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Dear Brother Knight's, Columbiettes, Squires, and all Catholics that are united in Christ, On January I spoke with Father Malcolm J. Burns, Pastor of Corpus Christi Church, and he graciously allowed our



council to recruit practical Catholics on March 18th and 19th after each mass. Father Malcolm told me that he recommends seeking new members during Lent because that is the season when parishioners tend to want to volunteer. In this spirit, Corpus Christi Council Number 2502 will host an Admission, First Degree Ceremony on Monday, April 10, at our hall located at 186 Jericho Turnpike in Mineola.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world and Corpus Christi Council serves both the parishes of Saint Aidan in Williston Park and Corpus Christi in Mineola. This family organization is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old. Catholic women can also join the Columbiettes, as well as young men aged 10 to 18 who can join the Columbian Squires. We are all here to support the Holy See, Pope Francis, and to promote the Columbian virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Each year millions of dollars are directly donated to charitable organizations and millions of voluntary man-hours are performed to worthwhile causes. For this reason, now Saint, Pope John Paul II called the Knights of Columbus the "strong right arm of the Church."

Our founder, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney, was the Pastor of Saint Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut that served an immigrant community that underwent societal discrimination. During 1882, Father Michael started the Knights of Columbus as a way to provide insurance coverage to widows and orphans when the primary wage earner passed away. Over a century later, the insurance program of the Knights of Columbus has been continuously honored with the highest ranking of "The World's Most Ethical Companies" designation by the respected Ethisphere Institute.

Father Michael also wanted Brother Knights to become patriotic members of American society and to defend Catholicism throughout the world. In this regard, President Roosevelt was persuaded by the Knights of Columbus on 1937 to adopt October 12 as the federal holiday of Columbus Day. On 1954, the United States Congress was convinced by the Knights of Columbus to include the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. Also on 2016, the Obama administration was convinced by the Knights of Columbus that the killing of Christians in the Middle East should be called a genocide.

As you can see, there is plenty of good activities that the Knights of Columbus are involved with. I formally invite every practical Catholic to join this ever-growing organization. From building a handicap ramp for a local elderly resident, to helping host the Golden Gloves as a fundraiser, to marching on the Williston Park Independence Day Parade, there is plenty of opportunities to contribute to the Church and to our community.

On Sunday April 23th we will be honoring our 2017 Knight of the Year SK Jim Corrigan, PGK with a brunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Please contact Ken Lyons, PGK for reservations.

On Saturday May 6th the Council will be hosting a Kentucky Derby Party. The cost is \$15 per person for a hot and cold buffet and a cash bar. Please see SK Tom Kelly for additional details.

Contact me or any of the Council's Officers for further information on becoming a Knight of Columbus. Happy Easter to all.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Peter Zayas, Grand Knight

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Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Financial Secretary

April Calendar 2017

Saturday, Apr. 01 – April fool's Day Outside Rental (MH) Outside Rental (CL) Sunday, Apr. 02 -- Outside Rental (MH) Monday, Apr. 03 – Nassau Conference – Our Lady of the Island Council Tuesday, Apr. 04 – DD Meeting Wednesday, Apr. 05 – St. Vincent Ferrer Thursday, Apr. 06 -- Business Meeting 8:30 pm Friday, Apr. 07 – Ballroom Dancing Saturday, Apr. 08 -- Outside Rental (MH) Outside Rental (CL) Sunday, Apr. 09 – Palm Sunday Monday, Apr. 10 -- Columbiettes Meeting 7:30pm Tuesday, Apr. 11 – Passover begins Wednesday, Apr. 12 – Wilmin Meeting 8:30pm Thursday, Apr. 13 – Holy Thursday Officers Meeting 8pm ??? Friday, Apr. 14 – Good Friday **Ballroom Dancing** Saturday, Apr.15 – Holy Saturday Outside Rental (MH) Tax Day Sunday, Apr. 16 – Easter Sunday Monday, Apr.17 – 101st Anniversary of the Easter Rising Tuesday, Apr.18 – CWV Meeting 8:30pm Wednesday, Apr.19 – Squires Meeting 7:45pm Thursday, Apr. 20 – Social Meeting 8:30pm Thurs. /Fri. /Sat., Apr. 20/22 – NYS Convention Friday, Apr. 21-- Outside Rental (MH) Saturday, Apr. 22 -- Line Dance (MH) Outside Rental (CL) Earth Day Sunday, Apr. 23 – Sunday of Divine Mercy Knight of the Year Brunch 1pm Tuesday, Apr. 25 – St. Mark Friday, Apr. 28 -- Outside Rental 9MH) Nassau Chapter meeting - Floral Park Council

Bar Team Schedule – April

Monday, Apr. 03 – Jude's Teachers Monday, Apr.10 – Nick's Team Best Monday, Apr. 17 -- Kelly's Heroes Monday, Apr. 24 -- McWeeney's Court

Page 4 Chaplain Message:

As promised, I am keeping you updated on the plans for an afternoon of recollection in the late spring at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport.

I proposed a Sunday and Saturday in June. They are Sunday the 11th and Saturday the 17th. We would start at 1:00 PM and probably finish up at 5:00 PM. The schedule would include Mass, and two outdoor devotions (Stations of the Cross and the Rosary) – weather permitting, of course.

I announced the plans at our regular meeting on March 2nd and based on availability, calendar and other factors we made our selection.

I will continue to promote this event at regular meetings and in future editions of The Clarion. Stay tuned for more details.

It would be nice if we get a good turnout even though the location is at some distance from our council. Moreover, it would be very encouraging if we could keep the event in our annual schedule.

Kindly consider attending and let me know your intentions at the earliest possibility. *Msgr. Bob Batule*

Council Chaplain

The Right Corner: Happy Easter! No, Really!

Easter is just around the corner, soon you will be done with Easter Sunday services and Easter egg hunts. You will have put away your fancy new Easter clothes and your bunny decorations. But Easter isn't over, at least not for millions of Christians throughout history and throughout the world today.

Allow me to explain.

As a child, I always thought of Easter as a one-day affair. I liked it just fine. Dressing up in new clothes for church, going to my grandparents' house for an Easter egg hunt – I looked forward to all of these traditions each year. But, I must confess, in my mind Easter didn't hold a candle to Christmas. After all, the winter holiday meant lights and decorations, beloved Christmas carols, acting out the nativity story, and, most of all, lots of presents under the tree. Easter was fine . . . but Christmas, now there was the ultimate holiday. After all, you can't exactly expect the Easter Bunny to compete with Santa Claus.

As I got older, I remember hearing my pastor talk about the magnitude of Easter, even suggesting that it was more important than Christmas. When I first heard this, it sounded almost like heresy. How could any holiday beat Christmas? Even granting the importance of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, Easter seemed to be at a decided disadvantage compared to Christmas. Both holidays happened on a single day, I thought, but Christmas celebrations lasted for weeks. Easter took up a few hours on a single Sunday, and that was it, or so I thought.

It wasn't until later on in my life that I learned that some people – including my friends, much to my surprise – considered Easter to be, not a day, but a season of the year, a seven-week season at that. Easter Sunday, from this perspective, begins a season in the church year that ends with Pentecost Sunday, the day Christians remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the earliest believers in Jesus. I was willing to grant that thinking about Easter as a season was an interesting idea. And, by the time I was in high school, I did agree with my pastor that, theologically speaking, Easter was at least as important as Christmas, if not more (especially if you link Easter and Good Friday). Slowly, over the years, I've grown to appreciate celebrating Easter for more than just a single Sunday.

In what I now consider to be the season of Easter, I want to write about how we might let this be a time of spiritual growth, a season of deeper intimacy with God. I've come to believe that, in many ways, Easter gets short shrift in our churches. As a result, we miss out on some of the richness and joy of a full Easter celebration. But I believe that if we extend our celebrations of Easter to a yearly season, the result can be a more vital and jubilant faith.

I shared my personal discovery of Eastertide, the fifty-day season of the Christian year set apart to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and its implications for our lives. "Fifty days of Easter? What would we do?" Surely I'm not suggesting fifty consecutive Easter egg hunts, or fifty new Easter suits, dresses, hats, or fifty ham dinners in a row. Celebrating Easter for fifty days is not duplicating Easter Sunday fifty times over, either. Rather, it's taking time to reflect upon and delight in the truth of Easter and its implications for our lives. The basic truth of Easter is simple. In the classic litany of the church, it's this: *Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Ken Lyons, Editor*

May you feel the joy of the presence of Jesus. The Lord has risen to bless us this Easter. And I pray that the love of God is resurrected, reborn and renewed in your heart.

Page 5 Golden Gloves Report:

On Friday, February 17th, Corpus Christi Council #2502 of the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Daily News Charities, Inc. to host a preliminary round of the Golden Gloves boxing tournament at our hall in Mineola. What an evening it was! The council was packed with local patrons that were treated to the very best that amateur boxing has to offer. Eighteen boxers gave it their all in the nine exciting bouts that pleased all that were present. As this is one of the premier contests in New York City, do not be surprised if one of these winners goes on to have a successful boxing career. This was a great fundraiser for our council. We succeeded in raising needed funds that we will be able to donate directly to local charitable and nonprofit organizations. The 50/50 raffle was very profitable for the council, and also to the lucky ticket holder. Someone also won two donated tickets to see the boxing finals in April.

However, this was also a community event that included many organizations. The Nassau County Police Department was present recruiting officers, as were the Williston Park and the Mineola Auxiliary Police Departments. Even the United States Marine Corps was present to challenge anyone who thought that they were tough into doing chin-ups at the pullup bar that they set up. One station included the Daily News selling collectable tee-shirts that were previously only available to boxing participants of the Golden Gloves. Pick up the February 23rd issue of the Mineola American and read the good write-up that they reported about our event.

The evening can be best summed up by what Golden Gloves Chairman and PGK Mike Murtha stated at the volunteer celebration and debriefing party the week after the event. Brother Mike said that an event like this is successful only because of the many volunteers that devoted countless hours to the many different tasks that was needed and that no one volunteer can be specifically singled out because so many Brother Knights contributed collectively to this event. Personally, I am proud that Corpus Christi Council showed once again that we are active in our community and happy that our Brother Knights had an opportunity to bond as we worked together for a common cause. **Peter Zayas, Grand Knight**

St. Patrick's Day Parade Report:

Temperatures in the 20s and a relentless, biting wind made getting through stretches of the annual <u>Mineola St. Patrick's Day Parade</u> on Sunday more about survival than celebration, but enough rowdy pockets of day drinkers and willing packs of marchers ensured that Mineola once again felt the Irish love.

The arctic blast also drove many of the day's traditional lawn-chair viewers indoors. But it was the kids who were the real heroes of the day, as they huddled for hours on the curb, or danced and cheered along the entire parade route, un-warmed by whiskey.

Brother Knights, Catholic War Veterans, Columbiettes and Squires proudly marched up Mineola Blvd. and onto Jericho Turnpike past the Knights of Columbus hall.

We opened our doors at 10 am with a continental and hearty **Irish Breakfast** and we continued all day with an outstanding line up of non-stop entertainment, a live band, delicious food, drinks, and more!

But I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who set up the room, the bartenders, my brother knights who worked in the kitchen and the clean-up crew. No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude. **Ken Lyons, Editor**

St. Patrick's Dance Report:

Our St. Patrick's Dance was very successful due to hard work, time and effort of Chairman PGK Jim Corrigan. There are no words in the English dictionary to describe the scrumptious food display of Shepherd's Pie, Corn Beef, Cabbage and potatoes by Chef Pete Augello. And for the very few who did not enjoy all of the copious choice presented there was chicken available. The band Switch played a chorus of both Irish melodies and rock and roll music. The step-dancers proved to be most entertaining beyond belief. Fr. Malcolm Burns was presented a gift from the Council, and presented a street sign renaming Garfield Avenue Fr. Malcolm Burns Avenue by Village Trustees Dennis Walsh and Paul Casato. In every successful event kudos are always handed out. So let's start with hanging the (32) county banners on the walls, they were put up by Tom Doherty, Timmy Clarkin and Bobby Redmond. Bernadette Ferguson for her hard work, time and dedication towards the raffling of the Irish basket. Let's not forget the hard-working staff, the bartender, waitresses, and the coat check attendees.

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At long last we come to the person responsible for giving us a most enjoyable and very successful St. Patrick's Dance, PGK Jim Corrigan. Feeling appreciated is one of the most important needs that people have. When you share with someone your appreciation and gratitude, they will not forget you. Appreciation will return to you many times.

Ken Lyons, Editor

2017 Knight of the Year Brunch:

All Brother Knights are asked to attend the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, April 23rd, at Corpus Christi Church. Come down and join us as we will honor SK Jim Corrigan, PGK, this year's *Knight of the Year;* with a Brunch in the Main Hall of the Council starting at 1pm Admission is \$20 and \$10 for children under 12. Please RSVP to Ken Lyons so they may order enough food from our Chef, Brother Pete Augello.

Ken Lyons, Editor

2017 Knight of the Year SK Jim Corrigan, PGK:

The presentation of this award began in 1959 to demonstrate the appreciation of this council to Those members who have given their time and talent in many endeavors.

During the fraternal year 1974 –1975, the council unanimously approved a motion to change the name of the honor to the Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award. The recipients have been singled out for the award not on the basis of one particular year, but rather on long and continued service to the council.

On January 26th, the Joseph P. Ryan Knight of the Year for 2017, was selected by the past recipients. I am often asked why we select one individual and not another. What has this person done that is so special?

Our Knights of Columbus council has a year-round program of religious, service, and social activities tailored to local circumstances and the interests of members and their families.

Our recipient joined the Knights of Columbus in 1968 at South Ozone Park Council (#2236). He became a 4th degree member in 2005. He transferred into Corpus Christi Council in 2006. In the fall of 2006 he became an insurance Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus serving Corpus Christi, New Hyde Park, Msgr. Walsh and Island Park Councils. In 2009 Jim left employment with the K of C and returned to the field of education when he accepted a position as the Director, Religious Education at the Church of Saint Aidan. At the end of the 2016 school year Jim entered the world of semiretirement; he continues to work on a part-time basis in the religious education office.

Jim holds a BA in History from Iona, an MA in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, and is currently a candidate for an MA in Theology from St. Joseph's Seminary.

Jim has served Corpus Christi Council as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and Trustee and is currently Treasurer. Jim serves as the Chairman for C & B, the St Patrick Dinner and Raffle, the Basketball Free-Throw Championship, the Blood Drive, the Poinsettia's for our widows, Keep Christ in Christmas and currently the Council's Treasurer. Jim is a Charter Member of CWV Post 1949 and currently the CWV Adjutant Officer (Recording Secretary) 2009

Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. They're what make the instrument stretch-what make you go beyond the norm. Clearly this represents our recipient for this year's award.

Some knights join a council to help in their community or to further a cause that is important to them. Our nominee joined the Knights to use his talent and time to promote the sacred principles of our order.

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

It gives me great honor to introduce the Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year for 2017 to SK Jim Corrigan, PGK Ken Lyons, Editor

Squires Corner:

The Squires marched with the Knights, the Columbiettes and the Catholic War Veterans in the Mineola St. Patrick's Day Parade. On Sunday April 2nd the Squires will be visiting the Seminary at Dunwoodie, Yonkers, NY. The Squires are selling candy in the Columbian Lounge (1) bar of candy for &1.50 each. To raise money for their Squire Circle. Please consider buying a candy bar in support of the Council's Squires. Sincerely,

Nicholas Librandi, Chief Squire

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| CWV Post 1949 News: | Ray and Donna Andanuy, Danny Donovan, Joe |
| A reminder to us all Memorial Day will be here | Conlon, PGK Carl Marchese, John Spellman, |
| before we know it. In the coming weeks I will as | Maryann Ribando, Lou Pagano, Bobby McCabe, |
| both pastors of St. Aidan's and Corpus Christi | John Colbert, PGK, Ed Panzella, PGK Jim |
| churches for permission to sell poppies after all | he Corrigan, Jim McEnroe, Frank Shanley, Elizabeth |
| Masses on the Memorial Day weekend. Our nex | t Kiernan, Joe Lunden, Bobby Redmond's great- |
| meeting is April 18 th . | nephew Sebastin, Suzanne Drake Corsentino, |
| Yours in Christ | Maryann Ribando, Agnes La Rose, Pat Mulrooney, |
| William Kessler, Post Commander | Lisa Bartell, Pamela and Nancy Driscoll, Linda B., Fred Lodiand, Matthew Schroko, Robert Dwyer, |
| Columbiette Corner: | Columbiette Lisa Simeone's Father, the souls in |
| We also want to express our gratitude to all the | Purgatory, Msgr. Batule, Bishop Barres, Pope |
| Colunbiettes who marched in the St. Patrick's D | • |
| Parade and attended the St. Patrick's Dance las | , 3 |
| month. | of all our soldiers in harm's way, and an end to |
| The officers meeting will be on Wednesday April | |
| 5th, the regular Columbiette meeting will be on | Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears |
| Monday April 10th, | prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer and |
| | God delivers by prayer. |
| Kentucky Derby Party | Ken Lyons, Editor |
| Saturday, May 6, 2017 | O |
| Bring your friends and family and enjoy the race | |
| our members lounge. A hot and cold buffet, coffe | Open communication is a concept that almost all |
| and cookies with a cash bar. | companies claim to value, but very few truly achieve. The importance of an open business |
| The cost is \$15. Per person | environment cannot be overstated; a company can |
| For additional details please see flyer or contact | survive without open communication, but very few |
| Tom Kelly at (516) 414-2229 or e-mail him at | organizations thrive without it. |
| tomkelly11501@gmail.com | What is needed to nurture an environment of open |
| | communication? All high-performing teams, |
| Annual Charity Golf Outing: | whether in the sports arena or in the husiness |
| Our Annual Golf Outing will take place on Monda | ay, world are built on a solid foundation of trust. Trust |
| July 10, 2017. The cost \$140 per golfer, includes | arows over time and is based on individual |
| prizes, open bar and a buffet so if interested plea | |
| contact Ken Lyons at 746-8643. It is a 7am shot | commitments, as well as being vulnerable with one |
| start at Glen Cove Golf Course. Also looking for | another, Grand Knight Peter Zavas has appointed |
| Hole Sponsors, the cost of hole sponsor is \$100 <i>Ken Lyons, Golf Chairman</i> | Dave Redmond II to the position of |
| Ken Lyons, Gon Ghairman | Communications (e-mails, Facebook, and twitter) |
| Annual Council Picnic News: | Director succeeding Tom Kelly. Tom will still remain |
| The Annual Council picnic will take place on | the Public Relations Chairman. |
| Saturday July 22 nd with a rain date schedule for | Ken Lyons, Editor |
| July 29 th . The cost is \$15 per person and kids ar | |
| free under the age of 12. Additional details will b | |
| fore coming in the May Clarion. | why have my most successful events been |
| Tom Kelly, Co-Chairman | successful? And why have my least successful |
| • | events flopped? |
| Fraternal Corner: | In every Council social functions we always |
| Please keep in your prayers the following brothe | r consider what our objectives are in hosting an |
| knights and their families. Nick Passarella II, Vilr | |
| Doherty, Tommy Hayden, PGK Danny Lynch, C | |
| Lynch, PGK Marcel Chaillol, Arline Cavanaugh, | a profit? Turnout is commonly used to measure the |
| Helen Melvin, John O'Shea, PGK John and Hild | a success of an event. |
| Macejka, Paul Libassi, PGK Richie Ryan, PGK, | Continued on page 8 |
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Most of the time it is a good indication, but not always. The goal of every Council party should be to make a profit. We also want to make the public aware of our beautiful hall, and all the facilities we have to offer.

Through marketing we offer to generate excitement and enthusiasm about our Council.

Ideally, the Council has found a person who is respected within the community who can be the event champion—his efforts have been more efficient and effective than those of a social event professional.

Allow me to illustrate my point. Over the last couple of months he has been involved in chairing, Co-chairing and a committee member in (4) Council social events: the Octoberfest, the Annual Italian Night Dance, New Year's Eve Party and the Golden Gloves. All of the events have appeared in some if not all publications listed below:

News 12 Events Section of their Website Newsday Events Section of their Website Patch Website Mineola and Other Local Towns Williston Times and Williston Press

Minsion Times and Williston Pres

Mineola American and other Anton Publications Newsday Hometown Shopper

Market Place Publication

Long Island Catholic

Events Long Island Website

Both Parish Bulletins

Town Planner

K of C Nassau Chapter Website Kellenberg Fourth Degree Assembly Emails to Members and Friends Mineola Chamber Website by Will Havron All of the above was accomplished by one individual, dedicated to exposing the Council for all to see. During these past couple of months the Council struggle to overcome many difficulties, he should be given a huge chunk of credit for the turnaround toward profitability. The next time you see him in the Council stop, and offer him a heartfelt thanks – Tom Kelly – our new Public Relations Chairman *Ken Lyons, Editor*

Supreme News:

We applaud the president's nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. From his writings and his record it is clear that he will interpret the Constitution as it was written, including our first Amendment right to religious freedom, and the right to life of every person. Judge Gorsuch was confirmed without opposition to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2006, and has received a "unanimously well qualified" rating from the American Bar Association. It is hard to imagine a better, and more qualified, candidate. The Senate should swiftly confirm Judge Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

New York State News:

2016 C & B Book Drawing Results for Nassau Councils:

2nd Prize - \$10,000 – Memorare Council 4th Prize - \$1,000 – 12 Apostles Council 4th Prize - \$1,000 – Joseph Barry Council 4th Prize - \$1,000 – OLM/ Joseph Lamb Council 4th Prize - \$1,000 – Point Washington Council ** Note one of the sellers did not collect their prize money because they did not show their name in the solicitor line and Council number or phone number. The proceeds went to Charity Fund.

Nassau Chapter News:

The Nassau Charity Ball was held last month honoring the "Morgan Center." An organization that assist pre-school children here in Nassau County with Cancer, it is a most worthy charity. The Nassau Chapter Ball Journal is the fundraiser for our Charity Ball Honoree and our Nassau Chapter Scholarship Program. Every year we have been able to assist Four Catholic School children attending local Catholic High Schools. We also perform a Raffle for Religious Education and the Regional Catholic Elementary Schools. Last year with matching funds we donated \$10,000 toward Catholic Education. In the coming months as soon as we receive it we will print a financial report for the ball and the journal.

Mike Gaigano, Chapter President

Fourth Degree News:

Scholarships are due by 04/30/2017 and if you need further information or have any questions regarding same, contact Phil Baumgartner, PFN. The College / High School Scholarships will be presented at our June Meeting.

It is that time of year for the Assembly dues. Please scroll down to find information who to send it to. You can send it to Faithful Comptroller Charles Prancl at the Assembly Meeting or mail it to him at his home address at1130 Sheldon Drive, Westbury, NY 11590.

The Assembly is still looking for someone to fill in the position of Faithful Scribe.

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Please e-mail myself or any other officer if you are interested. As of now I am the acting Scribe on top of being your Faithful Navigator. You're help would be greatly appreciative.

Timothy J. Rogers, Faithful Navigator

Nassau Conference News:

Worthy Brother Knights and Nassau Conference Delegates:

Please be advised that on Monday April 3rd, the Nassau Conference meeting will be held at 8 pm at St Mary's / Maris Stella Council, 78 Hempstead Ave, Lynbrook, NY 11563. This is a change of location, from what is listed in the calendar of the chapter directory. This meeting will include the election of conference officers. Considering the unusual circumstance of 3 officer positions opening, your conference officers believe it best to provide the following information at this time. Worthy Conference Vice Chairman Rich Elias, PGK, FDD has decided not to pursue the next position of Conference Chairman.

At this time Worthy Brothers Kevin Coleman, PGK, FDD and Steve Driscoll, PGK, PCP have each stated their intent to seek the position of Conference Chairman.

Worthy Conference Secretary Ed Willie, PGK, FDD is seeking the next position of Conference Vice Chairman.

Worthy Conference Treasurer Tony Marengo, PGK, FDD is seeking the next position of Conference Secretary.

Worthy Conference Warden Tom Casey, PGK, FDD has decided not to pursue the next position of Conference Treasurer. At this time Worthy Brother Don Metzler, PGK, FDD has stated his intent to seek the position of Conference Treasurer. Worthy Brother Mike Murtha, PGK, FDD, PCP has stated his intent to seek the position of Conference Warden.

The conference will shortly be forwarding additional information regarding these candidates for your consideration.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Willie, Conference Secretary

Pro-Life Corner:

I truly believe that if we protect women the way we are supposed to, abortion would never be necessary. That usually brings up the subject of the cases of rape, incest, and life of the mother. But we all know that's a red herring. Those cases amount to less than 1 percent of all abortions. Would Planned Parenthood and the other purveyors of abortion take that deal? They keep the 1 percent, we save the 99 percent?

The big secret of abortion, though, is that it not only kills an unborn baby, it scars women physically, emotionally, and mentally forever. The abortion movement has deceived women for years, telling them that they can get rid of the problem inside them and move on. But the reality is that they will carry the pain of that experience long after their choice. Who is helping those women? Prolifers are. The prolife community has been the one to bring women in need into our homes and churches. We are the ones who help them find jobs, buy them food, drive them places, and help them sort out their lives. We are the ones who hold the postabortive woman while she cries. Big abortion businesses' position is any abortion for any reason at taxpayer's expense without helping to address the real issues that landed her at the abortion clinic in the first place.

The harmful experiences of many post-abortive girls and women are raising questions about the unquestioning promotion of abortion in America and the refusal of abortion advocates to even consider the potential harms to women's health and wellbeing.

Concerned Women for America rejects the notion that making abortion illegal would lead women to back alleys with wire hangers overdosing on dangerous medication to terminate their pregnancies. Women are so much smarter, stronger, and simply better than that. If abortion were taken off the table, maybe men and women would spend more time discussing the significance of sex and the commitment that comes with it. Too often women choose abortion due to pressure from feckless men.

Abortion has also been linked with increased chances of depression, doubling chances of breast cancer and drug and alcohol abuse. Additionally, women who have an abortion are six times more likely to commit suicide. "Legal" has certainly not meant "safe."

We must work at both the federal and state level to change hearts and minds by simply taking care of women. Since 2011, a record-high 92 new prolife state laws passed because the social conscience is realizing abortion is the great social injustice of our time. Abortion solves no problem for women; it creates and/or complicates them. Abortion is not Pro-woman; Prolife is Pro-woman.

Ken Lyons, Editor

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Insurance News:

Membership - Ask Catholic Men to Join

I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order. During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping Corpus Christi Council grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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Fr. Michael J. McGivney:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.) *Ken Lyons, Editor*

Vocations:

Marriage, as a vocation, is written into our human nature, into our very being. According to the Church, everyone is called to marriage because they are humans who have been created as either male or female.

It is necessary to clear up some confusion about the nature of marriage as a vocation, specifically in relation to celibacy and the priesthood as such This is the fundamental misunderstanding most young people encounter while considering a vocation. This confusion can have some serious effects on the ability to properly discern it, be it to priesthood or to marriage.

The Second Vatican Council clearly stated that we all have a call to holiness. But within that universal call to holiness, there are two main "states of life" marriage and celibacy for the kingdom. We rightfully say that both states of life are vocations since both calls ultimately find their origin and their end in God. However, though they both come from and lead to God, there is a fundamental difference in how the word 'vocation' is applied and understood properly, regarding marriage and celibacy.

According to the Church, all men and women ought to have a natural desire for marriage and a natural desire to be a mother or father. This natural vocation to marriage is manifested in these natural human desires.

Unlike the call to marriage, which is internal, the call to celibacy is external; it comes from outside of our nature. The vocation to celibacy has a purely supernatural basis since it invites us to renounce the natural vocation to marriage for the sake of the kingdom.

Scripture is clear that celibacy must be received and lived as a supernatural grace (cf. Mt 19:11-12). Here is the crucial point. Individuals called to celibacy will experience both calls at the same time: the desire for marriage, written into their nature, and the inclination to renounce marriage, which comes as a supernatural grace.

However, the truth is that the celibate is married. We say that the priest is married to the Church. Continued on page 11

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His Bride is the people whom he is called to serve, and to whom he gives himself. The female celibate is married to Christ.

Over time, if the individuals have discerned properly, and we can be morally certain that they are not called to celibacy, we can safely eliminate that option and encourage them to pursue the vocation of marriage. It can't be the other way around because we can never eliminate marriage as a vocation since it is written into our nature. Ken Lyons, Editor

Seminarians News:

Let us pray for seminarians and religious brothers may have the virtues of prayer, perseverance, purity, filial love and discernment in their journey to ordination or full profession. May they go on to serve in all Dioceses, or Religious Orders and remain faithful to the magisterial teachings of the Catholic Church. Every man who has the calling should be given every encouragement to fulfill his vocation. The people have long looked to Rome for their spiritual nourishment & guidance, and this must never be hindered. Faithful Catholics at home and abroad need to pray for all Seminarians & Religious, and for their Directors of Formation. We pray that the Catholic spirit and virtues will be instilled into Seminarians & Brothers at their Formative Institutions. We pray that Our Lady will be revered by seminarians, brothers, and sisters. Ken Lyons, Editor

Membership:

Past thinking was everything worth doing is done by groups, not by individuals.

A new role emerges, the self-sacrificer, who plays a critical role in enabling other group members and the group, to perform better at their own expense. Out of the shadows emerges two individuals, becoming part of the new council personally: Liam Patterson and Bob Rina. Both of these brother knights played an important part in the Golden Gloves event recently in February. There were many volunteers helping out that night, this reporter pick these two out of the many to write about. Here I thought I was finished writing about our membership in the Council and along comes the four amigos.

The ceiling tiles in the main hall and the kitchen were looking very dilapidated and dirty. When along comes (4) silent brother amigos accidentally drawn to the plight condition of the main hall and kitchen of the Council.

They replaced the stained tiles in the main hall, the kitchen, cleaned the vents around the hall and in the lobby and repaired the speaker in the main hall. Let me introduce the four amigos: Vinnie Doherty – Ned Nederlander Mike Beatty – Lucky Day Tom Kelly – Dusty Bottoms Timmy Clarkin – El Guapo To all our volunteers, we offer our Laurel and Hardy handshake Ken Lyons, Editor

King of the Hill Pool:

Mark your calendars, the king of the hill pool returns on Monday, April 3rd at 8pm. You pick (1) baseball player from the American League and (1) baseball player from the National League. Their combined home run totals wins the pool. The cost is \$25 per entry. For additional information please contact Bobby Redmond at (516)746-8643.

Lighter Side of Life:

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930s, '40s, 'and 50s,

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter, and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

We did not Have Play Stations, Nintendos and X-boxes. There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVDs, no surround-sound or CDs, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just Walked in and talked to them. And, when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps, not helmets, on our heads.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with Disappointment. Imagine that!!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, and inventors ever. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it. If YOU are one of those born between 1925-1955, CONGRATULATIONS!

Ken Lyons, Editor

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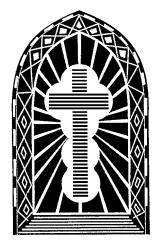
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