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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:

Look upon us, the summer heat waves are fast becoming a memory.

Remember when we had to start a new school year?

Remember that our best teachers would take about a week or two to review what we did last year? Other teachers would start right off with the new stuff ... Ugh!

The Pro-football season is in its infancy and Major-League baseball is coming to a conclusion. Just around the corner Hockey and Basketball, both college and professional seasons, await us. As people get older, they just have this sense, this feeling that time is going faster than they are. This seems to be true across cultures, across time, all over the world. Have you noticed that when you recall your first kisses, early birthdays, your earliest summer vacations, they seem to be in slow motion? I know when I look back on a childhood summer; it seems to have lasted forever," "The more memory you have of something, you think, 'Wow, that really took a long time!

It's time for me to review my thoughts, words and acts for the past year. I don't remember much. It seems that I just lived day to day. I have a vague feeling of discontent, of something missing. How have I failed to serve you? See, I have to ask that question because I don't know the answer ... and I should know the answer. Obviously, I've failed to keep in touch with you, to know your needs.



So please, my brother, tell me of your need.

How about transportation? Need a lift to church, to a K of C function, to a doctor or a dentist? How about to visit an old friend you've meant to see but didn't have the means? Send a note, give us a call, we want to hear from you. The little things in life we do for others enable them to focus on more important matters. Whatever the crisis, we all get by with a little help from our friends. And that brings us to our next subject.

September is the beginning of our fraternal year, summer vacations are just a memory, and it is the time to become more active in the council.

Did you know there is a shortage of volunteers everywhere? People these days seem to have more important things to do with their time than volunteer for their community. Some people will say they are bored with life and have no hobbies and do not know how to change that. But when you really think about it there are so many things to which we can give a few hours of our time.

Our Annual Food Drive starts in September and runs through till December. I am sure our Chairman Ken Lyons; PGK could use a helping hand.

Our business meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, at 8:30 pm. The return of Football Sundays takes place on September 11 (Patriot Day). The Installation of officers for the 2011/2012 fraternal years take place on Thursday, September 15, at 8pm. Italian Night is just around the corner on Saturday, October 1, at 8pm. Our Italian Couple of the Year is Nick and Susan Pennacchio. Hey, Italian Night raffle tickets are being sold right now. Check with brother knight, Charlie Ribando. There is more, of course, so stay current with our Clarion. Fraternally Yours.

John Macejka, Grand Knight

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V.I.P. Dates in September:

Sept. 1 Business Meeting 8:30 pm

Sept. 5 Labor Day

Sept. 7 Wilmin Meeting

Sept. 8 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 8 Officers Meeting 8:00 pm

Sept. 10 NYS Council Special Olympics Day

Sept. 11 Patriot's Day

Sept. 11 Kof C World Day of Prayer for Peace

Sept. 11 Football Sunday's Return

Sept. 15 Installation of New Officers

Sept. 16 Nassau Chapter Meeting--Bellmore

Sept. 20 CWV Meeting 8:00pm

Sept. 21 Squires Meeting 8:00 pm

Sept. 21 St. Matthew's Day

Sept. 26 2502 Assoc. Meeting 8:30 pm

Sept. 27 St. Vincent de Paul Day

If you know of anyone who is not receiving a hard copy of the CLARION and wants one please contact Ken Lyons at 746-8643

SEPT EMBER 'S CALENDAR 2011

THURSDAY, SEPT. 01 – BUSINESS MEETING 8:30 PM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 04 -- CWV BARBEQUE IN COUNCIL YARD

MONDAY, SEPT. 05 – LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPT. 06 – DD MEETING – 12 APOSTLES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 07 – WILMIN MEETING 8 PM

THURSDAY, SEPT. 08 – OFFICERS MEETING 8 PM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 09 – KARAOKE—9PM—1AM

SATURDAY, SEPT.10 – NYS COUNCIL SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHARITY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 – PATRIOT'S DAY

K/C WORLD DAY of PRAYER for PEACE

RETURN OF FOOTBALL SUNDAY'S

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15 – INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 -- NASSAU CHAPTER MEETING – BELLMORE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 – CWV MEETING 8 PM

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23-- KARAOKE—9PM—1AM

MONDAY, SEPT. 26 – 2502 ASSOC. MEETING

BAR TEAM SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPT. 05 -- TEAM BEST

MONDAY, SEPT. 12 -- KELLY'S HEROES

MONDAY, SEPT. 19 – MCWEENEY'S COURT

MONDAY, SEPT. 26 – RED RIDERS

Chaplain's Report:

As you know, the New York state legislature in late June voted to approve a re-definition of the institution of marriage, allowing persons of the same sex to marry each other. New York now joins five other states and the District of Columbia in altering the civil law and breaking with our culture's prohibition of same-sex marriage. What happens next?

Because of New York's size and its reputation for setting trends nationally, we must not think the change in the law is insignificant. In truth, it's a really big deal. The defeat of traditional marriage in a state with nearly 20 million people has given the advocates of same-sex marriage momentum to press their cause more forcefully in other places now. With New York conquered, it's off to the races, with other vulnerable state legislatures being targeted for the fall and 2012.

There is no doubt where the Knights of Columbus is on the question of life. Our fraternal organization is unambiguously and unapologetically pro-life.

Our Order is also unambiguously and unapologetically pro-family. Up until now though, we have not had to assert our pro family credentials as much as we have had to convince others of the superiority of the pro-life position. And that's because the overwhelming consensus in society had been that a marriage can only be between one man and one woman. It's clear that this consensus on marriage has broken down (let's hope not irretrievably).

We all know what happens when consensus in society breaks down. It opens the door for politicians and citizens alike to claim *I'm personally opposed but . . .*

We all know what this sorry state of affairs has meant for the pro-life cause. It just means more abortions in a country where one of our founding documents says clearly there is a right to life.

Already we have seen what personally opposed means as far as marriage is concerned in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia. Sadly, we have not learned very much from our struggle to protect innocent human life in the womb.

I urge all the members of our council to think hard about the repercussions of same-sex marriage for our society.

I ask you to join personally in the effort to overturn this new law and return traditional marriage to its rightful place as the only way to understand this most basic institution of life.

Get involved and stay involved. Contact your elected public officials. Let them know where you stand.

Msgr. Bob Batule

My Brother Knights,

First of all, let me say: "Thank you." Thank you for your tireless support of our Council through Fundraisers, Council Dances, Golf Outings, and everything else that happens in the course of our fraternal year. You have shown your commitment to volunteering various hours to many of our programs. As we partner with you here at our Council, I want you to know that your commitment does not go unnoticed.

It is partly because of the busy lives we all lead that I am writing. As you know, our Council customarily has tried new fundraisers in the first part of the fraternal year to pay for things that are not fully covered by the annual budget.

When discussing several alternative fundraising options at our Council meeting, one brother knight proposed that we simply write to the brothers and let them know the amount of our budget shortfall.

And that brings me to you.

I wish I could tell you that we are raising money for a new program, or a special event. The reality is that we are raising money to simply offset the extremely poor economy and the rising costs of taxes. And partly out of consideration for you, and your valuable time, we have decided to ask if each brother knight could contribute \$100 to offset our budget's shortfall. If you cannot afford \$100 please make whatever contribution you can to help us in our time of need.

Like I said, we've considered many options, but in the end, we felt that our brother knights at our Council have all given so much of their time already, the easiest and most convenient way to raise the needed money would be to just lay it at the brothers' feet and ask if we can all work together to share this burden.

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"Many hands make light work," so the saying goes. If each of the brother knights in the council can give an extra \$100, we will have enough for all programs and to carry on through the year. I want to end this letter by thanking you again. Thank you for taking the time to read it, and whether you are able to give or not, know we deeply appreciate your dedication to our council.

Please see page 8 for the Relief Fund contributors.

Sincerely,

Ken Lyons, PGK,

**AROUND THE COUNCIL:
Congratulations are in order to the
Following:**

Our Council newspaper "The Clarion" won first place in the Nassau Chapter 2010 – 2011 bulletin contest.

To Brian and his wife Katelyn Wisniewski, on the birth of their second son, Patrick Franklin born on 7/1/2011.

To Brother Bill Cassidy who celebrated his 37th year as a funeral director in Mineola.

It seems that Kyle Teemsma, Pat Grosskopt and Valerie Passarella had a special birthday over this summer.

Peter and Kim Teemsma on their wedding day on August 12, 2011, Peter is Bob and Kyle youngest son.

To the 2011 Knights of Columbus # 2502 Italian Couple of the Year Nick and Susan Pennacchio

July 4th Parade Report:

Brothers:

I want to thank all who marched in The Fourth of July Parade sponsored by the Williston Park Fire Department:

Msgr. Batule
GK John Macejka
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PGK Danny Lynch
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The Parade started at 9:30 AM and ended a little after 10 AM. Following a presentation and prayer service participants were treated to a host of complimentary items: Cheese Burgers, Hot Dogs, Coke, and Domestic beers. Also, a number of us enjoyed the hospitality of Bob Eising and his son Steve at Bobo's home in Mineola following the Parade.

So as you can see, it does not take a big part of your day to march in the Parade.

Brothers, why don't we make this Parade our largest Parade turnout?

The principles of our order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Please always remember the last principle - Patriotism.

Thanks again to all who marched.

Fraternally,
SK Tom Kelly
Chancellor, PGK

Annual Golf Outing:

On a steaming and muggy Monday, July 18, at Glen Cove Golf course our 13th Annual Golf Outing took place. Ninety – seven golfers attended and we were able to produce a net profit over \$5,185 for the Council. In every successful event there are people working out in front and behind to bring off the event, so in no particular order I want to extend my sincere thanks to: Brothers Bobby Redmond, Pete Augello, Timmy Clarkin, Richie Lindeman and to Bob Eising who started and chaired the golf outing. The lowest score for the Knights was Joe Lahey with a 79 while the lowest score for a non-knight was Drew Morgan with a 61

Special Kudos belongs to Bernadette Ferguson, Dennis O'Sullivan and Charlie Ribando for selling the raffle tickets and helping out. Last but not least are the golf hole sponsors who deserve our thanks for helping make our outing very successful. Please see page 9 for their names.

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

More News from Around the Council:

Picnic Report:

Picnics are a fantastic way to bond with your brother knights and their families. But choosing the right foods for a picnic is an art. You cannot have the same food that you would normally serve for a lunch or dinner at home.

That's why we begin with the sole female member of the Picnic Committee **Robin Roach** who not only cooked the sausage and peppers but also made a ton of potato salad, macaroni salad and cole slaw. Trying hard to keep up with his wife co-chairman **Kevin Roach** was part of the setting up, transportation and the shopping team and the entire Roach Family shucked all that corn the night before.

I have to say that our other co-chairman **Jack Grafing** was not only involved with shopping and setting up, but also with the cleaning up team. Now we come to the team members whose contributions were no less than those previous mentioned. **Lou LiBrandi** the treasurer, the bookkeeper, the shopper and setting and breaking down member and the sports coordinator. Before proceeding to the rest of the team I would also like to single out another brother knight.

Yes, he was part of the setting up, the transporting, and the breakdown teams. He was also the cook for the second year in a row that is not to say he did all the cooking others were involved too, our own **Jude Ohrtman**

The following brothers are members of the donation team they donated money, ice cream, bottle water, watermelon and a tug of war rope. In no particular order: **Rich Raab, Joe Conlon, Billy Wisniewski, Norbert Gerstner and NHP Council PGK Joe Rental**. The following brothers lent a hand in shopping, transporting and or cleaning up, or simply taking pictures again. **Bill Kessler, Frank Seiling, GK John Macejka, Squire Danny Roach, Billy Greenwood, Nick Pennacchio, Danny McWeeney and Bernadette Ferguson**.

Everyone knows who the planner and organizer is among our brother knights. He sees the whole picture. Who could I be talking about? I'll give you a hint the **pass word clue** is E-MAIL. Yes it's our own Tom Kelly, who was here, there and everywhere at the picnic.

Our Council Picnic began where it always does; the planning process, It's important to pick your event date early in the process, choose a day that works for as many people as possible,

and start getting the word out. Determining a budget is crucial to know what shape your picnic will take.

Try to keep your committee small and active with people passionate about the event. However, we know the difficulties of pulling people out of their workdays and the time consumed by simply organizing a committee.

A big thank you for another a successful picnic. Everyone complimented me on the fabulous spread, and just a great day! The Picnic team worked so hard, **Kevin and Robin, Jack, Louie, Rick, Frank, Billy K. Billy W. Jude and TK**. I want to extend a "Laurel and Hardy" handshake to you all.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Annual Food Drive:

Our country is the greatest nation in the world yet in a land of plenty many of our citizens goes to bed hungry, even in our own community our friends and neighbors face a difficult challenge of putting enough food on the table.

We find it so easy to walk into a bar and buy a round of drinks or bet on a sporting event, but find it difficult to donate to the needy.

The scope of fighting local hunger in our community often makes people believe that one person's action cannot be effective in helping. This is not true! Do not believe it for one minute! Every one of us can do something to help ease the burden of hunger of our neighbors.

Who will be strong and stand with me?

Who will join in our crusade to fight hunger?

Let's make a God-honoring difference in their lives by portraying the first principle of our order, Charity in action in our own backyard.

I will be implementing a food drive to stock the shelves of Corpus Christi Parish Outreach Office. Beginning in September and continuing through to December we will be collecting non-perishable food items. If you are interested in joining our campaign in making a difference please bring down any non perishable goods to our Council and we will deliver them. Together we will ease the burdens of those in need. Our Council is open everyday between the hours of 9 AM –12 PM Monday thru Friday.

Remember by helping people who are less fortunate than you is to look into the face of God.

God has not called us to see through each other, but to see each other through.

PGK, Ken Lyons, Editor

One Day More; One More Day:

As knights we have all heard the expression "Tempest Fugit, Momento Mori" (Time flies remember Death). It is the one saying we all can agree with: but still wish this day had never come. We all seem to wish for one day more, one more day.

A year has come and gone since I said goodbye to Marguerite. To the living, she is gone, and never will return; to the angry, she was cheated and short changed in life.

She could not stay another day, to laugh, to work, to love, or to play. Our friendship shared a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, and these things I too will miss.

To me I am contented, yet my heart is empty but I can still smile because she had lived and even though I can't see her I am still full of the love we shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes love and go on.

I say "**One Day More; just One More Day**".

Kenny

King of the Hill Pool:

The King of the Hill Pool returns, pick one NFL team each week, you may only pick a team once with no points involved and keep winning to advance. The cost is \$25 per entry. Please contact Nick Passarella at (516) 662—8852 for additional details.

Football Sunday:

Football Sunday will return on September 11. For many of our wives and girlfriends the end of the summer season brings a tear to their eyes. Despair not o' beautiful companions of ours this is simply the time when our wardrobes change.

Football Sunday is open to all men and women alike. So come down and support your local team and if you want a beverage of your choice along with food, you must make a point of joining us for football in the Columbian Lounge.

Football is not a contact sport - dancing is a contact sport - football is a collision sport.

Vince Lombardi

Installation of New Officers:

Installation of New Officers for the 2011/2012 fraternal years will take place on Thursday, September 15, at 8 pm. It is time to stand up for our officers, stop making excuses why you cannot attend. Come down and show your support to our Grand Knight John Macejka and his officers

District Deputy Corner:

Worthy Brothers

We are just getting started in this new Columbian year with installations & Council events scheduled and our all-time favorite the Annual C&B drive. I hope each month to just give a brief insight into the items important to the Councils, the District & the State and Supreme. This month's topic will be the most basic item for Council existence, and that is membership, Membership is the life blood of any Council, any Catholic Gentleman you may know over 18 is a candidate, ask them, bring a friend, talk to people you know and Family members, Remember you were asked by someone who went out of their comfort zone to ask you to join, Now, it is time to do the same favor, work with your Council's Membership Director & tell them of any prospect names you may have. Let's get these new members & watch your Council grow in membership & volunteers for the many programs you run, once you have the Candidates then arrange them to get to your Councils First Degree. Now you have the start of a successful Columbian year!

"Vivat Jesus"

Russell Kendall/District Deputy 17th NY District

Fraternal Corner:

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, Bob Teemsma, Paul Libassi, Steve Driscoll's wife Helen, Melvin Rich Lindeman, An end to abortions. For the souls in purgatory. Let us also pray for our veterans, policemen, firefighters and safe return of all our soldiers in harms way.

Squires News:

The Squires next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 8pm.

Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.

Catholic War Veterans Post 1949:

Our CWV will have their annual Veterans Day dance on November 12, 2011. The cost of the dance is \$40 per person. Additional details will appear in next month Clarion. Please note, there is a CWV meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 8 pm.

Commander Bill Kessler received a request from Carol DiBenedetto in which she stated ' I have put a flag on my husband grave for Memorial Day since he died but I am getting older and find the trip to Long Island more difficult so I was hoping I could find a way to have it done for me. Commander Bill responded for long as I am able there will be a flag on his grave every Memorial Day. I consider it an honor to visit Anthony's grave before Memorial Day. Anthony DiBenedetto was a Lieutenant serving on PT boats in the Second World War.

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You'd be surprised at how *often* we hear the phrase "It just doesn't seem like my small contribution could make a difference." If everyone who thought this had donated whatever "small contribution" they were thinking of, it would probably add up to more than every cent we've received so far. If you're worried that a small donation won't help as much as you'd like, will sending *no* donation help more? ***God doesn't require us to succeed; He only requires that you try.***

Ken Lyons, Editor

Williston Park Street Fair:

Brothers; we will be selling C and B chances at The Williston Park Street Fair on Sunday, September 18th from 11 AM to 4 PM. We will have a spot on Hillside Ave east of Willis Avenue (Our spot will be determined by the Chamber of Commerce). Please give us (1) hour to help sell C and B chances.

Mineola Street Fair:

"In with the new and out with the old". How many of us recall hearing that expression. THE Mineola Fair has not only changed the day and month but also the location of its fair. This year's fair will take place on Sunday, 9/25/2011 starting at 11AM and running to 6PM, the new location is Main Street, Second Street and (2) blocks of Mineola Boulevard. Rain date is October 2. Here is another opportunity to sell our C and B chance books. If possible please try to volunteer at the Williston Park Street Fair or the Mineola Street Fair and, if possible, both.

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; here is another chance to sell C and B books. It should be noted that the Williston Park, Mineola, and East Williston Fairs emphasis will be on selling the C and B books, they also gives us a chance to recruit new members.

Ken Lyons, Editor

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Fourth Degree News:

Are you interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight?

For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place at the Melville Marriott on Sunday, October 09, 2011 at 1pm.

Father Michael J. McGivney:

The Book of Wisdom tells us that "Whatever shall befall the just man, it will not make him sad." The formal addresses of Pope Benedict XVI and his message reaches to the heart of the spirituality of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. The Holy Father's consistent message seems clear: There is every reason for us to have confidence in the present moment and in the future if we have our hearts and minds fixed firmly on Jesus Christ who is our yesterday, our today and our tomorrow. 'Father McGivney's vision was of a Christian manhood that flows from one's adherence to Christ and his commandment of love.

We must be leaders of Catholic families that are knit together in Christ's love and that always stand for the right and for the defense of those who are weak and vulnerable.

Supreme Court rejects challenge to "under God" in Pledge of Allegiance

Knights of Columbus waged successful defense on East and West Coast cases

(New Haven, Conn.) – The United States Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, thus ending a seven year battle involving two separate cases, one originating in California and the other in New Hampshire

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The Knights of Columbus, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, played a key role in defending the Pledge as a "defendant intervenor" in both cases.

"The Knights of Columbus is proud to have played a major role in successfully defending the constitutionality of the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said.

"We were instrumental in persuading Congress to add those words to the Pledge in 1954, and they express a fundamental belief that we have held as a nation since our founding, that we 'are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights.' The notion that this somehow violates the First Amendment has now been soundly rejected by both the First and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court has now allowed both decisions to stand. It is a victory for common sense."

The Ninth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in March 2010 and the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the California case in March 2011. The First Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in November 2011 and the Supreme Court denied certiorari in that case on, June 13, 2011.

Nassau Chapter News:

Congratulations to the new officers of the Nassau Chapter.

President - Michael T. Murtha

Vice President - Stephen Driscoll

Secretary - Michael Galliano

Treasurer - Theodore Newkirk

The new President of the Chapter, Mike Murtha claims. "We are proud to claim that we are the only Chapter in the Order who is a nationally recognized not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization."

The Chapter President for the Columbian Year 2011 - 2012 is Michael Murtha. Monthly Chapter meetings are held on the third Friday of each month starting at 8 P.M... The meeting location varies from month to month as Member Councils share hosting Chapter meetings. Our website contains information concerning the Chapter's Councils, Assemblies, Squires and Columbiettes. There is also information on all aspects of the Knights of Columbus which includes Membership, History, Vocations and Pro-Life.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Insurance News:

The action taken by Standard and Poor's on Monday, August 8 does not reflect in any way on the business operations of the Knights of Columbus? S&P's action, as their statement indicates was caused by the downgrade of the rating of the United States in response to this country's debt crisis. According to S&P's statement on the methodology for their decision "the U.S. sovereign credit rating constrains the long term ratings on these insurers." S&P's latest release cites the "very strong financial profiles" and "favorable business profiles" of the Knights of Columbus and other insurers affected by their rating revision. In addition, they cite the benefit the Knights of Columbus has from our "affinity relationship with our policyholders."

Because of our sound and ethical business practices and investment strategies, the Knights of Columbus is stronger today relative to the industry than it was five years ago.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Pro-Life Corner:**Comparison of Abortion and Slavery**

I thought it was time to write about what has become a staple of pro-life discourse the comparison of legalized abortion to slavery.

There are good reasons to compare abortion to slavery. Like slave owners did explicitly, the proponents of legal abortion implicitly declare that a whole group of human beings are considered property.

1.) Slavery of Africans, a racial right, considered my "property".

2.) Killing of unborn babies, a reproductive right, considered my "body"

The slave-owner and the feminist both premise their own freedom on the denial of any whatsoever to another group. Both are willing to say that it is essential to a certain 'way of life'. That initial moral unease is always that the group being exploited – or done away with – is something less than human, beings that are less valuable, or of no value at all, than the group doing the exploiting. And in the end, both declare "the law is on our side", as if that were the only consideration that mattered.

Whenever a society dehumanizes a particular group of people it breeds hate, injustice, and genocide.

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What do they have in common? In both cases, The court decisions on slavery and abortion demonstrate an equivalent denial of personhood for two different categories of human beings, slaves and unborn children.

Abolitionists should not impose morality on slave-owners

Pro-lifers should not impose morality on mothers
Abortion and Slavery violate the human dignity of an innocent group of people.

It is not morally right to take advantage over anyone. As Catholic Knights we should not tolerate any of the above.

Ken Lyons, Editor

Membership:

Members are the lifeblood of any organization and successful organizations approach membership recruitment as an on-going process rather than something that is done in the fall. Great organizations also orient new members to the group and go out of their way to make membership an enjoyable and beneficial experience. As the saying goes, "people support what they help create." People like to feel that they have ownership when planning events and activities. Wide-spread involvement usually results in better decisions and reinforces that members are valued for their thoughts and ideas.

Come to our business and social meetings, get involved, don't just sit at the bar and watch television we have enough couch potatoes.

Ken Lyons, PGK, and Editor

Father Michael J. McGivney:***Prayer to Father Michael J. McGivney***

O great and glorious God,
you imbued your holy priest,
Father Michael J. McGivney,
with deep priestly virtue and especially
with pastoral concern for the poor,
the orphan, the widow,
for the Christian education of youth,
for the protection of the faith
of the working man of his day.

Now that his priestly ministry continues
to spread to countless millions
throughout the world through the efforts
and influence of the Order

of the Knights of Columbus,
which Father McGivney founded,
we beseech you,
Heavenly Father,
to raise your faithful servant, Michael,
to the honors of the altar.

We ask this favor
through our Lord Jesus Christ
and His holy mother,
Mary and our mother.
Amen.

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

Most beautiful explanation of death:

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination Room and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.'

Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know....'

'You don't know?'

You're a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side'.

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, 'Did you notice my dog?'

He's never been in this room before.

He didn't know what was inside.

He knew nothing except that his master was here, And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

I know little of what is on the other side of death, But I do know one thing...

I know my Master is there and that is enough.'

Ken Lyons, PGK

You Still Have Hope:

If you can look at the sunset and smile,
if the smile of a child can still warm your heart,
if you can see the good in other people,
if you still offer your hand in friendship to others that have touched your life,

then you still have hope

A wise man learns by the mistakes of others, a fool by his own.

Council Fun Page Returns:

The Green Thing:

In the line at the store, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house not a TV in every room.

And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service.

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Please give this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in Conservation from a smartass young person.

Observations on Growing Older:

- 1) Your kids are becoming you and you don't like them, but your grandchildren are perfect
- 2) When people say you look "Great" they add for your age.
- 3) When you needed the discount, you paid full price. Now you get the discounts on everything, but you're too tired to use them.
- 4) Your spouse is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.
- 5) You forget names, but it's OK because other people forgot they even know you
- 6) Going out is good, coming home is better.

Puns for the Educated Mind:

1. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
2. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
3. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
4. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
5. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
6. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Ken Lyons, Editor

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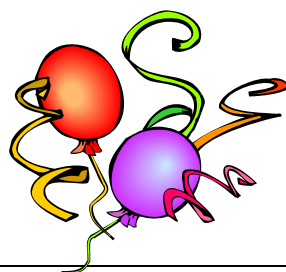
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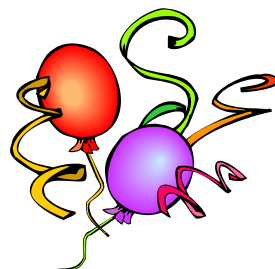


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