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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:

What is it about the month of November? Is the air not cooler, dryer and refresher and don't the trees display a rainbow of colors? And hasn't light jackets and sweaters have replaced our fall outfits?



But November is much more than the changeling of weather and clothes, it should be called the month of remembrances.

The first two days of the month we are called on to remember The Feast of All Saints Day is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. This is much like the American holidays Veterans Day and Presidents Day, where many people are honored on one day.

All Soul's Day is a Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. We honor our passed-on loved ones during a time when it is so desperately needed.

Remember November second is also Election Day, as Americans, Catholics and Brother Knights we should exercise our right and vote.

Voting is a privilege and important part of being a good citizen; it is an important way to voice our opinions on issues that affect our families and communities. Remember all our departed brothers and sisters when voting their lives were snatched away before they had a chance to take their first breath.

As Veterans Day approaches, our hearts go out to the families of our soldiers serving at war. Our thoughts are drawn to the sacrifices of our young men and women overseas. Our memories flash back to the past of the stories told by our fathers and grandfathers. Whatever your opinions or beliefs, **RESPECT** and **HONOR** those who are answering the call to serve their country. On Saturday, November 6, 2010 our Catholic War Veterans, Post 1949 will hold their Annual Veterans Day Dance. Please make every effort to attend. Sandwich in between the CWV Dance and Thanksgiving is an opportunity to sample real Polish food on Saturday, November 13, 2010. There are a special group of men we pause to honor in November, our fallen comrades in the Council. On Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 8 pm we will honor them with our Annual Memorial Mass. In November we are invited to remember all "the good people" who led by example and were an inspiration to us our Mothers and Fathers, our Brothers and Sisters, our Grandparents. The good old days when we were all so young and family was everything.

What better way to express the Thanksgiving Day. If you're like me, you look forward to the Thanksgiving Day feast. The common traditional Thanksgiving dinner consists of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, olives, cranberries and a whole variety of individual preferences. Baked pumpkin, apple pie and coconut cream pies seems to be the most popular choice for dessert. The same tablecloth, dishes and silverware are often used year after year and are part of the Thanksgiving meal. While it doesn't change how the food tastes, it does indeed set the mood for Thanksgiving festivities, the Macy's Day Parade and Football.

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VIP Dates in November:

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Nov. --- 02 All Souls Day

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Nov. --- 04 Business Meeting

Nov. --- 06 CWV Dance

Nov. --- 07 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov. --- 10 Wilmin Meeting

Nov. --- 11 Officers Meeting

Nov. --- 11 Veterans Day

Nov. --- 12 Karaoke—9 pm—1 am

Nov. --- 13 Polish Night Dance

Nov. --- 16 Catholic War Veterans Meeting 8 pm

Nov. --- 17 Squires Meeting

Nov. --- 18 Memorial Mass 8 pm

Nov. --- 25 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. --- 26 Karaoke 9 pm—1 am

Nov. --- 29 2502 Association Meeting

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On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit
down to dinner at the same moment—HALFTIME!!

Fraternally,

John Macejka, Grand Knight

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween	1 All Saints Day TEAM BEST	2 All Souls Day DD Meeting - 12	3	4 8:30pm - BUSINESS	5	6 CWV DANCE
7 Daylight Saving	8 KELLY'S HEROES	9 1st. & 2nd. DEGREES	10 MARINE CORPS - WILMIN MEETING	11 3rd.DEGREE - St. OFFICERS MEETING Veterans Day	12 9pm - KARAOKE	13 POLISH NIGHT
14	15 DANNY	16 8pm - CWV MEETING	17 SQUIRES MEETING	18 8pm - MEMORIAL	19 CHAPTER MEETING -	20
21	22 RED RIDERS	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 9pm - KARAOKE	27
28 First Sunday of	29 TEAM BEST 8:30pm - 2502	30	1	2	3	4

AROUND THE COUNCIL:**Italian Night Dance Report:**

Our Annual Italian Night Dance was held on Saturday, October 2, 2010. This year's honorees were Louie and Nancy Librandi. Once again guests were treated to a beautiful evening of wine, food and music. Lou and Nancy were given a proclamation by Mayor Jack Martins as well as a street sign baring their names. Chairman Nick Pennacchio and the Grand Knight John Macejka also presented Louie and Nancy a gift from the Council as well as flowers to Nancy Come. As it is customary with all Council events we should be thankful that Brothers Nick Pennacchio, Mickey DeSorbo, Eddie Pappalardo and their committee step up and ran a very successful dinner dance. Ken Lyons, Editor.

East Williston Street Fair Report:

In the fall, it seems that almost any warm day is referred to by most people as Indian summer. And Saturday, October 9, 2010 could have fallen into that category. The only thing missing was the lack of people to enjoy it. Although we had many volunteers to sell C & B chances, we only manage to sell (9) books that day.

We have sold 241 books. If we sell 12 more books we will reach our quota of 253. If you have books all you need to fill out is your name and phone number with area code.

All I ask please is to send a check payable to K of C #2502 for \$10 per book.

Tom Kelly, Chairman

Catholic War Veterans, Post 1949:

The CWV will hold its Annual Dance on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8PM to midnight the cost is \$40 per person. At the dance a student from St. Aidans will be presented a \$500 scholarship award in the name of Gregory Peppard. Greg was an original charter member of CWV Post 1949. The award will be presented by Mary Peppard and her two sons Greg and John. On Wednesday, November 11, the CWV will attend the 9AM mass at Corpus Christi Church. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17, at 8PM. The one thing to remember is that our CWV are more than another charitable organization, they are actively supporting veterans and promoting their welfare.

Remember:

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including his or her life.'

Ken Lyons, Editor

Polish Night Dance:

Greenpoint is home to many people of Polish descent, with Polish-Americans counting as one of the largest European ethnic groups in the city. On Saturday, November 13, 2010. Brother Eddie Jakubek gives us a piece of Greenpoint by introducing our version of Polish Night Dance. Open bar, Polish Buffet, DJ music highlighting the 50's and 60's eras with additional polkas. The cost is \$40 per person, please contact Eddie at (516) 713—2874 for additional details

Memorial Mass:

Brothers, Thursday, November 18, mark your calendars down we will have our Annual Memorial Mass for our Brother Knights who have gone on to their eternal reward. Our Chaplain Fr. Kevin Dillon will celebrate mass at 8 pm. Wives, family members and guests are invited to attend, after mass refreshments will be served. Please make every effort to attend, The World Series will be over by then.

We honor the following Brother Knights who have gone home to God during this past fraternal year.

John A. Wengler

Charles W. Scharbach

Alphonso V. Gallo

Lewis F. Buttacoli

Robert T. Imbornoni

John J. McAllister

Neil Piloti

James P. Gibbons

Charles E. Hoagland

Henry E. Brait

Michael J. Sullivan

Arthur G. Traphopner

Ken Lyons and Mike Raso, Co-Chairmen

Children Christmas Party:

Our Annual Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 13, from 1PM to 4PM. Please see flyer inside for additional details.

**Reputation is what men and women think of us;
character is what God and angels know of us.**

AROUND THE COUNCIL:**Members Christmas Party:**

Our Members Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 18, at 8PM. Open Bar and Buffet Cost is \$20 single and \$30 per couple. Please contact Charlie Ribando @516-747-7211 or Dick O'Callaghan @516-248-1128 for additional details.

New Years Eve Party:

The NYE Party will be held once again on Thursday, December 31, please contact Tom Kelly or Bill Kessler at the Council # 516-746-8643. For additional details see flyer inside.

Fraternal Corner:

Please keep in your prayers the following brother knights and their families. PGK Bill Mara's sister Mary; Tommy Hayden; Rich Lindeman; John O'Shea; Bobby Teemsma; PGK Richie Ryan; Paul Libassi; John Squeri; Helen Melvin; the wife of Steve Driscoll and for the souls of Jim Anderson and Julia McCrave. Let us also pray for a safe return of all our soldiers in harms way. Pray to an end of abortions.

Honorary Members:

At its annual convention in Washington, D.C. the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus voted to adjust payment for honorary members. Formerly, the annual payment was fixed at \$10.00 has been increase to \$15.00. The new amount includes Supreme per capita charges, the Catholic Advertising assessment and the amount of the annual state council per capita charge.

Thanksgiving Observance:

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
 Count your gains instead of your losses.
 Count your joys instead of your woes;
 Count your friends instead of your foes.
 Count your smiles instead of your tears;
 Count your courage instead of your fears.
 Count your full years instead of your lean;
 Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
 Count your health instead of your wealth;
 Count on God instead of yourself.

From the Editor and staff of the Clarion to all our readers; **Happy Thanksgiving.**

Membership:**A Knight in Shinning Armor:**

A man who comes to the aid of another, usually a woman, in a gallant and courteous manner.

The present-day use of this phrase is, of course, figurative and refers back to the notion of gallant knights saving fair maidens in distress. The reality behind that imagery is dubious and no doubt owes much to the work of those Victorian novelists and painters who were captivated by the chivalrous ideal of an imagined court of Camelot.

Membership is not all about men entering our order and hopefully becoming active members. It is about those who preceded them, the ones who set the standards.

Our nominee is a role model and has set the standard for excellence in our profession; a true giant, he has paved the way for many others that follow behind him. He became a Knight in 1975; his sponsor was PGK Richie Ryan. Since 1975 he has attended many meetings; volunteer his time and chaired many events. As if that wasn't enough he went through the chairs and became Grand Knight. He has been a Director on the Wilmin Corporation since 1996 and a Trustee forever. Our first inductee is **PGK Danny Lynch.**

Pro-Life Corner:

No amount of good social policy, such as programs that feed the hungry and shelter the homeless – as vitally important as they are – can make up for bad policies concerning the protection of life itself. Without the fundamental right to live, the right to not be killed, no other rights are meaningful. In fact, without life no other rights can exist.

Pope Benedict reminds us in *God Is Love* that, as Catholics, we are called to make God's love present in the world. But, he emphasized, it is the responsibility of lay Catholics to work for a "just ordering of society" and "to take part in public life in a personal capacity".

In other words, it is up to Catholic laypeople to participate directly in public life, helping to enact laws and policies that respect the lives of all, especially those who have no voice—unborn children, human embryos targeted for destructive research, and those who are cognitively impaired, disabled or dying.

Those that deny freedom to others deserve it not themselves.

Chapter News:

First, our **Memorial Mass** will be **Sunday, November 14th**, at 11:00 AM at St. Agnes Cathedral. November 11 we thank and celebrate our Veterans. Those who show courage, honor and selfless dedication to our liberty and freedom deserve more than just a single day of dedication. If you are like me you are already thinking about Christmas presents to buy. Why not spend more time with your children by taking them to an Islander game. Both the Islanders and the Knights of Columbus of Nassau County are teaming up to raise money for charity. If interested please contact Grand Knight John Macejka at 747—0095.

Insurance News:

The Knights of Columbus recently reached the \$43 *Billion* dollar milestone of "Insurance In Force" making your company one of the 75 largest insurance companies, in the world. We've got them. Wall Street's most respected firms have awarded the Knights of Columbus their highest ratings for safety and security. The Knights of Columbus has something for everyone and we have something for you. Whether it be Permanent Plans; Term Plans; Long Term Plans or Annuities please contact our insurance agent Dan Higgins (516) 547- 4555.

Father Michael J. McGivney:

"Illinois" Land of Lincoln has recently seen a 10% increase in abortions. In an effort to combat this surge, Marge and Laurence Theriault have established a "Non For Profit" corporation named after the Venerable Founder of the Knights of Columbus, the corporation is known as "The Michael J. McGivney Center of Hope and Healing". The corporation is organized to provide care to women with difficult pregnancies who carry their babies to term, through provision of transitional housing spiritual nurturing, and other care for mothers and their children in need, and all in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. "Let the inspiration of your servant Fr Michael J. McGivney prompt us to greater confidence in love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcasts".

State Council News:

We Knights, and the Church itself, would like every practical Catholic gentleman to be a Knight of Columbus and it is our aim during the 2010 - 2011 to strive for that goal ----- "One Catholic Gentleman - One Knight of Columbus". This goal is not impossible, not even highly improbable, but entirely possible. Maybe not this year or even next, but surely each one of us with enthusiasm, proper attitude and belief that every Catholic gentleman should be a Knight of Columbus, will accomplish our goal.

Membership, the life blood of our order. Without it, we can not do the work of Christ in today's marketplace. It must be maintained and greatly increased monthly and yearly with aggressive recruitment programs. We will continue, as others before us, to promote intensely the concept of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, "One Catholic Gentleman - One Knight of Columbus". To quote what a wise man once said. "Isn't it better to shoot for the moon and hit an eagle than to shoot for an eagle and hit but a rock

Supreme Council News:

Pope Benedict XVI has announced a consistory on November 20, at which he will elevate 24 bishops and archbishops to the College of Cardinals. Three of them are Knights of Columbus, including Archbishops Raymond Burke, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, D.C., and Kazmierz Nycz, archbishop of Warsaw.

College Knights in New Haven for Conference

During the weekend of Oct. 1 through Oct. 3, College Knights from more than 70 campuses gathered in New Haven for the annual College Council Conference. The weekend consisted of a robust program of networking, leadership training, and faith formation. It was an opportunity for brother Knights to make connections with each other, to share best practices from their college councils, and to witness the broad scope of the Order beyond the campus community.

A Short Message from the Monsignor:

Born in a small town in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania in 1904, Walter Cizek knew by the 8th grade that he wanted to be a priest and later joined the Jesuits. Following his ordination in 1937 in Rome, Fr. Cizek first went to Poland and from there sought a way into Russia so that he could minister there. After slipping into Russia, he was arrested, accused of being a spy and spent the next 23 years in prison camps in Siberia.

He tells his story in a volume entitled *With God in Russia*, first published in 1964. Nearly ten years later, he published a second book with the title *He Leadeth Me* (1973). In that second work,

Fr. Cizek revisits his harrowing ordeal and puts together an account of how he survived the grueling isolation and confinement. He has this to say about freedom: It is in choosing to serve God, to do his will that man achieves his highest and fullest freedom. It may seem paradoxical to say our highest and fullest freedom comes when we follow to the least detail the will of another, but it is true nonetheless when that other is God.

For more than a week now at daily mass, we have been listening to passages from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians. The apostle has been treating issues like the origin of the Gospel, his travels as an evangelist, his relationship with Peter, the role of the Holy Spirit and the place of the law in relation to faith. And we can't help but notice that yesterday's first reading ends with the same verse that begins today's first reading. "For freedom Christ has set us free."

Tomorrow, the apostle will take up what happens when we misuse our freedom. Today, however, Paul emphasizes the source of our freedom. It is Christ, he says, who is the source of it; we have not given freedom to ourselves. We would only be deceiving ourselves if we thought that we train the light of freedom on ourselves. We surely don't; we do, however, enter into darkness on our own as when we separate ourselves from Christ. But liberation comes through the work of another. Christ is not just the cause of our freedom. He also is the state of freedom. What, though, does this freedom look like? Is there a way we can distinguish it from counterfeit claims?

Before her death from an illegal drug overdose in 1970, Janis Joplin sang a song called "Me and Bobby McGee." A lyric in that song goes as follows: "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose."

It was misconstrued by many who heard it, though. Some thought they heard: "Freedom's just another word for nothing else to do." It is not my aim here to rehabilitate the reputation of Janis Joplin. But she may have gotten something right in her lyrics. She is wrong in suggesting that freedom is a default position. That is, it's what you have when everything else is exhausted and used up. But she is right in suggesting that freedom entails loss.

In His public ministry, Jesus stipulates, "[W]hoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Renunciation is an integral part of our discipleship. We can't follow the Lord if we aren't ready to give up things we cherish.

We would not be reading the Martha and Mary story in an entirely correct way if we see it merely as a matter of Mary having more of something. She must give up helping her sister to have the better part of conversing with the Lord. That we give up things which are bad for us is one thing. However, we remain unfree until we give up some things which are good for us. This could mean having to sacrifice doing things in the company of others, things that are enjoyable in order to concentrate on the one thing that really matters.

During the course of our lives, we make countless decisions – all of them constituting our freedom. In his encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, Pope John Paul II warns against "[preferring] to choose finite, limited and ephemeral goods. He says further: "Contemplation of Jesus Crucified is . . . the high road which the Church must [take] every day if she wishes to understand the full meaning of freedom: the gift of self in service to God and [others]."

Deprivation has a way of training us to choose goods which are absolute and transcendent. And thus it passes without elaboration now that self-denial is a constitutive element in the formation of future priests. We cannot dispense ourselves from what Jesus Himself says is essential for following Him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

It is not that Fr. Cizek grew to like his captivity; no, in every moment of the detention against his will, he yearned to be set free. The experience of physical confinement did convince him, though, that God's will can be sought in every circumstance no matter how foreboding.

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Before us now and always is the example of Jesus Who states at the outset of His public ministry: "I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me." Late in His ministry, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is undeterred: "Not my will but yours be done."

In the Holy Eucharist we celebrate together, we find a school for freedom. It cannot be any other way. The Lord sets us free here. No other freedom compares with the freedom from sin and death He gives us by hanging on the tree of life. This is our high road. Let us not cease taking it.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Msgr. Robert Batule

Chapter News:

Introduce your child to ice hockey by going to one of the two games that the Knights of Columbus of Nassau County and the NY Islanders are teaming up with to raise money for charity. Give your wee one the chance to feel the thrill when their team scores a goal, or simply enjoy watching the players skate and pass the puck. I think the fact that the sport is played on ice is enticing to the little ones, plus the kids get an excuse to yell indoors by cheering on their team. Oh, and let's not forget the Zamboni. Something about that ice resurfacer makes kids go wild. For each reduced ticket purchased a donation will be made to the Knights of Columbus of Nassau. So act now to make a great save and support a great cause.

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

NY Islanders vs. Pitt. Penguins

\$30 Upper Mezz. Center

\$25 Upper Mezz. End.

Thursday, March 31, 2011

NY Islanders vs. NY Rangers

\$40 Upper Mezz.

Call the council for any questions 746-8643

State Council News:

Membership:

This month we will have (4) candidates available to make their first degree. When they have completed their degrees we will list them and their sponsors. Starting next month the Editor and his staff will be selecting at random a member profile in this column.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Insurance News:

When a representative of a life insurer comes to your home. Most people, inundated by too much information, think that a discussion about their financial future with a professional advisor leaves them with more questions than answers. That may be true under some circumstances, but not with the Knights of Columbus. We offer you life insurance (whole life and term), fixed annuities and long-term care. We will sit with you and your wife, gather some very basic information, draw a conclusion with you, and propose a solution for you that fit within your budget. Our Insurance Agent is Dan Higgins

Pro-Life Corner:

A Pro-Life activist from Michigan has been shot and killed. Initial reports say the man is James Pouillon who is known as the "abortion sign guy".

Apparently he was well known in the community for holding up abortion signs with pictures of aborted babies. There have actually been two people killed and it looks like the murders are related. If this was done because of Pouillon's views on abortion, will the President of the United States issue any sort of statement on this just like he did when abortion doctor George Tiller was murdered? The pro-life community waits to see what he does.

Father Michael J McGivney:

A common question most often asked "How's the cause going?" It's tough to come up with a clear answer because the reported miracle presently under consideration by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints must go through a series of "tests" before the Congregation can make a judgment about its authenticity. Nonetheless, it is clear that thus far the reported miracle has not been rejected by the Holy See and there are indications that it continues to be seriously considered by medical and theological experts. As Knights of Columbus members we must pray daily that the beatification of Venerable Michael McGivney will become a reality soon. He is an extraordinary example for all priests and seminarians.

Veterans Page:**DRAFTING GUYS OVER 60:**

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces think I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year old off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-old think about sex every 10 seconds.

Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are impatient and maybe letting us kill somebody that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for awhile.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the heck... Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-gun.

If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys... We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any push ups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head, or that pants are supposed to be around the hips, not the knees. These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten coward terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million cranky old men with attitudes and automatic weapons, who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting Women over 50...in menopause!!! You think MEN Have attitudes?? Ohhhhhhhhhhhh my God!!! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!

More Than a Name on the Wall

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I saw her from a distance as she walked up to the wall.

In her hand she held some flowers as her tears began to fall.

She took out pen and paper, as to trace her memories.

And she looked up to heaven, and the words she said were these:

She said, "Lord, my boy was special, and he meant so much to me.

And, oh, I'd love to see him, just one more time you see.

All I have are the memories and the moments to recall.

So Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall?"

She said, "He really missed the family and being home on Christmas Day.

And he died for God and country in a place so far away.

I remember just a little boy, playing' war since he was three

But Lord, this time I know he's not coming' home to me."

She said, "Lord, my boy was special, and he meant so much to me.

And, oh, I'd love to see him, but I know it just can't be.

So I thank you for my memories and the moments to recall.

So Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall."

"Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall."