited group of Knights down the avenue.

On Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 8 pm the Council held our Annual Saint Patrick's Dance honoring Danny and Pam McWeeney as the 2010 Irish Couple of the Year. Although Pam was unable to attend the dance, Danny accepted a proclamation from Mayor Jack Martins along with the renaming of Elderberry road to McWeeney road. The food and the band were great and the fire department bagpipes serenaded Danny to a host of fine tunes. Again Brother John O'Shea, his committee and his wife Kathleen did a great in running the dance. The nominating committee is looking for brother knights to step up and get involved with running the council as officers for the 2010/2011 fraternal year. Any one interested should contact PGK Dan Lynch or PGK Bob Hartman at the council.

To all my Brother Knights and their families I want to wish them a very Happy Easter.

God Bless,
Ken Lyons, Grand Knight

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VIP Dates Coming Up in Apr.

Apr. 1 Business Meeting
Apr. 1 Holy Thursday
Apr. 2 Good Friday
Apr. 8 Officers Meeting
Apr. 15 Social Meeting
Apr. 18 Knight of the Year Brunch
Apr. 23 3rd Degree—Corpus Christi
Apr. 29 NYS Convention

Fraternal Corner:

Please keep in your prayers the following brother
knights and their families. PGK Bill Mara's sister Mary;
Dick O'Callaghan's sister; Charlie Ribando's wife
Mary-Ann; Rich Lindleman Father; Jim Gibbons Jim
Corrigan's sister-in-law; John Squeri; Steve Driscoll's
wife; for the passing of PGK Carl Marchese wife
Carole and FS Bob Hartmann sister-in-law and an end
of abortions. Let us also pray for a safe return of all
our soldiers in harms way.

**The stone was rolled away from the door, not to
permit Jesus to come out, but to enable the
disciples to go in.**

AROUND THE COUNCIL:**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:**

Our Annual Golf Outing will take place at Glen Cove again on July 19, 2010 the cost will be \$130. A flyer will appear in next month's Clarion.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade:

The pipe bands played, the crowds cheer and the weather was beautiful as Msgr. Robert J. Batule, our Knight of the Year led a faithful gathering of Brother Knights down the avenue. Many of the marchers return to the council to enjoy an afternoon of good food and drinks while being serenaded to a host of songs by the Court Officers bagpipe band.

Saint Patrick's Dance:

Our annual Saint Patrick's Dance was very successful thanks to the efforts of our chairman John O'Shea. The corn beef was exceptional; the Fire Department bagpipes entertained the crowd with a host of many favorite and familiar tunes. Pete McMonagle had the crowd up dancing all night long. Pam McWeeney was unable to attend because her babysitter (Pam's Mom) could not make it there because of the storm. Mayor Jack Martins and Trustee Paul Casato were there to present Danny a proclamation to Danny as well as a street sign changing Elderberry road to McWeeney road.

Knight of the Year Brunch:

Our annual Knight of the Year brunch honoring this year's recipient Msgr. Robert J. Batule will be held on Sunday, April 18, at 1 pm. All Brother Knights are asked to attend the 12 pm mass at Saint Aidans Church before proceeding to the Council. The cost of the brunch is \$12 per person. Please call GK Ken Lyons at 746-8643 if you are planning to attend. Reservations are required, since we are expecting a large turnout
GK Ken Lyons, Chairman

EDITORIAL: HELP—"I need somebody"!!!

Setting goals, generating visibility, solving council's problems in the blink of an eye—these all sound great in theory, right?

But whether you are a Grand Knight or Chairman of a committee you consider yourself lucky if you can just make it through the day without offending someone in the council. Besieged by a constant influx of new ideas and suggestions,

It's unthinkable to even consider how you're using your time. Forget about monitoring your performance to achieve optimum results. Some days, work seems so out of control that you just want to put your head down on your desk and mutter "uncle."

To some it may seem that I am complaining again, maybe I am or maybe I am just stating facts. Many of our committees are undermanned and are constantly looking for volunteers.

Why not you?

Look at how you are using your time. How much of what you are doing is constructive and something you absolutely must do right now? Are there times you are not doing constructive things? Could you volunteer your time for 30 minutes, an hour or possibly a day?

Let's stop saying, I'll volunteer tomorrow or when I have time. It's never going to happen, you always find distractions, excuses and reasons not to take action.

We are all born with the same amount of time. Nobody will ever get any more than 24 hours in a day or 365 days in a year.

It's your choice whether you will use your time wisely or fritter it away.

We'll be waiting to hear from you.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Brothers:

The weekend of April 17 & 18 presents an opportunity to step forward and volunteer your time.

The challenge that weekend is Corpus Christi Church is holding a Talent Fair as part of the Stewardship program. They have announced the Knights will participate and have asked us to have a table on Saturday April 17 from 6 to 8:30 pm and Sunday from 9:30 to 2:30 pm.

All that is involved is telling Parishioners what a great Council we have, passing out some literature and hopefully getting our Council some new members and Squires.

Many times we have dealt with challenges in our Council. But we have always risen above them because of you - my fine Brother Knights. Let us continue to be a witness to Christ! Let us continue to shine! Let us continue to be a beacon of hope for all! Please give this your consideration. All we need is an hour from you on Sat Night or Sunday. Do it for yourself - Do it for your Council!

Msgr. Robert J. Batule
2010 Knight of the Year:

Msgr. Robert J. Batule is the oldest of eight children born to Robert and Ann. He grew up on the south shore of Nassau County in the village of Merrick where his family belonged to Cure of Ars Parish. He graduated from the parish elementary school and attended St. Pius X High School in Uniondale. Upon graduating high school, he attended Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception in Queens where he was granted a B.A. degree in Sociology in 1980. After completing studies at the seminary in Lloyd Harbor, he was awarded a Master of Divinity degree and ordained a priest on May 11th of 1985. The young Father Batule was assigned first to Saint Boniface in Elmont. While there, he was Chaplain to the Alfred E. Smith Council of the Knights of Columbus. When he was reassigned in 1990 to Saint Martha in Uniondale, he became the Chaplain to the Robert W. Powell Council—the council to which he belonged when he joined the Knights in 1982 as a seminarian. Following a transfer to Corpus Christi Parish in 1993, Fr. Batule assumed the role of Chaplain to the Corpus Christi Council. Upon his transfer in 2002, Fr. Batule relinquished his chaplaincy but retained his membership in the council and continues to attend functions and events regularly here in Mineola.

While serving as a parish priest and chaplain to Columbian councils, Fr. Batule studied at local universities and earned two graduate degrees—the first in 1990 from Adelphi University and the second in 1996 from Saint John's University.

In the spring of 2002, he began working for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and became a priest in residence at Saint Martin's in Amityville. During his service to the diocese, papal honors were conferred on him and he became a Monsignor. At the conclusion of his diocesan service, he was named the pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hicksville.

Following a two year period as pastor, Msgr. Batule was selected for advanced studies in Rome at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas. In 2008 he obtained a licentiate in systematic theology and returned to Long Island where he is now assigned to the faculty of the seminary. He assists during the week and on weekends at Saint Francis Parish in Greenlawn.

Along the way, Msgr. Batule has written for a variety of publications on a diverse number of

topics. His columns and homilies have also been printed from time to time in the Clarion.

We need them in life's early morning,
 We need them again at its close;
 We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
 We seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them,
 And the hands of a king on his throne
 Are not equal to them in their greatness;
 Their dignity stands all alone;

And when we are tempted and wander,
 To pathways of shame and of sin,
 It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us,
 Not once, but again and again.

God bless them and keep them all holy,
 For the Host which their fingers caress;
 When can a poor sinner do better
 Than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us,
 May our courage and strength be increased,
 By seeing raised over us in blessing
 The beautiful hands of a priest.

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Batule
Twenty-fifth Anniversary of
Ordination
1985 – 2010
May 11

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
May 14, 2010
5:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi RC
Church
29 Clay Pitts Road
Greenlawn, New York

You are a priest forever.
Year for Priests
2009 -- 2010

Easter Gift from the Knight of the Year:

Easter is first and foremost an event centered on Jesus of Nazareth. He is raised in glory from the dead, we believe. Death has no power over Him. But what about the apostles? How did the Resurrection affect them? Let's consider two of them – Peter and John.

At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus calls to Himself the Twelve. The Gospels indicate clearly enough that these men are called by name. Interestingly, though, just one has his name changed – Simon whom the Lord names Peter. With his name change, Peter takes on a mission that is unique. He is the rock upon whom Christ will build His church. This charge to Peter comes after he has correctly identified Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Peter is the only apostle to have identified Jesus this way.

Peter is a wise man despite his impetuosity. He gets to things quicker than the others. He is the one who realizes that the apostles cannot just walk away from Jesus as some do when Jesus proclaims Himself to be the Bread of Life. Jesus has the words of eternal life, Peter realizes before the others. There is no one else to whom they can go. But even Peter fails to stay with the Lord. He denies even knowing Jesus at one point in the Lord's Passion. Still, even with his cowardice, Peter's wisdom is not in question.

Tradition has it that John is the youngest of the apostles. His youthfulness, though, did not work against him when he was invited along with Peter and James to the top of Mount Tabor to witness the Transfiguration. However, the special stature John enjoys among Christians is not traceable to his youth, nor is it owing to the fact that he is just one of three apostles to see the transfigured Lord. The esteem we have for him is tied to his position as the Beloved Disciple. To the Beloved Disciple, a dying Jesus commends His mother. Continuing his love for the Lord, John takes Mary into his home.

In the gospel for Easter Sunday, the evangelist reports that Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb first. Astonished at what she sees, she runs off to tell Peter and John. With great haste, Peter and John make their way to the empty tomb. The evangelist indicates here that the younger apostle arrives first. Peter, although he arrives on the scene after John, is the first to enter the tomb and sees the burial cloths there.

After Peter sees the burial cloth for the head in a different place than the other cloths, John then enters. The evangelist writes next: He saw and believed.

Obviously, Peter and John see the same thing. What they see is not at all in dispute. Yet, all the account indicates is that John believes. Why is that?

Love claims an affinity for believing. It makes the apostle John ready to accept immediately what he sees. He is not duped, nor is he substituting his own version of reality for what has actually happened.

Love is definitely not blind. It sees with an uncanny accuracy. It tells the difference between what is and what is not. This seeing into things, this insight we might say, is how we distinguish between true love and what only seems like love. A false pretender like infatuation never yields insight – until it is too late, of course.

Saint Paul says in his First Letter to the Corinthians that knowledge passes away. Not so with love. Love remains. It is the more excellent way, Paul insists.

To show our love for others, we have meals together. We celebrate birthdays with lunches or dinners. We do the same for weddings and retirements. Over food and drink, we reminisce and rue; we laugh and we cry. With food and drink, we hold others close if even for a short while as we savor accomplishments or confront the uncertainty of the future. When the eating and drinking are finished, we often go our separate ways. Later on, we may remember the words, but what we miss most of all is the presence.

At the Last Supper, the evangelist, Saint John, describes Jesus as having loved His own in the world to the end. So great is the love that the Lord has for us that He conceives a way to be present to us always. He institutes the Holy Eucharist that not even death can separate us from Him.

The Risen Lord Whom we adore and worship on Easter Sunday holds out the prospect of prevailing over death to each one of us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him on the last day," Jesus promises. Born of love, the Holy Eucharist carries in it a guarantee of death's defeat.

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Those who love under any and all conditions recognize death's defeat before anyone else. It explains why John sees and believes right away on the first Easter Sunday morning. It also explains why the two disciples on the way to Emmaus don't recognize the Risen Christ until they break bread with Him.

On this Easter Sunday, the Eucharist is how we are touched by the Lord's risen life. May we receive this gift with joy, knowing that our love helps to remove the stones of hatred and indifference from our midst.

Happy Easter!

Msgr. Robert J. Batule

Insurance News:

WHAT'S YOUR REASON?

In the January column, I wrote about the alarming statistic which tells us that about 50% of the households in the U.S. have no individually owned life insurance. If you recall, we talked about group life insurance and the tendency to get very comfortable that you are "covered" if you have this benefit at work.

But that certainly doesn't comprise the entire 50% block of people. What other reasons cause a member to not protect their family?

The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don't change from survey to survey. First, let's look at the survey results (provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association).

Why people don't buy life insurance:

- 74% list "can't afford the coverage" as a major reason they don't buy.
- 52% say a major reason is that they "can't decide what to buy."
- 50% agree it is a good idea but "put it off until tomorrow."
- 43% worry about "making the wrong decision."

Let's examine each of these reasons.

Affordability:

First, the vast majority lists a major reason as lack of affordability in the coverage, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget. It is in no one's best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford.

I will go through a process with you of determining what the affordable monthly cost is. For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40-year-old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for just about \$1.50 a day.

Indecision or Concern about making a wrong decision:

If a member can't decide what to buy, I will help him decide, after we identify goals and objectives as well as a budget. The Knights of Columbus offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. I believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues. Are you worried about "making the wrong decision?" Well, I can help. I specialize in working with families just like yours, all the time. When we meet, I know the questions to ask, what to look for and what to recommend; I will help erase your doubt.

Procrastination:

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and I *always* recommend against that. As you get older premiums go up. ***More importantly you run the very real risk that your health can change.*** A negative change in your health can cause your costs to increase, or cause you to be denied coverage all together. ***Delay can be disastrous.***

All I ask is that you take the time to meet with me

Call me - Let's get together

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Knights of Columbus wins Pledge of Allegiance case in Federal Appeals Court Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds constitutionality of "under God" in Pledge

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) -- The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that the words "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance "do not violate the Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus led the campaign to add the words "under God" to the Pledge in the early 1950s, and the trial court agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to join the present case as defendants when it was originally filed in 2005.

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This decision is a victory for common sense," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "It is also a welcome reversal of the Ninth Circuit's 2002 decision in a similar case that was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on technical grounds. Today, the Court got it absolutely right: recitation of the Pledge is a patriotic exercise, not a religious prayer. Best of all, the Court said that the words 'under God' add a 'note of importance which a Pledge to our Nation ought to have and which in our culture ceremonial references to God arouse.' Every reasonable person knows that, and today's decision is a breath of fresh air from a court system that has too often seemed to be almost allergic to public references to God. This is a very good day for America," Anderson concluded.

In today's ruling, the Court noted that, "Among the 'self-evident truths' the Framers believed was the concept that all people are entitled to certain inalienable rights given to them by the 'Laws of Nature and Nature's God' and that the purpose of government should be to "secure those rights." Such beliefs provide the context in which the words of the Pledge must be understood, the Court said.

The Knights of Columbus and several individual Knights and their families were defendant-intervenors in the case, and the court's 2-1 decision incorporates many of the arguments presented to the Court by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that represented the Knights in the case. Oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit panel had been heard in December 2007. Other defendants in the case included the United States government and a Sacramento-area school district.

March 29, Founder Day:

New York State Senator George Winner (R-C-I, Elmira), on the recommendation of a constituent, sponsored bill J3952 to have March 29, 2010 proclaimed as Knights of Columbus Day in New York State. This bill was adopted into law on February 23, 2010, by Governor David Paterson.

Pro-Life Corner:

"I'm personally against abortion, but I'm still pro-choice. It's a very difficult decision, but it's a legal alternative and we don't have the right to keep it from anyone."

Pro-choice people are constantly saying "abortion is a very difficult decision" and "it's a heart wrenching choice for a woman to have to make, so let her make it in peace." The logical response to this is to ask "**Why** is abortion such a difficult decision? I don't get it. Please explain it to me."

If they hesitate to respond, as they often do, the follow-up question is, "If it's just a blob of tissue, if it's not really a child, then it should be no more difficult than choosing to have your appendix removed. Right? So what is it about abortion that makes you say it is so difficult and heart wrenching?" If a person is honest, there is ultimately only one answer to the question. Abortion is a difficult decision for one obvious reason--it is the killing of an innocent baby, one's own child.

If abortion *doesn't* kill children, why would someone be personally opposed to it? If it *does* kill children, why would someone defend another's right to do it? The position of being personally against abortion but favoring another's right to abortion is therefore self-contradictory and morally baffling. It's like saying--*exactly* like saying--we're personally against child abuse, but we defend our neighbor's right to abuse his child if that is his choice.

Albany Prayer Rally—May 12, 2010

The time is now to "stand up and be counted"!!! Our Holy Catholic Church is being hammered from the left, right, north, south and all other directions. We as Catholic Knights of Columbus Gentlemen have a duty and an obligation to stand up and defend our Church, our Priests, our Catholic values and not be afraid to publicly announce we are "proud to be Catholic and proud to be Knights of Columbus members"

!!! We and our families must live our lives as a witness and an example as to how God has instructed us to do so.

We have a wonderful way and opportunity to expose ourselves in the public arena as a group.

That is by

Attending our **ANNUAL PRAYER RALLY**, which is held in Albany on the steps of the Capitol once a year. This Columbian year the Rally will be held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.