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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:
2,518 years, what is significant about this number of years you ask?

Let's break down the years in two parts. Do you know that 518 years ago Christopher Columbus

wanted to sail west until he reached Asia (the Indies) where the riches of gold, pearls and spice awaited?

What happened? Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492. At least that is what all elementary school children were always taught. Of course, Columbus never did "discover" North America, and the regions he did explore were already inhabited. Yet his first voyage did prove one thing for sure, that the earth was not only round, but that it was bigger than he had thought. And, while arguments about the discovery of America will continue among historians, for most Americans, Christopher Columbus will continue to be celebrated as the man who discovered America. And just how do you imagine the group which bears his name celebrates this national holiday?

It was in 1892, the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to America, that interest was sparked around the nation for an annual celebration of this historic event. President Benjamin Harrison encouraged Americans to consider local celebrations in remembrance of Columbus and his discovery.



In the next decades members of the relatively new Knights of Columbus added their support to making Columbus Day a National holiday celebrated annually across the country.

This year our Council celebrates Columbus Day by hosting our Annual Italian Night Dance where we honor the Italian heritage of a Brother Knight and his wife. The dance to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 8 pm. This year honorees are Nick and Susan Pennacchio as our Italian Couple of the year. So mark down your calendars, the first Saturday in October come out and show your support to Nick and Susan and all the other brother knights of Italian heritage.

What is so special about the number 2,000 years ago and the month of October?

The answer is Our Blessed Mother, the Lady of the Rosary.

Mary was the Mother of Jesus, wife of St. Joseph, and the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men". Mary is the highest of God's creatures. The principal events of her life are celebrated as liturgical feasts of the universal Church. Mary's life and role in the history of salvation is prefigured in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament.

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the rosary, which can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month, too.

Faternally yours,
John Macejka, Grand Knight

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Oct. 1 Italian Night Dance

Oct. 4 Saint Francis of Assissi Day

Oct. 4 DD Meeting

Oct. 6 Business Meeting 8:30 pm

Oct. 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct. 10 Columbus Day

Oct. 12 Wilmin Meeting

Oct. 13 Officers Meeting 8:00 pm

Oct. 14 Nassau Chapter Meeting

Oct. 18 CWV Meeting 8:00pm

Oct. 19 Squires Meeting 8:00 pm

Oct. 20 Social Meeting 8:30 pm

Oct. 24 2502 Assoc. Meeting 8:30 pm

Oct. 29 Annual Halloween Party in Lounge

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hard copy of the CLARION and wants one
please contact Ken Lyons at 746-8643**

OCTOBER 'S CALENDAR 2011

SATURDAY, OCT. 01 – ITALIAN NIGHT DANCE

EAST WILLISTON HARVESTER FAIR

SUNDAY, OCT. 02 -- Stand Up For Life—Rtes. 110 & 25 Huntington 2PM

AUTISM WALK—Jones Beach—9AM

TUESDAY, OCT. 04 – ST. FRANCIS of ASSISSI

DD MEETING – Msgr. John C. Seidenschwang

THURSDAY, OCT. 06 -- BUSINESS MEETING 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 07 – OUR LADY of the ROSARY

SUNDAY, OCT. 09 – 4th Degree Exemplification

MONDAY, OCT. 10 – COLUMBUS DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12 – WILMIN MEETING 8 PM

THURSDAY, OCT. 13 – OFFICERS MEETING 8 PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 14 – KARAOKE—9PM—1AM

SUNDAY, OCT. 16 – District Wardens Installation—Fr. Farrell 2pm

TUESDAY, OCT. 18 – CWV MEETING 8 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19 -- SQUIRES MEETING -- 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCT. 20 – SOCIAL MEETING – 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 21 -- NASSAU CHAPTER MEETING – St. Therese Council – 8 pm

CORPUS CHRISTI 110th Anniversary Dance

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 -- COUNCIL'S FAMILY NIGHT 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCT. 23 -- PASTA SUNDAY 12:00 PM—4:00 PM

MONDAY, OCT, 24 -- 2502 ASSOC. MEETING

FRIDAY, OCT. 28-- KARAOKE—9PM—1AM

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 – 2502 ASSOC. HALLOWEEN PARTY

Chaplain Report:

Last month we marked the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on our country on the day we simply call 9/11. No doubt the biggest commemoration was held in New York City where the World Trade Center towers once stood and where so many citizens of our nation lost their lives as cruelly as the evidence states and our imaginations suggest. Even now, we mourn the loss and pray earnestly that this never happen again.

Before the observance, it was reported in the media that there would be no clergy present for the occasion to invoke God's blessing and consolation for us. Some referred to this as the clergy gag rule and thus was the public utterance of prayer dropped from the official proceedings. How ironic, I say.

Ten years ago when we suffered such a devastating blow, a great many people – not all of them church-goers too – turned to God and sought His help and deliverance. Symbolically at least, we were told this year not to do this. The solace of faith wasn't needed this time around according to those who planned the poignant memorial at Ground Zero.

I ask that we consider what this means for our country and our national life. In my view, it is but another sign of the rapid secularization underway in society. I make this claim because the decision to have a prayer-free tribute met with little protest.

I suspect that there would have been a groundswell of opposition to a prayer-free event ten years ago, and a change would have been necessary in the official proceedings. But that was not to be this time.

When we bar priests, ministers and rabbis from participating in pivotal moments in national life precisely according to the role they ordinarily exercise for us, we are in effect saying that the public square can do without God's word. And by restricting the word of God to the private sphere only, we are hastening the retreat of religion from public engagement. This really is at the heart of modern secularism today.

As Knights, the rapidly accelerating pace to society's secularization should concern us. We belong to a fraternal organization whose members are subject all the time to messages from the culture – both soft and hard – concerning religion's irrelevancy to the purpose of life.

Our outreach to Catholic men ought to reflect an awareness of this pronounced trend in our midst now and be a sharp contrast to it. Let's each do his part in slowing the advance of secularism at home, at the council, indeed, wherever we find ourselves this Columbian year.

Msgr. Bob Batule
Council Chaplain

Please meet Our 2011 Italian Couple of the Year:***Nick and Susan Pennacchio***

Susan was raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, where she attended St. Agatha's Parish.

After graduating from Bay Ridge High School, she went to work at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. She met her future husband in 1970 and was married in 1972.

After the birth of two sons – Michael (NYC Police Officer) and Matthew (VP in Public Relations firm), Susan went back work to pursue her dream job spending 18 years as a teacher's aide to Mary Daraio in the Corpus Christi Pre-K Early Childhood program.

She is the recipient of the Commitment to Catholic School Education Award and other awards for her distinguished contributions to both Corpus Christi Parish and school, and to this day she is still recognized and loved by her former students and their parents.

Nick was raised in Astoria, NY. After graduating from George Westinghouse high school he graduated from the School of Aeronautics AAS in Electronic Technology. In continuing with his education, Nick attended and graduated from NYIT Westbury with a BS in Economics (Summa Cum Laude). Nick went to work for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where he met and married the lovely Susan Champa. He liked Metropolitan Life (Mother Met) so much he stayed there for 41 years. In his expert field of Information Technology, Nick's jobs range from systems to financial analyst.

He has witness the ever changing world of technology today when once the large mainframe Honeywell systems took up entire floors to desktop computing and the Internet. Nick recently retired and to keep busy, He enjoys gardening, and staying active in civil involvement he is also the current the Financial Secretary of our Council and an avid Yankee fan.

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Nick involvement with the Knights of Columbus dates back to 1994 when he first became a member. After chairing numerous Council committees (The Annual Ball, Basketball Free Throw Contest and yes even the Italian Night Dance). He became the Clarion Editor and was the first Editor to win an award from both the State and Chapter. These accomplishments alone are outstanding for any member but Nick decided to become an officer and went through the chairs and became the 43rd Grand Knight of our Council. Not one to stand on his laurels, Nick became the District Deputy and a Sir Knight. Recently he just stepped down as the Past Faithful Navigator of Kellenberg Assembly Knights of Columbus. Nick is currently the Financial Secretary of Corpus Christi Council. In 2007 Nick received the Joseph P. Ryan Award for the Knight of the Year. The above contributions are an impressive resume for any member of our Council.

As you can see this year's nominee for Italian Couple of the Year is well deserved, please come and support **SK Nicholas and Susan Pennacchio** as well as all our brothers of Italian heritage.

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

To Tom and Vilma Doherty who will be celebrating 48th years of marriage on October 6, 2011.

To Mike and Donna Curley will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on October 6, 2011.

Guess who officially becomes a Senior Citizen on October 28, 2011. Care to take a guess; it's our own Nick Passarella II.

To John DaVanzo recipient of the St. Agnes Metal awarded for long service to the church. John is the second Corpus Christi Council Knight to win this award. Earlier this year John also received the Town of North Hempstead Hero Award. It certainly has been a busy year for Brother John.

To Rob and Cira Rom on the birth of their new daughter Madelyn Carly born on 9/10/11

Backyard cleanup:

A big thank you to those who cleared the backyard of the Council before or slightly after 10 AM THIS PAST Labor Day weekend.

Lou LiBrandi -- Tom Kelly -- Dan McWeeney
Joe Conlon -- Bill Kessler

Lou had an 11 AM train to Manhattan to take his family to a Yankee game but arrived well before 10. I worked a party at the Council last night, helped Timmy close the bar and saw the Karaoke guy out at 2AM and got home after 3AM.

Do you have a tight schedule too? I'm sure - but look at what Louie and I did.

Italian Night Dance:

Our Annual Italian Night Dance will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011, 8—12pm. This year's honorees are Nick and Susan Pennacchio Come out and enjoy a delicious meal, dance your heels off and celebrate with the Council in honoring Nick and Susan. The cost is \$40 pp and all reservations will be handled by Frank laquinto and Eddie Pappalardo.

East Williston Fire Department Fall Harvest Fair:

The East Williston Fall Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 between the hours of 11 AM to 4 PM. The rain date is Sunday, October 2; Volunteer are needed to help sell C & B chance books.

Special Meeting:

Brother Knights:

This will be a Council/Service Program Information Meeting. Perhaps you have asked yourself:

- A. How can I help as a volunteer bartender?
- B. How can I help the Council with an event like the St. Patrick's Dance or selling raffles?
- C. How can I help the Council with the maintenance of the property?
- D. How can I become an Officer of the Council?
- E. How can I get backing from the Council for a specific charity I am interested in helping?
- F. How can I make a donation to the Council?
- g. When are Council meetings?
- h. When is the lounge open?
- I. How can I or my friends and family rent a room at the Council for a Communion or other party?

Again this will be an informal meeting and a number of us will be available to answer questions. At 8:30 PM feel free to stay that night after the meeting and watch the Jet/Miami game in the Lounge.

Thanks,

Tom Kelly Chancellor, PGK

Pasta, Pasta and more Pasta:

Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council
 #2502 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
 Catered by Saucy Noodle Caterers
 Chef Peter Augello
 Rescheduled to Sunday October 23, 2011 Noon to
 5 PM at 186 Jericho Turnpike Mineola, NY
 Meat Ziti, Manicotti, Tri-Color Salad, Bread,
 Cookies, Soda, Coffee and Raffles
 Admission \$15 per person
 \$6 for Children under Age 12
 Please send checks payable to K of C #2502 with
 the names of your guests to:
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 Pasta Dinner
 PO Box 243 Mineola NY 11501
 Any questions contact Grand Knight John Macejka
 at 747-0095 or Tom Kelly at 414-2229.

Corpus Christi Council Food Drive:

OK, it's October and as yet I have not received one
 parcel of food to contribute to the parish outreach. If
 you are interested in easing the hunger pains of
 others you have to decide to get involved. Think
 one person cannot make a difference? You've been
 mistaken. Every person can help in one way or
 another—every bit counts—so please help now.
 Let's build a better community by fighting hunger
 today. Remember—Hunger pains: For some it's
 short term; for others it's whole life.

So bring down any non-perishable cans or boxes of
 food or gift certificates and we will deliver them to
 the parish outreach. In every event to be run in our
 Council, we will be asking people to bring down can
 goods for our food drive.

Ken Lyons, Chairman

Breast Cancer Charity:

Friends & loved ones,
 Our Third Annual Charity event will be the best
 ever! We have booked the "Ultimate Billy Joel
 Experience"
 Big Shot
 The party will be on Friday Night, October 14th
 from 7:00 to 11:00 at the Mineola Knights of
 Columbus. We will have quite a few raffles this
 year, with the grand prize raffle being a trip for 2 to
 Las Vegas including a meet & greet with Ray
 Romano.
 Book early as we expect a sellout!

The evening will include a buffet dinner and all the
 beer, wine and soda you can drink. Fees are
 \$65.00 for adults and \$35.00 for kids under 12.
 We're fighting Back, Inc. is a family charity started
 by my Aunt Michelle over 10 years ago. We raise
 money through raffles, donations and sales which
 are entirely donated for breast cancer research and
 to help families affected by this dreaded disease.
 We raised over \$45,000.00 the past two years!

If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation,
 please make your check payable to We're Fighting
 Back, Inc. and send it to 44 Dorset Ave., Albertson,
 NY 11507. If you wish to participate in the raffles,
 please e-mail me at njg@msn.com and I will send
 you the list.
 Thank you
 Norbert Gerstner

**Corpus Christi Church—110th Anniversary
 Party:**

This year Corpus Christi Church will celebrate its
 110th Anniversary on Friday, October 21, 2011.
 Come and join your fellow parishioners at The
 Floral Terrace, tickets are at \$85 per person for a 5
 course meal, cocktail hour, open bar and music.
 Please see flyer on page 12 for details

Family Fun Night:

Brothers:
 Deputy Grand Knight Jim Corrigan has announced
 Family Fun Nights Sat 10-22 and Sat 11-19 at 730
 PM, there will be Free Night at the Races Horse
 Game, Free Soda, Hot Dogs and Prizes for the
 Children

Halloween Party:

Halloween imagery includes themes of witches,
 ghosts, vampires, monsters, pirates, science fiction
 inspired characters and political figures, these will
 all be present at our annual party on Saturday,
 October 29 held in the Columbian Lounge starting
 at 9 PM. All are welcome, open bar, prizes for best
 costume--\$25 per person. If costumes are not your
 thing grab a whistle and a clip board and become a
 Mineola High School Football or Lacrosse Coach.
 Also there will be another contest for the best
 carved or decorated Jack-O Lanterns.
 Please contact Nick Passarella III at (516) 742—
 7481 for additional details.

Catholic War Veterans Post 1949:

Our CWV will have their annual Veterans Day dance at the Council on Saturday, November 12, 2011, 8pm –12am please come out and salute our Catholic War Veterans as they present their second Gregory Peppard scholarship to Kieran Quinn from Chaminade High School

Williston Park Street Fair Report:

The following information is provided regarding the sale of C & B Books at the Williston Park Street Fair:

1) Total income received during fair - \$ 508.00
 2) This represents a sale of 50 books (we have partially sold books which will be used next week at Mineola Street Fair)

3) We could not have had such a successful day yesterday had it not been for the efforts of the following brother knights who joined me at our C & B Table: Dan Browne -- Tim Clarkin -- Bill Gyves -- Tom Kelly -- John Macejka -- Russ Kendall -- Charlie Vigliotti -- Mike Beatty and Tony Donnelly

I pray that next week's Mineola Street Fair can be at least as successful as Williston Park Fair.

Jim Corrigan DGK and C & B Chairman

Membership:

Walter Brennan flourished as the preeminent character actor of his day (and perhaps of all time) portraying an assortment of wizened old codgers, particularly in Westerns.

He was the first performer to accumulate three Academy Awards and the only one to ever win three Best Supporting Actor Oscars.

A combination of factors led to his playing old men at an early age (he was only 45 when he won the Oscar for his septuagenarian horse breeder in "Kentucky

As Grandpa Amos McCoy in ABC's popular sitcom "The Real McCoys" (1957-62; CBS, 1962-63), Brennan delighted a wider audience with his porch-rockin', gol-darnin', consarnin', meddlesome ways. Thus we see some of the great sidekicks: Gabby Hayes, Walter Brennan, Andy Devine, and Ward Bond the hero- sidekick relationship seems to center on male bonding. Much of this is amusing. "Friendship," we are told, "is more important than marriage."

Our nominee for the Knight in Shinning Armor reminds me so much of Walter Brennan in all of his mannerisms. He is the true sidekick of our Council. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1965 and his sponsor was Andy Tomecheck.

He was the Financial Secretary and the Lecturer supporting roles nevertheless important roles in the Council.

In 1998 he received the Knight of the Year. But his most important role in life with the exception of his family is his devotion to God and the Church that our nominee 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 was the first Knight of our Council to receive the St. Agnes Medal of Service Award.

Our fourth inductee is **Anthony J. Donnelly**.
 Ken Lyons, Editor

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 resurfacers makes kids go wild. So act now to make a great save and support a great cause.

The tickets for the Isles/Flyers game are \$25 and the tickets to the Isles/Rangers game are \$40. With every ticket to the Rangers game you get a free commemorative K of C/Isles tee shirt

Call Steve Connelly @ 516—240-6942 for any questions

The New York Islanders and the Nassau County Chapter Knights of Columbus invite you to save the dates to come out to the Coliseum for two exciting games of hockey and help fundraise for the Guide Dog Foundation. The nights will include some great New York Islanders hockey along with some postgame activities

Fraternal Order:

Please keep the following brother knights and their families in your prayers.

PGK—PFS Bob Hartman, PGK Bill Mara's sister Mary, John O'Shea, Lou Librandi, Pete McCormack Paul Libassi, Dick O'Calaghan, Steve Driscoll's wife, Helen Melvin, Rich Lindeman, an end to abortions and for the souls in purgatory. Let us also pray for our veterans, policemen, firefighters and the safe return of all our soldiers in harms way.

Supreme News:

The Knights of Columbus announced that it will establish a shrine to Blessed John Paul II in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the shrine itself, the preliminary plans for the site include exhibits on the life and legacy of Blessed John Paul II, and an exhibit on the Catholic heritage of North America.

“True to Pope John Paul II’s vision, and using the story of his life as an inspiration, the Shrine will be an opportunity to evangelize and spread the Good News of the Gospel through a New Evangelization,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Because of his tireless evangelization efforts, an entire generation of Catholics has become known as the ‘John Paul Generation,’ and certainly we are honored to continue to spread his profound and powerful message of hope for our country, our continent and our world.”

Ken Lyons, Editor

State News:

The C & B Program has been a staple of the charitable works of the New York State Council for more years than I can remember. Over the years, the program has gone through changes and the challenges of our economy. You will be happy to know that we have changed it once again. Any program of value must grow with the needs of the causes that it supports. We feel that we have made the C & B Program more of a partnership between the local councils and the New York State Council. The State Council completely funds the program and provides the tools to the local councils. Our local councils supply the “sweat equity” that makes the program a success. When our C & B Program is successful it is truly a win, win, win. The local council wins in that it has money for its charities and causes. When our C & B Program is successful, the State council wins because we are able to support our bishops, set aside money for disaster relief, as well as support the many causes that as Catholics we feel are important. When our C & B program is successful, the people who benefit from our charity realize that the New York State Knights of Columbus is the group of Catholics upon whom they can rely. If we are to remain a force to be reckoned with in New York State, to put it plainly, we need to put our money where our mouth is. The Charitable & Benevolent Program helps us do just that.

We have put together a great C & B team. The team is there to serve you and to facilitate the success of the program. The partnership is complete with your efforts and setting your goals to the highest possible levels.

I ask you to put forth your best efforts so that together we will be **“Building Father McGivney Dream”**

Sal Restivo State Deputy

Father Michael J McGivney:

Father McGivney was familiar with indebtedness. Soon after his priestly ordination in 1877, he was sent here to St. Mary’s in New Haven to serve as a curate, an assistant pastor. Father Murphy, then the pastor, had overseen the construction of this magnificent gothic church, completed in 1874, but now he was saddled with an enormous debt and failing health. More than a curate, Father McGivney was Father Murphy’s “strong right arm” in helping to sustain and advance the parish in a challenging time. In any event, as time went by, Father McGivney grew to be very familiar with other forms of indebtedness. He saw how many families slipped into penury when the father, the breadwinner, suddenly died thus leaving his widow and children with no means of ongoing support. Many of these families did not have the funds needed to pay their debts and thus lost everything and were broken apart.

What’s more, Father McGivney saw that the men of his parish were drawn to various fraternal orders, “secret societies” as they were termed. Yet, these same societies were often part of a network that provided benefits and perhaps also connections to better one’s lot in life. Father McGivney saw the importance of such benefits and connections but he did not want the men of his parish to run up social debts at the expense of their faith and quite possibly their eternal salvation.

Yes, Father McGivney was a priest quite familiar at every level with the indebtedness of the human condition. He was determined to address both the spiritual and financial debts with which the people he served were often bogged down. Thus was his goal of founding a fraternal benefit society was born.

From the start, he saw charity, unity, and a bit later, fraternity, as key principles for addressing and overcoming the spiritual and financial debts of Catholic families.

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Thanks to Father McGivney's indomitable will and unflagging labors and that of the 24 men who were the original Knights of Columbus, the fledgling Order was incorporated in Connecticut.

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Pro-Life Corner:**Dear Supreme Council,**

I saw the blogs below about the Supreme Councils tolerance for pro-abortion politicians who are Knights.

I am not a theologian nor do I claim to be an expert in Church law. However, I think it is bad enough that the Church permits these people to remain among the faithful and receive the sacraments but that does not mean they should be allowed to remain Knights. Knight can have their own standards and this tolerance betrays the very definition of a knight. Denying them membership does not need to be done in a hostile manner. As for the reasoning that Church or Knight leadership knows best, Church history is replete with instances of little people making big corrections. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Sienna and St. Bernadette quickly come to mind. Abortion is the greatest Crime against humanity In history and even if you do not change this position you should at least explain it in an issue of The Columbian.

Before I drop my membership I will look for an answer not only from the Supreme Council but also at state and local levels.

Here's the report about Knights not removing pro-abortion Knight Politicians as members and a link to a follow-up blog is below:

Real Catholic TV on you tube

I do not expect an answer but my conscience is guiding me to write of this serious concern.

Vivat Jesus!
Walter Ruzek
Member 3199042
Council 2502

RealCatholicTV was formed in early 2008 by lay Catholics with extensive experience in commercial broadcast television.

The website offers Catholic programming including, daily news, daily political commentary, daily features on saints and history as well as regular episodes on morality, movie reviews, entertainment, apologetics, and much more.

RealCatholicTV is particularly concerned with the inroads of secularism into the Church, and users should be aware that a great many of the programs attempt to expose ecclesiastical shortcomings, with considerable criticism of Church leaders.

Editors Note:

Sometimes I find it hard to write about certain things, and today is one of those days. I have sat in front of the computer reading Walter's comments and I wonder if I would have the courage of this brother knight to stand up and voice my beliefs. Yet, too many of us are afraid to stand up and voice our beliefs. Too many of us worry about our friends and brother knights being critical and not understanding. So one odd look from a friend? Risking a person not liking you for voicing your faith? Is that so much? We can learn a lot about courage from people that face so much more peril for standing up for what they believe.

Ken Lyons, Editor and PGK

Editors Note II:

If you read the previous Clarion on page 8 we listed the first 30 contributors to the relief fund. Some of the contributors had wished to remain anonymous. So as not to offend anyone we will not print the names of the people who donate to the relief fund.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Editors Note III:

The American Dream is grounded in the belief that hard work leads to economic advancement and self-sufficiency. Today, the stark reality is that too many K of C Councils, despite working hard, earn incomes too low to achieve economic security.

We much appreciated that our own 2502 Assoc. has step up to the plate. I must also mention that it is through the efforts of our relief fund and return of the C & B books that enables us to keep our heads above water. Well done lads!

Ken Lyons, Editor

Council Fun Page Returns:**GOD IS BUSY RIGHT NOW!**

If you don't know GOD, don't make stupid remarks!!!!!!

A United States Marine was taking some college courses between assignments.

He had completed 20 missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist, and a member of the ACLU.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in.

He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform... I'll give you exactly 15 min."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am GOD, I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; Knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold.

The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently.

The other students were shocked and stunned, and sat there looking on in silence. The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked,

"What in the world is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine calmly replied,

"GOD was too busy today protecting America's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So He sent me."

The classroom erupted in cheers!

For Those Who Thought They Knew Everything:

The King of Hearts is the only King without a moustache.

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

A duck's quack doesn't echo and nobody knows why.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. Since Venus is normally associated with woman what does that tell you? That women are always going in the right direction.

Apples not caffeine are more efficient in waking you up in the morning.

Oak trees do not produce acorns till they are 50 years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do by watching TV.

Donkey's kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks (So, watch you're Ass)No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times. Oh, go ahead I'll wait.

And the best for last;

Turtles can breathe through their butts.

I know some people like that, don't YOU?

So, Now You Know Everything.

Golf Quotes:

- 1) I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool.
- 2) The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie.
- 3) Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them.
- 4) I don't fear death, but I sure don't like those three-footers for par.
- 5) The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree.
- 6) Swing hard in case you hit it.
- 7) My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered.
- 8) Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air.
- 9) I never pray on a golf course. Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the course.
- 10) If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.
- 11) While playing golf today, I hit two good balls. I stepped on a rake.
- 12) If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.
- 13) I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced.

October Quiz:

Beginning in September and continuing through October PGK Ken Lyons has done something different each day. What is it?

***If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun.
Ken Lyons, Editor***

MONDAY, OCT. 31 – HALLOWEEN

BAR TEAM OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, OCT. 03 -- TEAM BEST

MONDAY, OCT. 10 -- KELLY'S HEROES

MONDAY, OCT. 17 – MCWEENEY'S COURT

MONDAY, OCT. 24 – RED RIDERS

MONDAY, OCT. 31 -- TEAM BEST

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012

8 PM -12 AM

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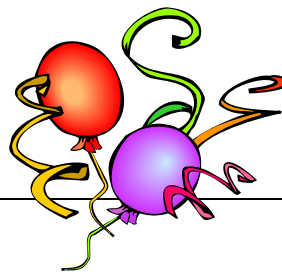
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THE AWARDING OF THE

GREG PEPPARD

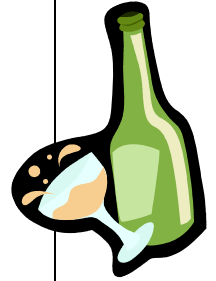
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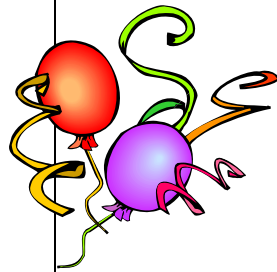


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Fun

Common Long Term Care Misconceptions

As Baby Boomers have reached retirement years, long-term care (LTC) insurance products have gotten more public attention, but they're still not well understood, especially when it comes to how to pay for care.

For example, many Americans believe that Medicare pays for long-term assistance with the basic activities of daily living — but it doesn't. It applies only to those who have been in the hospital 72 hours and are diagnosed as requiring "skilled care." Medicaid covers care only if and when the person has gone through a "spend down" and has no other means to pay for it. Not a good situation to be in.

Another common issue is that Boomers think they can wait to buy LTC. Unfortunately, this could be a financial devastating choice. What happens if you suddenly become ill or uninsurable before you have made this purchase? Again, not a good situation.

Waiting to buy will also increase the cost of the premiums you pay. Consider this example. If you buy a Knights of Columbus Comprehensive Long-Term Care policy for yourself with a \$200 daily benefit, lifetime benefit duration and 30-day elimination period at age 40, your annual premium will be \$739.20. The total premium paid by age 85 will be \$33,264. If you decide to wait to buy the same policy until you are 60 years old, your annual premium will be \$2,374 and the total premium paid by age 85 will be \$59,350. That's a difference of more than \$26,000. (This example is for comparison purposes only.)

Personal service is crucial in choosing LTC policy options, and for adjusting them as necessary. Group LTC may indeed be a viable option for you, but as your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you compare the details so you can make an informed decision.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Now, quickly! Write the names of the 4 people, YOU CAN COUNT ON, who will pay for home care, or the nursing home, respite care for your spouse and/or help PAY to modify your home when you need "Custodial Care."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If you're having a problem, call me. I can help you take care of this minor dilemma now, before it becomes a major problem later.

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