



The Voyager



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Grand Knight's Report

Deputy

Our Grand Knight is currently out of the country and left me in charge in his absence. This month's Voyager brings you my first (and only) Deputy Grand Knight's report.

I hope that all of you and your families had an enjoyable Easter. One Easter tradition that continues at Sacred Heart is the annual Knights of Columbus Easter egg hunt. This year's event was held at the Sacred Heart soccer fields on Saturday, April 15. This was well-attended by the children of our parish and there were plenty of eggs for everyone. Thank you to Steve Topper and Dino Grier for organizing this event and thank you to all of the Knights who helped with this activity. Several of the Squires also helped with this event and their involvement is greatly appreciated.

As part of the observance of the International Day of the Unborn Child, our council sponsored a Rosary in the Sacred Heart main church on March 25. Knights and other members of our parish gathered to pray for all unborn children. This was a very spiritual event and provided an opportunity for us to pray for the sanctity of life. Thank you to Robert Cutler for organizing this event.

Easter coincides with the spring season, which means baseball season is underway. The Immaculate Lady council will again work the concession stand at Oriole Park this season. Our first Orioles concession night is Friday, May 12. This has become an important fundraiser for the council and everyone involved has a good time spending the evening at the ballpark. We are working a total of three games this season. For two of the games we will partner with other organizations but the May 12 game will be staffed by our council only. This means it is even more important that we have ample workers at this game. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in this event. We need all the workers we can get so if you have any family or friends who want to help they are definitely welcome. The only requirement is that all workers must be at least 18 years old.

This spring will be a special time for two seminarians affiliated with Sacred Heart. Dan Goulet, who had his Pastoral Year at Sacred Heart last year, will be ordained a deacon in May. Marc Solomon, who has been participating in mass and other events at Sacred Heart during the past year, will be ordained as a priest in June. Dan and Marc are both members of the Knights of Columbus. Please keep these two men and all seminarians in your prayers.

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Chaplain's Report

There is no joy like that of Easter. In Luke's gospel, the Risen Jesus speaks to his disciples of the saving events of the past few days. Jesus has given his life on the cross and has risen to new life. The gospel message has gone out, calling all to "repentance for the forgiveness of sin." And Jesus now admonishes them not to be troubled or have questions, for all of these events have truly happened. Jesus is truly risen and stands before them. And he tells them, "You are witnesses of these things."

We were not present in first century Palestine when Jesus died and rose, but we have experienced these events in a different way. Through the living out of our faith and our relationship with Jesus here and now, we too are changed. We are called to "repentance for the forgiveness of sin" and to a new and transformed way of life.

As Knights, we experience through our Order (in our fellowship with each other and our union with Jesus and his Church) a special presence of the living, risen Christ and a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are called to live transformed lives - lives that are different and that will make a difference.

We live in a world that has many problems. It is a world in which the powerful use and exploit the powerless, a world in which the *structures of sin*, and not the will of God, determine the way in which God's gifts are distributed and enjoyed. But we know that God sent his Son into our world to challenge and overcome the power of sin. He does this today through us and our work. As Knights, along with other committed Christians and people of good will, we are the instruments of Christ's presence in our time to continue and complete his work.

Yes, like the disciples, we too are *witnesses of these things*, and we must make every effort to bring to the table a new agenda, a new attitude, and a new message. All things are to be transformed in Christ: the poor are to have the gospel preached to them, and the *structures of sin* are to give way to the *reign of God's love*.

There is no joy like that of Easter, and the joy of Easter is for all people. As his Knights, may we spread the Good News and share the joy. We are the *Body of Christ*; may we be his instruments today. *Vivat Jesus!*

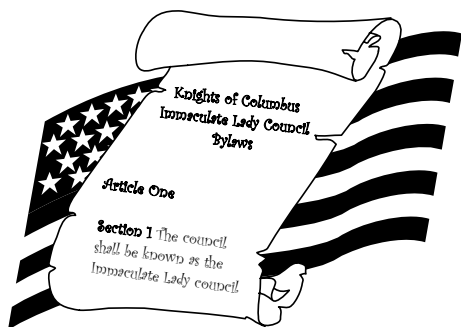
Deacon Jim Ryan
Associate Chaplain

PROPOSED BY-LAW REVISIONS

The by-laws committee of PGK Stan Cochran, PGK Mel Serio, PGK Stan Lasov, PGK, FDD and FS Joe Maher Jr., GK Tom O'Donnell IV (ex officio) and PGK and Advocate Robert Cutler have completed our work on the proposed by-law revisions as requested by our Worthy Grand Knight. Our proposed by-laws and our old by-laws have been distributed via email. Please note that we have to follow a model sent to us by Supreme in which many sections are mandatory for us to have and in no case can our by-laws be in conflict with the Laws of the Order. We have consulted also with a lawyer of the Supreme Advocates office who was most helpful with questions the committee had.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 410-833-9761, or by email at rbrtrtamarie@verizon.net and I will do my best to explain our proposal. The timetable is to formally propose the revisions at the May regular business meeting (Wed. the 3rd) and if two thirds of those present at the June regular business (Wed the 7th) meeting so concur it will be sent to the Supreme Advocate for his approval.

Robert Cutler



(GK's Report Continued from page 1)

As we near the end of the current council year, we are in the process of nominating the officers and program chairmen for next year. The involvement of all of our brother Knights is critical to the success of our council events. If you are interested in being an officer or a program chairman, please let me know.

This wraps up my first DGK report. Tom will be back in this space for next month's Voyager.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick Siebert
Deputy Grand Knight

Correction

In last month's edition of The Voyager, GK Tom O'Donnell reported the passing of DD Kevin Jeffords. We are happy to correct this error. Kevin is still alive and kicking!!

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THE 20th OF THE MONTH

Catechism

O Lets talk about prayer for a little. It is the only way we can communicate with God, and the only way we can become closer to God. Prayer should be part of our lives, and we should be willing to make prayer and God a very large part of our lives. Jesus, when He was on earth, spent a lot of time in prayer, which is a model for us to follow. God should be more important than anything else in our lives.

The Catechism has a lot to say about prayer. Here are a few paragraphs.

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer,

Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God"

2562 Where does prayer come from?

Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays.

But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays.

If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain.

2725 Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer.

2729 The habitual difficulty in prayer is distraction. It can affect words and their meaning in vocal prayer; it can concern, more profoundly, him to whom we are praying, in vocal prayer (liturgical or personal), meditation, and contemplative prayer. To set about hunting down distractions would be to fall into their trap, when all that is necessary is to turn back to our heart: for a distraction reveals to us what we are attached to, and this humble awareness before the Lord should awaken our preferential love for him and lead us resolutely to offer him our heart to be purified. Therein lies the battle, the choice of which master to serve.



James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly meets on the 4th Monday of each month at the ARC of Carroll County at 8:00 P.M. All Sir Knights are invited to attend.

My thanks to our Assembly's Color Corps who were present at the Confirmation ceremonies at St. John's in Westminster and St. Joseph's in Taneytown. Our Color Corps also was present as escorts for the Divine Mercy Mass and Chaplet celebrated at St. John's in Westminster on Divine Mercy Sunday. Thank you for your dedication.

Remember that our Elections of Officers will be held at the May meeting on 5/22. Anyone interested in being considered for an Assembly position please notify Floyd McCurdy, Deacon Mark Ripper or Paul Allen.

Recruitment is not a once a year endeavor. Please continue to ask the members of your Councils to become members of the Fourth Degree. There is no greater honor in our Order.

Make plans to join us.

Thom Partenope, Faithful Navigator
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May Anniversaries



1 Year	Charles Hoppa Andrew Noll Craig Roe
2 Years	Eric Bennett Dan Forster Tom Pfeffer Mickey Yachera
7 Years	Ed Clarke
10 Years	Rich Lane
12 Years	Mo Gagnon
30 Years	PGK Stephen Bouchard
44 Years	Al Bradt Bob DePaola (38 years continuous)
47 Years	William Bond (10 years continuous)

Immaculate Lady Council Past Grand Knights

Frances Olert	1961 - 1963
Eugene Seifert	1963 - 1964
William Cosgrove	1964 - 1965
Joesph Holechek	1965 - 1966
Stanley Cochran	1966 - 1967
Walter Ballesteros	1967 - 1968
Leslie L. Haynes, Sr.	1968 - 1969
Raymond Bonin	1969 - 1970
Russell Harrington	1970 - 1971
John T. Hooper	1971 - 1972
Edward Sedler	1972 - 1973
Robert DePaola	1973 - 1974
Frank Lombardi	1974 - 1975
John Bidinger	1975 - 1976
Ronald Lee	1976 - 1977
James Sojka	1977 - 1978
Joseph Maher, Sr.	1978 - 1979
Edward McIvor	1979 - 1980
James Ryan	1980 - 1981
William Kirkner	1981 - 1982
Carmelo Serio	1982 - 1983
Robert Filan	1983 - 1984
Kenneth Weir, Sr.	1984 - 1985
Michael Marzullo	1985 - 1986
Russell Bolander, Sr.	1986 - 1987
John Bellin	1987 - 1988
Kenneth Nolan	1988 - 1989
Nicholas P. Connelly	1989 - 1990
Jerome Lang	1990 - 1991
John Busan	1991 - 1992
John Berdini	1992 - 1993
Michael Marzullo	1993 - 1994
Carmello Serio	1994 - 1995
Nicholas Connelly	1995 - 1996
Joseph Maher, Jr.	1996 - 1997
Quentin Sedney	1997 - 1998
Michael Zavoyna	1998 - 1999
Brian Scheetz	1999 - 2000
Steve Topper	2000 - 2001
Fred Shaneybrook	2001 - 2002
Sam Collins	2002 - 2003
Stan LaSov	2003 - 2004
Stephen Bouchard	2004 - 2005



Remember in your Prayers

Please pray for Julia R. March, who died April 18, 2006. She was SK Dino Grier's mother-in-law.



Squires Circle

We are happy to announce that Immaculate Lady #5208 has an official Squires Circle - young men's Knights of Columbus (ages 10 - 18). On April 3rd we achieved the necessary number of young men to complete the formation of the circle (10) and are continuing to expand with a

couple more awaiting investiture. The charter members of the circle consist of the following young men in alphabetical order: William Doub, Brett Harwell, Chad Hoppa, Steven Luna, John Maguire II, Joseph Miller, Matthew Noll, Ryan Sullivan, George Warner, Michael Warner. Congratulations and thanks gentlemen for taking this initiative to develop this Circle.

The Circle is awaiting its official assignment of the number and name by Supreme and its charter. The Circle currently meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Room 223 of the School - Youth Room. If your son/s is interested, please drop by and join the group. The annual dues are minimal. The whole concept is structured on faith based leadership to do charity. The boys are really getting into this and enjoying themselves. It has done a world of good for their self esteem already. We welcome anyone who is a practical Catholic to join and looking for fun doing Charity while learning leadership.

We (young men and 5 counselors) are currently working on two projects for charity to Appalachia and beginning to plan for a Squires day with other Circles in the area, not to mention a couple other things. We are soon to have our web site up and running by our web master, Mr. Chad Hoppa, which will be linked to the church's web site as well. If a young man desires to join, please contact our current Membership Director - Matt Noll at 410-526-7788 or email Matt at mattnoll@msn.com. You may also call or email me, Stephen Bouchard - Chief Counselor - at 410-536-0807 / sbouchard_kofc@yahoo.com.

RCIA

Sacred Heart's RCIA (rite of Christian initiation for adults) program culminated at the Easter Vigil Mass with 36 people joining the church. Out of the 36, 10 were baptized and 26 entered full communion with the church. I am pleased to report that my wife Sherry was one of the group!

Sr. Jude Cianfrogna coordinated the 22 week program. Our council was well represented among the team who presented the program. Members of the council and families who helped the program effort were: Msgr. Lloyd Aiken, Deacon Jim Ryan, PGK Stan and Bobbie LaSov, Joel Bugas, Craig and Sylvia Roe, Dave and Stacy Coyne.

Mickey Yachera

Pro-Life

Brothers attending the brief Council meeting which followed our First Degree April 5 will recall the suggestion being raised that we might sponsor a Pro-Life meeting open to the Parish and that such an event might be possible before the end of the Council-year. Discussion with Council officers has persuaded us that it is probably impossible to successfully bring this off in the time remaining. We hope to pursue this idea later in the year. Something like this was done in or around March of last year, when Angela Martin, President of the organization Maryland Right to Life, spoke in the Parish. While Mrs. Martin was well qualified to give her excellent presentation, the attendance was disappointing. With the benefit of experience and hindsight, we would like this time to do advance planning followed by strong publicity. We do not yet have to choose the exact topic for such a meeting, but it is worth noting that it could well be timed to take place just before the November election, adding additional spice to the controversial subject of pro-life. Suggestions are welcome!

Maryland Legislative Update

Almost every reader of this column will be aware that the Maryland Legislature, in the waning days of its 2006 session early last month, passed an embryonic stem-cell research bill. Pro-lifers, especially those informed by the position of our Church, opposed any bill which would give State financial support to research depending on human embryos. While Gov. Ehrlich was urged to veto the legislature, it became very doubtful that there were enough Senate votes to sustain such a veto. The bill which he finally signed admittedly made some concessions to pro-life opinion: only \$15 million (as contrasted to California's \$3 billion!), with grants to be reviewed by a commission to include two experts in biomedical ethics and religion and without preference to be given to either embryonic and "adult" stem-cell research. This said, supporters of more radical legislation will be encouraged to think that a barrier has been breached, promising more extensive State-supported embryonic research in the near future. Only our prayers and future efforts will keep this program within some decent bounds. (We are indebted to the account by the Associated Press and the April 10 Carroll County Times in which it appeared.)

Yet another disappointment in the 2006 legislative session was the failure to enact a parental-notice law. Since the bill died in committee (i.e., never reached a vote in the House of Delegates), we can only hope it will be re-introduced in the 2007 Legislative session and will receive a fair vote in both Houses. In phone conversation with President Martin of Maryland Right to Life, she acknowledges the disappointments in the Maryland legislative session just ended but urges us to watch for pro-life initiatives which can be expected later this year; one place to look for them will be MRL's own website, www.mdrtl.org.

The Situation in Washington

Last month we reported bills in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to get a Human Cloning Ban Act. We understand that there is still no appreciable movement toward passage of either Bill S. 658 (Sponsored by Senators Brownback and Landrieu) or H.R. 1357 (Reps. Weldon and Stupak). Hopefully there will be more encouraging news around mid-May; if so, there would be a chance to get it into the June Voyager.

Although Congress affords so little news concerning life-issues as this is written, there is at least one recent Washington event, as reported in the April issue of the National Lawyers Association newsletter. For 20 years the National Organization of Women has been in court to try to get a finding that activist Joe Scheidler practiced extortion by peaceful picketing of abortion-providers, in alleged violation of the Federal anti-racketeering law. This past Feb. 28 the U.S. Supreme Court (on the third trip of the case to the Court!) finally and definitively threw out the case against Scheidler. So those of us who demonstrate at abortion-sites will no longer be classed with racketeers and extortionists! Nice try, NOW.

Pro-Life Vigils

All three ongoing Vigils - weekly Saturday mornings in Owings Mills and monthly at Greater Baltimore Medical Center and at St. Joseph's Fullerton - continue. (Let us know by a call to 239-2085 if we can give you details as to locations and exact times.) As always, PGK Stan Cochran is guy to ask particulars about the GBMC event each third Wednesday of the month (he is 833-4526); Stan typically comes

almost directly from that demonstration to our Council meeting. As predicted in last month's column, early Saturday mornings in Owings Mills are finally assuming decent springtime temperatures!

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Last but not least, Advocate PGK Rob Cutler deserves thanks from the rest of us for taking the initiative in organizing the Rosary following the 6pm Saturday Mass on Annunciation, March 25, to mark the Day of the Unborn Child. It was a real success, well attended in defiance of the tendency to head for home right after such a late-afternoon (or rather early-evening) service.

Mary & Jim Lewis



District Deputy's Report

Membership recruitment in District 1 has been outstanding this fraternal year. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this success, especially the Grand Knights and membership directors. Your hard work this year has certainly been the key to this great success. However, we are not finished. We need to keep up this pace for the remainder of the year. By now your spring membership blitz should be complete. Remember to follow up with all those gentlemen who filled out an interest card and get your candidates to a 1st degree very soon.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council will again host the triple-header degrees in District 1 this year. The 1st degree (May 24th), and the 2nd degree (May 25th) will take place at Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council home on Stang Road beginning at 8:00 PM with candidates reporting at 7:30 PM. The 3rd degree (May 26th) will be held at St. Joseph Church in Eldersburg beginning at 7:30 with candidates reporting at 7:00 PM.

The month of May is Mary's month, a month that is dedicated to praying the rosary of our lady the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Knights of Columbus we pray the rosary daily, and through this prayer and devotion to Mary we gain the strength and tranquility that sustains us in our service to the people of God. As we enter into Mary's month, remember all the good works that we Knights accomplish, and remember where we get our resolve, our strength, and our dedication. Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order...

God bless you, God bless our great order, and remember IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

Vivat Jesus,

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In the days of "Ozzie and Harriet," most families fit one description. Fathers worked full-time, while mothers remained home, raising the kids and taking care of the house. Today, while some families still fall into the traditional, one-paycheck category, many others rely on two incomes to make ends meet – even if one parent works part-time or from home.

The more things change, the more they remain the same. This maxim certainly holds true with life insurance planning. If someone earns an income to support a family, family-income protection through life insurance is of utmost importance.

As your Knights of Columbus agent, I'll be happy to provide a customized needs analysis for both of you. I'll take into consideration the amount and the sources of your income, and suggest different ways to provide sufficient life insurance coverage for you and your family.

You take it for granted that you and your family should get an annual checkup from your doctor. But you'd also benefit from an annual financial checkup. Now's the time, because chances are, your life and your financial obligations become more complicated each year.

Here's some good news for you married folks: If a husband and wife purchase permanent insurance policies at the same time, they can get our Spousal Waiver of Premium rider added to each policy at no cost. You have to apply for insurance on or before your 45th birthday, and you both must qualify for insurance at standard rates.

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