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“There is Strength in Unity”

The Monthly Newsletter of:

John Paul I Council—Knights of Columbus

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

May 2001 AD

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REMINDER

Without “U” we can’t have “SUCCESS”

Plan to make the next meeting!

From our Grand Knight



“Lift high the Cross” is the membership theme for this coming year. Let’s make a real effort to recruit new members, re-activate old members and create as much enthusiasm as we can. The Knights has a lot to offer and our Council needs each and every one of you to do their part.

Election Committee Slate

Proposed Officers for 2001-2002

Grand Knight: Ted Raffetto
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dennis Mann
 Treasurer: Anthony Pensabene
 Advocate: Vince Gonzalez
 First Year Trustee: Ralph Garcia
 Second Year Trustee: Bud Swedkowski
 Third Year Trustee: Dominic Costanzo
 Warden: Ralph Garcia
 Recorder: Mike Semach
 Inside Guard: Open
 Outside Guard: Russell Bumby

Elections will be held at the
May General Meeting.
Tuesday May 15, 2001
8:00PM Sharp
Coffee & Donuts Afterwards

Spiritual Notes

by S.K. Father Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

With the Resurrection announcing the new life that God has given us in Christ, my thoughts keep returning to the Diocese of Santa Rosa (CA) and my trip there last January. The Superintendent of Catholic Schools asked me to spend some time with the diocesan principals to discuss their vocation as Catholic educators.

In retrospect, what impressed me most during my visit was not the dedication of the laity who have given their lives at great price to teach as Jesus did. Instead, the witness of the Knights of Columbus at the parish where I concelebrated the 10:00 a.m. Mass gave me a glimpse into what Fr. McGivney foresaw in founding the Knights. And, believe it or not, it is a vision that continues to have meaning for many young men in our own time.

After vesting in the sacristy, all of the ministers processed to the back of the church. The ushers, greeters, and many of those who were to serve as Eucharistic Ministers were Brother Knights. How did I know this? Each was wearing a blue shirt with the Knights' logo embroidered on the front pocket and a nameplate identifying the Brother Knight. The average age of these Knights was 35 years. Following Mass, I noted that most of the Knights' wives were in attendance as were their kids, many of whom were clamoring to get their fathers' attention.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to visit with the Knights. "You have such a young Council," I said. Judging from their responses, it has always been that way. In fact, so many young men have become Knights of Columbus during the 1990s that each parish has its own Council. "What has attracted so many young men?" I inquired. Generally: providing opportunities to think about and discuss marriage and family issues from a God-centered perspective at Council meetings; hosting opportunities (like picnics) for Catholic families to connect with one another; sponsoring athletic teams for inter-Council competitions where kids could cheer their dads on; and, requiring every member (to the degree possible) to participate actively in parish life by assuming public ministerial roles.

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On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights
PRAY THE ROSARY

Opportunities:

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

Men's Fellowship (Bible Study) at Saint Teresa every Saturday at 6:45 AM—join with many other Christian gentlemen there for a great morning treat.

Do you know of a knight who is ill or in need, whose family is in need or who has passed away? Please let Jack Kees know so that we may help and pray together. Jack's number is 610-539-4935.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, **May 1st.**— 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting— Parish Center - Saint Teresa
(This is our business meeting—open to all Knights)

Tuesday, **May 15th.**— 7:30 PM
Regular Meeting- Larkin Center - Visitation BVM
Attend the meeting—come ... Election of officers.
You are important to us.

Sunday, **May 27th.** - 12:00 Noon
Fourth Degree Ceremonies at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Come and support those brother Knights making their Forth Degree.

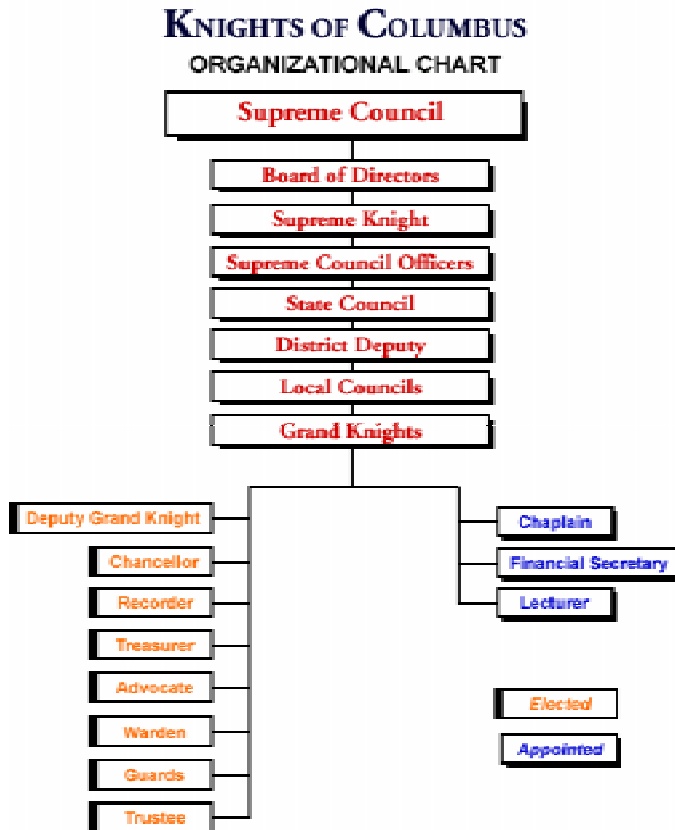
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Unfortunately, we couldn't talk long because the Knights had to go out front of Church to distribute brochures and invite young men to consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

It is one thing for us, as Brother Knights, to recognize the new life that has been given to us at Easter. It is an entirely different matter, however, to share that life which Christ has won for us with other men who are looking for ways to become more God-centered in their lives as husbands and fathers.

In The Know.....

With the election of new officers, do you know the structure of our organization. Here it is:





Birthdays in May

5/19 Francis Kees
 5/19 Charles Mehl, Jr.
 5/19 Timothy Pensabene
 5/20 Dominic Costanzo
 5/22 Thomas Babin
 5/29 Anthony Coppa
 5/30 Michael Sheridan

Best Wishes for Many More!

Lottery Tickets

Please consider purchasing at least one lottery ticket per month. The lottery ticket program is your council's biggest regular fund raiser. You can help us do more good works with a chance to win for yourself also. Please participate.

A Questionnaire>>>> please respond

- 1) Do you have access to the Internet?
YES ___ NO ___
- 2) If yes is it at ___ HOME ___ WORK
___ LIBRARY
- 3) If yes, what is / are your email address(es)

- 4) If no, are you interested in using the internet?
YES ___ NO ___
- 5) Would you like to see our Council have a Web Site?
YES ___ NO ___
- 6) Would you like to see our newsletter on this Web Site?
YES ___ NO ___
- 7) Would you like to see our Council's History on this Web Site?
YES ___ NO ___
- 8) Would you like to see our Calendar of Events this Web Site?
YES ___ NO ___
- 9) Would you like to see a listing / description of all our activities?
YES ___ NO ___
- 10) What else would you like to see on the Web Site?

- 11) What would like the Council's Web site address to be?

Please return this survey to:

Brother Denny Mann
 3409 Theresa Street
 Eagleville, PA 19403
 (or bring to next meeting)

Our Council is constantly looking for ways to improve our attendance, our service to the Church and our fellowship with one another. The survey above is just another small example of how we are trying to grow and involve everyone. Please take a moment and consider how you could help. As Knights we need to make our belonging an active event. Not everyone can do everything. Can you do **something**? (Pray about it.)

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Pray for Vocations 