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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:
The end of the year, the month of December. What better time to look at where we have been. And so I offer you the history of Corpus Christi Council. I hope that, as you read it, your memories well up with the names of old friends, with the good times you've had in the council, and with your personal involvement by vote or action in the history itself.



HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL

The original chapel of Corpus Christi Church was built in 1895, and the first church dedicated in 1906. In November of 1921 Corpus Christi pastor James Burke purchased the old Graves Estate on Searing Avenue. It opened as a school on September 11, 1922 and lasted to 2010, eighty eight years.

In 1923 Father Edward A. McGowan was sent to assist Father Burke. Under Father McGowan's direction, Corpus Christi Council received its charter and Council number 2502 on November 11, 1923. There were 101 Charter members, led by Grand Knight John Shade.

The Council held its first meetings in the American Legion building in Mineola.

In the late 1920's, the Council purchased a building located at the northwest corner of Willis and Jefferson. In 1940 the Council left this site and thereafter held its meetings in a store on Jericho Turnpike just east of Marcellus Road. In 1945 the Council moved to quarters at 146 Lincoln Avenue, west of Willis. The move to our present quarters, 186 Jericho Turnpike, occurred in the late 1960's when the Council purchased a building which was previously an A&P supermarket.

In 1964, under PGK Edward Panzella, the council added its first entity, the 2502 Association. At that time, the 2502 Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York to provide for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, and improvement of its members, socially, fraternally and educationally. To provide for the social good will of the members towards each other and to the community by providing the necessary facilities for such betterment and to promote the feeling and spirit of brotherhood and companionship between members.

In 1959, under PGK Anthony Riggio, the council added its second entity, the Wilmin Corporation. The purposes for which the Wilmin corporation was formed are as follows: to purchase, acquire, build, erect, maintain and operate property to be occupied and used by Corpus Christi Council #2502, Knights of Columbus and to sell, assign, transfer, trade, convey, lease, rent or otherwise alienate or dispose of and to mortgage or otherwise encumber the lands, buildings and personal property of the corporation and any and all legal and equitable interest therein.

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Dec. 1 Business Meeting 8:30 pm

Dec. 3 C & B Final Drawing

Dec. 6 Light Up for Christ 8:00 pm

Dec. 6 DD Meeting – Corpus Christi Council

Dec. 7 Wilmin Meeting

Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor -- 70th Anniversary--

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8 Officers Meeting 8:00 pm

Dec. 9 Karaoke 9pm – 1 am

Dec. 11 Children's Christmas Party 1—4 pm

Dec. 15 Social Meeting 8:30 pm

Dec. 16 Nassau Chapter Meeting Fr. O'Connell

Dec. 17 Members Christmas Party 8 pm

Dec. 20 CWV Meeting 8:00pm

Dec. 21 Squires Meeting 8:00 pm

Dec. 23 Karaoke 9pm – 1 am

Dec. 25 Christmas Day – Council Closed

Dec. 26 2502 Assoc. Meeting 8:30 pm

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party

Jan. 01 New Year's Day 2012

DECEMBER 'S CALENDAR 2011

THURSDAY, DEC. 01 -- BUSINESS MEETING 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 03 – C & B Final Drawing

MONDAY, DEC. 05 – DD Meeting Corpus Christi Council 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 06 – Light up for Christ 8 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 07 – WILMIN MEETING 8 PM

THURSDAY, DEC. 08 – Immaculate Conception

Officer's Meeting 8 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 09 -- KARAOKE—9PM—1AM

SUNDAY, DEC. 11 – Children's Christmas Party 1—4 PM

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 – SOCIAL MEETING 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 – Nassau Chapter Meeting 8 pm Fr. O'Connell

SATURDAY, DEC. 17 – Members Christmas Party 8 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 20 – CWV MEETING 8 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21 -- SQUIRES MEETING -- 7:30 PM

First Day of Winter

FRIDAY, DEC. 23-- KARAOKE—9PM—1AM

SUNDAY, DEC. 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS -- Council Closed

MONDAY, DEC, 26 -- 2502 ASSOC. MEETING

SATURDAY, DEC. 31 – NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

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In 1945 the Council sponsored a lecture delivered by then Msgr. F.J. Sheen at Chaminade High School's Athletic Field. Over 2000 people attended. The Monsignor's popularity rose to worldwide acclaim when he hosted a television program in the 1950s and was known then as Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

In the late 1970's, under the direction of PGK Jerry Hughes, excavation was begun under the half of the building that rested on the ground. With the assistance of Brother John Donahue, who placed all of the bricks, and many other brothers, the Father Tully room was dedicated in 1985.

In 2002, under PGK Marcel Chaillol, the main-floor Council Chamber was renovated. To pay for the renovation of walls, floor, ceiling and lighting, Wilmin Corp. mortgaged the building for \$120,000,

By 2004 PGK Walter Kowalewski warned of the financial burden that the council was bearing because of taxes and, to a lesser extent, because of the mortgage used to renovate our quarters at 186 Jericho Turnpike.

In 2009, PGK Ken Lyons applied for Community Development funds to construct a restroom for the handicapped in our main-floor Council Chamber at 186 Jericho Turnpike. His application was approved in 2010 and engineering and final architectural plans were drawn up during 2011.

I want to wish all my Brother Knights and their Families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Macejka, Grand Knight

Chaplain Christmas Message:

It's hard to argue against technological advancement when a certain surgery adds fifteen years to the life of a loved one. It's hard to argue against the information age when a computer allows you to down-load data from a library in Vienna on to your p.c. in a matter of several minutes. But there is a down-side to technological advancement and the information age. Technological advancement and the information age have weakened our capacity to wonder.

The philosopher Sam Keen once wrote that wonder is the basis for all philosophy. In order to get at the meaning of life, he wrote, you must wonder.

What the philosophers call wondering about the curiosities of life, Christians call beholding the mysteries of life. Along with the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, Christians most wonder about the Incarnation. How is it that a Divine Person took on flesh and became like us in all things but sin?

We call Christmas a mystery because the birth of Jesus Christ is unlike any other birth. Jesus was born to a married woman who never at any time had sexual relations with her husband. The Holy Spirit had come upon Mary and overshadowed her thereby conceiving the Child. Without the seed of man, the Child grew in His mother's womb until such time that a son was born.

I must confess that it is getting harder and harder in our culture to find the image of the Madonna and Child. Some devout Christians who send Christmas cards still use this image but advertisers don't. Advertisers and merchandisers don't use the image of the Madonna and Child because it doesn't sell.

Mystery doesn't sell but neither can we rid ourselves of it completely. The greatest unsolved mysteries are not the stories of a television show but the largely silent witness of those who love unto death.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, very few were there. The Madonna was there, of course, and so was Joseph her just, industrious and chaste spouse. The shepherds were there, too. But apart from these, only the angels witnessed this mysterious occurrence.

When Christ died on Calvary, very few were there again. According to the evangelist, the mother of Jesus, along with her sister and two other Mary's assembled at the foot of the Cross along with the Beloved Apostle John. Before drawing His last breath, Jesus entrusted the care of His mother to a new son, a son born of apostolic love.

As the Christ Child lay in the manger His tender flesh pressed against wood. More than thirty years later, the flesh of the God-Man pressed against the wood of the Cross. The Incarnation was an embrace of pain and suffering as well as delight and joy. The Incarnation is a divine commitment to love unto death.

We are children of the manger and the Cross. We bubble with excitement over sacramental marriages and sacramental ordinations. As memories of the ceremonies begin to fade, do we set down our crosses?

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No, we take them up and follow in the footsteps of the Master. In doing so, we do not so much save our lives as we lose them.

Now here's something that definitely won't sell: losing your life. Not even the philosophers can accept this. How can you find the meaning of your life if you lose your life? It doesn't make sense.

Pope John Paul II called losing your life the law of the gift. In other words, you never discover the true meaning of your life until you lose it in commitment. Christ is committed to us in the Incarnation and the Cross. Both mysteries are grounded in love. Although not the only commitments to Christ, sacramental marriage and sacramental ordination are public expressions of a mysterious love unto death. In marriage, the flesh of husband and wife are joined together to project into the world the *imago Dei*, the image of God. In ordination, a mere man is given the awesome power to call down the flesh of the Son of God on an altar.

In his book *The Rumor of Angels*, Peter Berger writes that we have signals of transcendence in our midst. The angels no doubt testified to the presence of the Divine on earth two thousand years ago. Today, angels continue this great work but we can't see them. We can see, however, those committed human beings who love unto death. They are the signals of transcendence who remind a skeptical world that Christmas is first, last and always a mystery.

In the Liturgy of Good Friday, the priest holds aloft a crucifix and sings or says: *This is the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Savior of the world.* The congregation then responds: *Come, let us worship.* If we can give thanks for a flesh that is destroyed, then surely we can give thanks today for a flesh that is brand new. In this Eucharist, immolated flesh becomes life-giving flesh. The Incarnation of Jesus made Him subject to death. But God has conquered death through the Resurrection. The love we celebrate today is not just a love unto death but a love through death and unto everlasting life.

Merry Christmas!

Msgr. Batule

AROUND THE COUNCIL:**Congratulations are in Order:**

Ann Jankay became the proud Grandmother to Parker Joseph Jankay on November 1, 2011.

Richard O'Callaghan's grandson Kieran was the second recipient of the Gregory Peppard Memorial Scholarship handed out by the Catholic War Veterans Post 1949 on November 12, 2011

Catholic War Veterans Post 1949:

Our own CWV celebrated Veteran's Day by hosting their second Annual Dance on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The dance was modestly attended; the food was once again outstanding and a small profit was achieved for future charitable work. Richard O'Callaghan's grandson was the recipient of the Gregory Peppard Memorial Scholarship.

It has often been said that without veterans, Americans would be speaking a different language today. We must always remember them and appreciate them and thank them for what they have done for us.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Squires News:

On behalf of the Grand Knight we would like to thank the Squires for helping out with the work party on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Squires will next meet on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 pm

Ken Lyons, Editor

Light up for Christ:

On Tuesday, December 6, at 8 PM come join me as we turn on the lights of our Christmas tree. This celebration is referred to as "Light up for Christ" which occurs in every Council in NYS. Please make every effort to attend. Through this grassroots program, the joy of Christmas will shine from council to council and circle around the world.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Keep Christ in Christmas Signs:

At Christmas we honor the birth of Jesus Christ. At times our Savior is forgotten in the commercialization of the season and the rush to get ready for holiday festivities. Each year the Knights of Columbus takes a leading role in reminding society that Christmas is first and foremost a holy day. One of the best ways to do this is by displaying your "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign in your windows or on your lawns

Ken Lyons, Editor.

Children's Christmas Party:

Our Annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 11, from 1—4 PM. For reservations please call Rob or Cira Rom at (516) 873-1909 before December 1, this year we will be collecting food for the parish outreach, please make a donation when you attend the party.

Members Christmas Party:

One of the best ways to meet people, grow in faith, and feel a part of our council is by attending the Members Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 PM.

Come down, take a night off from your hectic scheduled and join your Brother Knights and their wives a relaxing evening. Please contact Richard O'Callaghan at 248—1128 or Charlie Ribando at 742—7211.

New Year's Eve Party:

Peter Augello has informed me that this New Years Eve Party will once again be held on Friday, December 31. In an effort to attract more people to the party the cost has been lower to \$75. per person. Any one interested in attending should see the flyer inside for additional details.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:

We will hold the Council's Basketball Free Throw Contest next month. All boys and girls in the community ages 10 to 14 are eligible to participate. Volunteers are needed to register the kids, score the contest, serve soda and retrieve shots. I hope you can help that night.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Fraternal Corner:

Please keep in your prayers the following brother knights and their families. PGK Bob Hartman, PGK Bill Mara and Mary his sister, PGK Steve Driscoll wife, Dick O' Callaghan who recently had neck surgery, John Squeri, John O'Shea, Helen Melvin, Richie Lindeman and his Jody his wife, Tommy Hayden, Helen Melvin, Mary Cavanaugh, PGK Sam Donato, all the souls in purgatory, and an end to abortions. Let us also pray for the safe return of all our soldiers in harms way.

Insurance News:

A New Year's Resolution

"The best way to MAKE MONEY
Is NOT to LOSE MONEY."

Another simple concept:

Knights of Columbus Annuities
GUARANTEE YOUR PRINCIPAL

**LET'S TALK and START THE NEW YEAR
RIGHT!**

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Fourth Degree:

Finally, our Annual Christmas party will be held at Joseph Barry Council on Sunday December 11th 2011 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. More details will follow.

E-mail Address needed: If you have an e-mail address, we would like to deliver you "Lumina" via e-mail. This will help reduce the Assembly's mailing costs & thus permit the Assembly to make more charitable contributions. Please kindly send an e-mail to the Faithful Scribe Matthew Buttarro: mbuttarrow291@gmail.com with the subject "Lumina". With your e-mail address, we can also keep you better informed of the Assembly's wake calls.

Chapter news:

Save the Date: Saturday, February 4th. Past Chapter President **Steve Connelly's Testimonial** will be held at St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council from 7:00—11:00 pm, \$50 per person.

Contact me for tickets

We're also the home of "He is Risen" magnets. We're selling them for \$3.00 each or a case of 250 for \$500. It's a great fundraising opportunity
Mike Murtha, Chapter President

Supreme News:

The Posada is a traditional Christmas celebration that Franciscan missionaries developed in America with the goal of introducing the faith. It continues to be popular throughout the southwestern United States and all of Latin America and is a rich tradition for Knights and their families to share.

The Christmas Posada expresses perfectly the suspense and surprises of the season

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It is a prayer, a play, a party and a gathering for families, parishes and whole communities. It is a celebration that children and adults can enjoy together, as well as those from all different cultural backgrounds.

Even if you are not familiar with the Christmas Posada, the Knights of Columbus invites you to join this ancient observance that will open for you the deeper meaning of a joyful season. To help you understand the tradition, the Order offers the booklet *The Posada: An Advent & Christmas Celebration* (#9898-E, S).

Through distribution of this booklet, the Order hopes to bring the rich Posada tradition to all Knights and their families as a way of encouraging a sharing of cultures in the Americas around the celebration of the birth of our Savior. This booklet provides all that is needed to conduct a Christmas Posada with your family and your Knights of Columbus council. Copies of the booklet can be viewed in digital format, downloaded or ordered by using a Requisition Form (#1) and mailing it or faxing it to the Supply Department

Ken Lyons, Editor

Membership:**ONE BROTHER**

Ten brothers standing in line. One disliked the Grand Knight and then there were nine.

Nine ambitious brothers offered to work late. One forgot the promise and then there were eight.

Eight creative brothers had ideas as good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm and then there were seven.

Seven loyal brothers got into a fix. They argued over programs and then there were six.

Six brothers remained with spirit and drive. One moved away and then there were five.

Five steadfast brothers wished there were more. One became indifferent and then there were four.

Four cheerful brothers who never disagreed – until one complained of meetings and then there were three.

Three eager brothers. What do they do? One got discouraged and then there were two.

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But the Christmas message goes far beyond these good things, and talks about where we are ultimately going, and what kind of destiny awaits us beyond the grave.

Moreover, the Faith teaches that this destiny *begins even now*.

Christmas, then, is about the Gospel of Life. It is about the hope of eternal life offered through the birth of a child, and through our birth into His life by our faith. Christmas, then, illumines the meaning and value of every human person. In the light of the manger, we see every human person as one who is called to share the Divine Nature, as one called to *sit with Christ on His throne!*

Is it possible for one to accept the Christmas message, and then to turn the other way when human life is despised and destroyed? Can we as Catholics, who declares that the human person is called to the very heights of heaven, stand idly by when those same human beings are thrown in the garbage by abortion, or disposed of by euthanasia? The hymn "O Holy Night" sums up this article in the verse which sings, "Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love, and His Gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name, all oppression shall cease."

Remember on December 25, a child is born, and His birth immerses us in the defense and celebration of life!

Ken Lyons, Editor

Ebenezer Scrooge and the true meaning of Christmas.

Every Christmas we are treated to the classic version of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens I grew up, like everyone else, thinking of Scrooge as a villain. I never really stopped to think about why he was evil that is what the story said he was, so that's what I knew. It is so much fun to have the villain or criminal that we can hate without fear of consequence. That is why we love villains in stories.

Scrooge was despised, miserable, wretched and alone but he was not a criminal, nor dishonest, nor a cheat. He was hard working, minded his own business, and paid his taxes.

Of course, in our lives we've all met the contemptible Ebenezer Scrooge. He cared only about money. As a reward he had no joy or satisfaction at all in life.

Scrooge is not evil, true. His fault lays in not having mercy.

The Spirit of Christmas past reminded Scrooge of a lifetime of rejection and loneliness – where money was put on a pedestal.

The Spirit of Christmas present showed Scrooge that those with less acted as if they had more. And, indeed it became apparent to this crotchety man that Bob Cratchit did indeed have something more than he. He had family and companionship.

The Spirit of Christmas future reveals the predictable ending to a useless life. Life finished for Scrooge just as it began – alone and isolated.

A Christmas Carol is about the man who had everything, but with the help of three spirits he realized he had nothing.

So Christmas, for Scrooge, marked an opportunity for redemption. And redemption he did seek. In his kindness and generosity he felt something his tightfisted self never experienced – joy. Scrooge developed a giving heart.

Now take a break for a second and stop thinking about Scrooge. How many times have we looked down on those who are poor? How many times do you ignore those who need another chance, just because "they did it to themselves"? How many times do you deprive yourself and others of joy, just because you are too afraid to open your heart to them? Well, these are the sins you have judged Scrooge for. Just because he is fiction doesn't matter. That is the same judgment that awaits you in Heaven.

In general, Ebenezer Scrooge learned the same lesson from the three spirits. From all of them, he learned that he needed to turn his life around and be a happier, more caring person than he...

I shall end this Christmas message to you with this short poem by Norman W. Brooks

**Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box
upon a shelf.**

**The good you do for others is good you do
yourself.**

This, the spirit of Christmas that forever and ever endures. May it leave its richest blessing in the hearts of you and yours?

**A Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to
all our readers.**

From,

Ken Lyons, Editor and his staff.

BAR TEAM OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DEC. 05 -- KELLY'S HEROES

MONDAY, DEC. 12 – MCWEENEY'S COURT

MONDAY, DEC. 19 – RED RIDERS

MONDAY, DEC. 26 -- TEAM BEST