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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:
As my fraternal year as your Grand Knight draws to a close I would like to thank each and every one of you who gave me their support and help these past two years? I was nervous at



first, but there was just this huge abundance of fine people who helped me to get my groundings. This council could thrive on its friendliness alone. That friendliness has rubbed off me since then.

It takes many hands to run this council and whether it was setting up and breaking down the meeting room or cleaning up after a council event, every job was important. I want to thank all the volunteers who have generously given their time and energy time and time again.

No Grand Knight is an island; entire of itself is a liberal interpretation of a quote by "John Donne". My Officers deserved high praise for their commitment to our council, but more importantly they have stood at my side when things may have seemed a bit rocky.

While it would be impossible to thank every member who volunteer his time and talent I would be remiss if I fail to express my gratitude to both the 2502 Association and the Wilmin Directors.

My last kudos is for every member who might have chaired or help out on any council event during the past two years.

When you chaired an event all too often the emphasis was on "How much did we make": Instead of thanks for chairing the event. I have tried to get by without naming the names of Brother Knights who have excelled without proper recognition. But I would have failed if I did not mention two brothers who go unrecognized but deserved kudos for their hard work. SK Tom Kelly, PGK my e-mail director, I am sure there isn't too many brothers in the council that did not received a 3.AM e-mail from Tom at one time or another. Secondly is SK Marcel Chaillol our dedicated Eagle Scout Director who attends various Eagle Scouts ceremonies representing our council. Please see photos inside.

Today we stand on the brink of a new chapter in our council's history, take a moment to reflect on everything that we have achieved.

Take a moment to look back and to see and appreciate just how far we have all come. Some may have achieved more than others with relative ease. Some may have had to work harder and perhaps some may have let opportunities pass them by.

As one Grand Knight exits a new one enters, I know in my heart that Brother John Macejka is the right man for the job.

John is always looking for ways to exploit the untapped talent in the council. John has the tenacity and the drive that, I believe will bring great things to our council.

The Grand Knight of any council is the GM and Manager of a team, his Officers are his coaches and the members are the ball players. One cannot work without the other, so be prepare to step up to the plate.

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So as the next thirty days dwindle down I've taken care of everything for my departure, I would like to assure everyone that while departures are sad, I am not sad. I am not leaving the council only stepping down. I am happy because now while I cannot take you all with me, I can keep the memories with me always, and so can you.

God Bless;

Ken Lyons, Grand Knight

V.I.P. Dates—June/July

June 3, Business Meeting—New Officers Elections

June 8, Officers Meeting

June 10, First Degree @ Corpus Christi Council 8PM

June 14, Flag Day

June 17, Social Meeting

July 1, Business Meeting

July 3, July 4th Parade in Williston Park

July 4, Independence Day

July 8, Officers Meeting

July 10, K of C Mets Baseball Game

July 19, K of C Golf Outing

July 31, K of C Brooklyn Cyclone Game



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AROUND THE COUNCIL:**Grand Knight, Officers and Members of Corpus Christi Council:**

I take this opportunity to express my delight in having been selected as the Knight of the Year for our council to be accorded this distinction.

As I indicated on April 18th when the award was given to me, I have had the highest esteem and respect for the Knights from the moment I joined in 1982 as a seminarian.

I have met some wonderful people through our council and my association with the men here and their families has enriched my priestly ministry in many ways. In this Year of the Priest, I want you to know of my gratitude for your support and encouragement during the year I was Chaplain and beyond. I relish coming to the council for various events and I look forward to many more years of cherished friendship with you.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Robert J. Batule

Mineola Fair

Brothers:

I wish to thank the Brother Knights who assisted me selling C and B tickets at the Mineola Fair yesterday:

Bill Gyves; Timmy Clarkin; DGK John Macejka; Jim Corrigan; Bruce Chester; PGK Sam Donato; PGK Dan Lynch and PGK Tom Kelly

We sold \$220 worth of C and B tickets which resulted in 20 books sold.

Regards,

Tom Kelly PGK

Catholic War Veterans:

Catholic War Veterans Post #1949 sold poppies at the table in attendance were:

Commander Bill Kessler; Denis O'Sullivan;

Dick O'Callaghan; Tony Donnelly

On Sunday May 23, as I left mass I stopped to help Danny Lynch and Tony Donnelly sell poppies at

Corpus Christi Church. When our veterans need help we should move heaven and earth to help them. If that means you would be sacrificing an hour or two, do it you and your family, because without them we would not have all of the wonderful things that we have now. If you are a veteran and want to join the **CWV** meetings is every 4th Tuesday of the month at 8 pm. On November 6, 2010 the **CWV** will hold its second annual fundraiser.

Squires:

Squires meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Any boy between the ages of 10/18 may join.

The Investiture for the new Circle at Chaminade is scheduled for 10am on Saturday May 22nd at the school.

I am delighted to report that we held a Squires Investiture at our Council on Wednesday, May 12. Eight Squires took the Investiture. 6 were from our Council as well as 2 from a Circle in Hicksville.

Squires Joe Egan, James Gerstner, Billy Gerstner, Matthew Rudolph and Matthew Sliwinski did a great job as part of the Investiture Team assisting State Administrative Chairman Mike Galgano, Chief Counselor Norbert Gerstner, myself and NY State Squire Officers from Circles in Astoria, Lindenhurst and Hicksville.

Please join me in congratulating our 6 new Squires: **Freddie Ondris; Lucas Musella; Michael Philbin; Kevin Dwyer; Danny Roach; Steven Faux**

In addition, my son Squire Matt Kelly and John Musella's son Squire John Musella Jr. observed the ceremony to support our new Squires.

More Great News: Squires Matt Sliwinski and Matthew Rudolph will step forward as Officers of our Circle. Matthew Rudolph has agreed to not only assist with the new Squires Circle at Chaminade High School but to serve as an Officer for our Circle. They serve a critical function as the older Squires guiding our younger Squires. True Leadership in Action!

I would be remiss if I did not thank all the Brother Knights who came out tonight to attend, help out or support the event: Jimmy Philbin, John Musella, Jimmy Spollen, Fred Ondris Sr., Timmy Clarkin, Robert Dwyer and Kevin Roach.

These fine young Catholic men are an inspiration to us all!

Regards,

SK Tom Kelly PGK

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.

Mother Teresa

Memorial Day Parade:

The Annual Mineola Memorial Day Parade took place on Monday, May 31, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Prior to marching members made their annual commitment to honoring all the fallen heroes by attending the 9:00 AM mass at Corpus Christi

I want to thank again Msgr. Batule and all the members who attended mass and marched in the parade. Our Catholic War Veterans also marched along side with their Brother Knights is the right way to honor the fallen heroes who paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy today.

The following is the 2010/2011 slate of Officers presented by the nominating committee:

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Please note: Any one interested in putting his name in nomination for any office should contact Danny Lynch

Annual Charity Golf Outing:

Our Annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, July 21, 2010. The cost is \$ 130 per golfer, includes prizes, open bar and buffet. I only have room for 27 foursomes, if interested please contact Bobby Redmond or myself at 746-8643 it is a 7 AM shotgun start at Glen Cove Golf Course. Also looking for Hole Sponsors, the cost of hole sponsor is \$100

Brooklyn Cyclone Game Outing:

We're going to Brooklyn!

On Saturday July 31 Members from our Council will be traveling to Brooklyn to see a Brooklyn Cyclones Game. For this game we are offering optional transportation for an additional fee. The approximate cost for a ticket to the game, food, refreshments and transportation to and from the game is expected to be \$50. If you will provide your own transportation, the cost will be reduced by approximately \$10 per ticket. Please contact Brother Lou LiBrandi at 516-739-1492 and leave your reservation and phone number on the recording. This is expected to be a sell-out. There are only ½ tickets available for the Mets baseball game on July 10, please contact Lou if interested.

Msgr. Tarrant 60 Years and counting:

On June 8, 1950, I was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brooklyn, New York by the Most Reverend Raymond Kearney, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn. On Sunday June 13, at 11:30 AM, I will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for my 60th anniversary of Ordination. Mass will be followed by a reception in Fitzgerald Hall. It is with gratitude and great joy that I invite you, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to join me in this special occasion.

Sincerely in Christ

Msgr. Ed Tarrant

My brother knights if you intend to go to the mass and reception please inform the recory by May 30th.

Fraternal Corner:

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Father's Day Remberances:

I call them Father:

In 1948 John Ford produced a movie called "Three Godfathers" starring John Wayne, Pedro Armendariz and Harry Carey Jr. Three outlaws on the run discover a dying woman and her baby. They swear to bring the infant to safety across the desert...

How does this movie relate to my story?

The men in my story were not actors, nor are they outlaws, but real people and this is not a movie yet they are responsible for delivering me across the desert of life.

In most of John Ford's westerns starring John Wayne is the main character so it is true in my story. My heavenly Father is my star whom I loved above all things in life today. My Father did not merely place me in a certain family setting and then disappear from the scene of my daily life! He did not wait until I have grown up before He began interacting with me. I am convince that He would like to be with us intimately every day of our lives whether we begin to know Him at age 6 or 60. "God has no favorites but He has many intimates."

In the New Testament it is written "**Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist!**"

I am truly blessed because I have found number three in my Father (**remember it's my story**). He stood barely over 5.7 and weigh less than 165 lbs. yet he was a giant among men. He taught me how to ride a bike, play ball and most important right from wrong. Every year my father would set aside one day for me, we go to Coney Island beach and I could ride all the rides all day long, it was our time to bond.

My Father believed in God, Church, Country and Family (Sounds like the K of C principles). Yet as I write this story my life would be complete if I could reach up and touch my Father's shoelaces. Lastly is a man although not related to me has had a big influence on me. He recently celebrated his 25th Anniversary of ordination this past month. I believed he is a priest first, last and always from the second he opens his eyes till he closes them at night. Our relationship dates back to when he was Chaplain to my council. His official title is Monsignor Robert J. Batule, I always told him they could make him a Bishop or a Cardinal, but I would always call him **Father**.

Ken Lyons, GK

Hi Everyone:

I know like a lot of you I do not get as much sleep as I would like. I am on Vacation the next two days and I really would like to share these stories with you. I think after you read this you will be proud to be a Catholic and always know you are not alone in your Journey.

Last Night I went with my son Matthew to his Confirmation Interview at the Corpus Christi School Gym. He was interviewed by Mrs. Patton who was friendly with a warm personality especially for children. She made my son feel at ease. At another table nearby conducting interviews was Kathy Ohrtman a friend with a warm personality as well. During the interview she asked my son to pray the Our Father and the Hail Mary. For the first prayer I made the sign of the cross but honestly did not have my concentration. For the second prayer I truly concentrated and prayed.

I was amazed at the responses my Son gave to our faith. Better than some Adults. Even Mrs. Patton said you should teach my Religious Ed Class. When he finished the Interview, I asked my son a few questions. Get a load of me. Here is what I asked Matthew and his responses:

Matthew, tell Mrs. Patton who you volunteer time for, His Response: The Knights of Columbus.

Matthew, what do you do, it begins with an S: I am a Squire.

Matthew, what is the most important day of the week? Sunday.

Why? Because we go to Church.

Now I did not tell him I would ask him questions nor did I tell him what I would ask him.

As we left the building I was so proud of my son I kissed him. I did say to a few people that there are so many that don't attend Mass and even worse so many that don't bring their children to Mass that I wanted the interviewer to know we do our best to walk with God.

SK Tom Kelly PGK

Msgr. Batule's 25th Anniversary Homily:

Every year at the Chrism Mass, we listen TO St. Luke's account of how Jesus begins His public ministry. According to the evangelist, Jesus returns to Nazareth where He had grown up. In the synagogue, He is given a scroll of the prophet Isaiah where it is written: "He has been sent to proclaim liberty to captives." These words, the evangelist tells us, are spoken aloud by Jesus for all to hear. Given that the Chrism Mass is also the time for priests to renew annually their commitment to their vocation, the text I cited above is not unimportant. The priest is the one who announces the liberation Christ brings to all. In his life and ministry, the priest proclaims that we have been free from our captivity to sin by the Lord's paschal victory.

Twenty-five years ago today, at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre, the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon me and I became a priest. Configured to Christ the Good Shepherd, I was entrusted then and there with the work of setting captives free. A quarter of a century later, I want to reflect with you for a few minutes on what priestly significance we find in setting captives free. As you know well, we have been following the ministry of St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. From the time Stephen is stoned until now when the former tentmaker endures detention for proclaiming the Gospel, we detect in Paul a veritable maturation of spirit. Paul's conversion has given the apostle an endurance to suffer every kind of indignity for Christ. He is quite willing now to use his own disadvantage to the favor of God.

In Acts today, Paul and his companion Silas are in jail. The text indicates that an earthquake causes the jail doors to fly open, making it possible for Paul and Silas to escape. But Paul and his companion don't seize the opportunity presented to them. Instead, they remain in place, Paul even making sure that the jailer takes no action that would bring harm to himself. What happens next is something like a spiritual earthquake. The jailer asks, "What must I do to be saved?" The jailer is undoubtedly gratified that the prisoners have not escaped on his watch. And thus the jailer thinks-probably correctly – that he is going to be spared reprisal for the breach which occurred while he was on duty. In one sense, then, the prisoners have saved the jailer's job.

Still, what possesses a man to inquire about his salvation at a moment like this? Perhaps while

guarding the prisoners, the jailer realizes that he himself is a prisoner – a prisoner of unbelief, that is. The walls and bars of unbelief are there in every age. We can't see them, of course, but there is no doubt a confinement exists. Sometimes it is inherited and at other times it is self-initiated. In any case, it is real. The confinement of unbelief presents the word of God from reaching a lot of men and women today. What is needed really is a prophet, someone bold enough and persistent enough to bring God's word to the cut off and the isolated.

John the Baptist exercised this role long ago and we need someone like him now. Or do we? The truth is that we have lots of Baptists already with us. They are our priests.

No doubt the priest is the one *in persona Christi capitis*. But he is another Baptist too. The evangelist, borrowing from Isaiah, describes the Baptist at that voice crying out in the desert. Then Cardinal Ratzinger writes: "The only purpose of the voice is to transmit the word, and then disappear. Here we see the sublimity and the humility of the priesthood...The priest is a vox, a voice, withal his being." Priest in their ministries give voice to the liberating word of God. Nowhere is that freeing word more beautifully spoken than in the confessional when we say: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace, and I resolve you"

From the start, I have loved celebrating Mass. I do not have a difficult attitude regarding being a confessor. Hearing confessions I find a very satisfying dimension of my ministry. We who offend by our sin, the Lord doesn't leave us in the dungeon of our shame. No, is the priest's exercise of the power of the keys, he helps to open the door to a mercy which is broader than the measurers of our minds.

As I mark my 25th anniversary today, I pause in gratitude for what God has conferred on me in the proclamation of liberty to captives. As the jailer and his household rejoice at having come to faith in God in today's first reading, I too rejoice because I belong to the household of faith. The doors on the house where we live, the Church, these are made with the wood of mercy, the wood of the Cross. Christ throws these doors wide open at the Eucharist as He once did on Calvary. Let us enter and ready ourselves for the sacrificial meal of the Lord which breaks down the walls and bars we have constructed by the unbelief.

Praised be Christ the Eternal High Priest!

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it ... **Dad**

Cherokee Legend:

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.

It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story:

Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there. **"For we walk by faith, not by sight."**

Is it because I'm old now??

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, and my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly.

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with age. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver... As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore I've even earned the right to be wrong. I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, But while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

May Our Friendship never come apart especially when it's straight from the heart!

There are no Social Meetings during the Months of July and August.

Please take note that I have chosen to submit articles about Fathers, past and future events in our council only.

The Editor and Staff are taking some well deserved R & R. See you in September.

Ken Lyons, Editor