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December 19th ... CHRISTMAS PARTY... December 19th

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

In early Eastern Christian art Jesus is always portrayed in triumph. From the beginning the Eastern Church has emphasized Christ as the conqueror of sin and death, as the ruler of the universe. In all of this was the image of Christ as King.

Western theology, piety and art paid much greater attention to Jesus as the Suffering Servant. Our art was filled with images of the crucified Jesus, including of course, the many versions of the Pieta. As the reality of monarchies has diminished in the West, the notion of Christ the King has also receded.

The good news is that Jesus Christ truly is our King. He has conquered sin and death for us and given us the promise of eternal life. Christ the King focuses our attention on Christ's victory. The outcome is not in doubt, Christ has overcome evil.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us that he is not a king in our human understanding of the

term. He is not interested in riches or power, fame or glory. Jesus came to show us a new reality. He tells us that his kingdom is a kingdom of peace and equality. His is a kingdom where leaders serve their people. The kingdom that Christ came to establish is based not on military might, but on compassion and forgiveness. Christ's kingdom is not a material empire but one where people freely share with one another so that no one is without.

If Christ is our King then we must live as he commands us. If we accept Christ as our king then we must accept his vision of a new world. We must work to make his kingdom visible in our midst. We cannot live by the standards of the world but by Christ's standards. Christ is our king; Christ is victorious but Christ triumphed by dying for us. So we must die to self to live for Christ our King.

December 3 begins the Season of Advent. So often we complain about the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and the commercialization of Christmas. Advent is our antidote for these problems. The church invites us to enjoy a time of quiet anticipation and preparation for Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting but we are not passive. We prepare ourselves by prayer, reflection

and meditation. What does Christmas mean to us? How has Christ's coming changed our lives? How can we best share the true spirit of Christmas? Advent is a short season but let us use it well that we can fully celebrate the birth of our savior.



IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charles Trabold, father of our Pastor and Chaplain, Msgr. George Trabold.

CALENDAR EVENTS

No effort at planning is ever perfect. There will always be additions and changes to events and we will publish, as part of **KNIGHTWATCH**, an updated two month calendar and highlight events in this space.

- ❑ December 1st **First Friday** Eucharistic Adoration start time is 7:30 PM. Refreshments offered afterwards by the Ladies Aux.
- ❑ The **Corporate Communion** is scheduled for Dec. 3rd Coffee follows in Ryan Hall.
- ❑ December 4th **First Degree** in Bloomfield.
- ❑ December 18th cooking for St. Mary's **Soup Kitchen** served on Dec. 20th.
- ❑ December 19th **Christmas Party**. All invited. \$15/one adult; \$25/couple; 12 and under free; over 12/\$5.
- ❑ January 2nd **Regular Business Meeting** 8:00 PM
- ❑ January 5th **First Friday** Eucharistic Adoration start time is 7:30 PM.
- ❑ The **Corporate Communion** is scheduled for January 7th Coffee follows in Ryan Hall.
- ❑ January 14th **Free Throw Contest**
- ❑ January 22nd bus trip to Washington, DC **March for Life**.

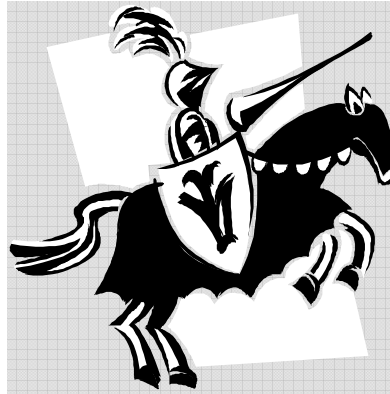
MEMBERSHIP

There are two First Degrees coming up: Monday, December 4th at Bloomfield and another on an as yet unpicked date in the near future. District Deputy Gary Luciano has been asked by State Deputy Birtwhistle to coordinate the First Degrees of new Essex Bishop Arthur Serratelli and 12 seminarians. He expects to have the degree take place at St. Andrews where Bishop Serratelli has been rector until his elevation.

He would like to include at that degree any men awaiting First Degree for St. Rose Council and Regina Pacis. Gary is a member of Regina Pacis in Maplewood and they have about seven

prospective candidates for First Degree. We now have 9 people awaiting a First.

St. Rose will also be hosting a Second Degree on December 11th.



What's Better Than A Knight Recruiting Another Knight?

You can be a member of the VIP Club – the Very Important Proposer Club. All you need to do is recruit 2 or more new members to our Council. In addition to receiving a special recognition lapel pin you will also receive a recognition gift from our Council. When you recruit 2 members in the current fraternal year, you will receive a K of C key chain, 5 recruits receive a KofC baseball cap and those members recruiting 10 new members will receive a K of C wind jacket. For more information call Jon Hetherington at (973) 467-2851

Membership Interest Survey

We will be calling all members in our Council in the near future to conduct a membership interest survey. The purpose of this survey is to verify your information for the Council Membership and Call Directory as well as to find out which program areas in which you have an interest. We will also be

asking for the names of spouses, anniversary dates and other information that will help our Council in its fraternal efforts to serve its members better.

DINNER FOR SIX

Returns started out well, but have slowed to a trickle. The drawing is January 2. Please make your returns now. You couldn't ask for better odds. If we sold every ticket, your one ticket would be a 500 to 1 shot. If you buy 2, you cut the odds in half – 250 to 1. And where else can you get dinner for six people; anything on the menu at BASILICO'S; full dinner, with the wines supplied by the Knights for a ten dollar bill. That's a bargain!! So please, sell them or buy them and make your returns before you get tied up in Christmas shopping and events.



Tickets will continue to be on sale throughout December with the drawing of the lucky winner scheduled for January 2nd, 2001.

MORE CHURCH BULLETIN BOO BOOS

- ❑ Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.
- ❑ Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

- ❑ Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- ❑ Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their first child.
- ❑ Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knight's annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 19th beginning at 7:00 PM. Chef Joe and his "Merry Men" (they're drinking the cooking wine again) will be serving up roast top-round of beef, bar-b-q chicken, roast loin of pork, stuffed shells, salad, rolls, bread & butter and desserts. The cost is \$15 per person; \$25 per couple; children 12 & under free; over 12- \$5 each. Santa will make an appearance. We'll have Christmas carols for sing-a-long and music of the season throughout the evening. Please give us (the committee) a call if you intend to be there. We want to make sure there's plenty of everything, so call Jake (376-2103), Joe (376-0482) or Charlie P. (422-9701).



During the Christmas Party it has been tradition to "trim" the tree for the benefit of folks more in need of our money than we are.

Let's make this *Jubilee Year* Christmas extra-special with our love and charity toward all our brothers and sisters. The Council will be matching dollar for dollar the money we find "trimmed" on the tree. BE GENEROUS.

MARCH FOR LIFE



Phil Farrelly is organizing the bus trip to Washington, DC on Monday, January 22. The Knights are co-sponsoring this trip with the Respect Life Group headed by Advocate Ray Torres. Phil will be arranging for the bus itself, the food and beverage for the people on the bus and the Parish-wide advertising about the trip.

If past is prologue, we should have a bus almost filled with individuals and couples anxious to let congress and the nation know that only God, the author of all life, can take a life.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Charity has always been the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. From the earliest days when Father Michael McGivney founded the organization right up to this moment, our reason for being has been, is now and shall be forever, charity. It is our fundamental reason for being.

As this Jubilee Year comes to a close, we should be proud to belong to a national and statewide organization that does so much

for so many. Last year, the Knights raised and donated over \$109 million dollars with more than 55 million hours of service to charitable organizations. This year, the NJ State Deputy expects to have the organization's first ever \$1 million Retarded Citizens Drive. The NJ Alzheimer's "Walk to Remember" generated \$250,000 for research into this devastating disease.

And we should also be proud of our own Council's accomplishments:

- ❑ Efforts on behalf of St. Mary's Soup Kitchen raised over \$8,000 and provided 1,200 meals.
- ❑ Juice and milk for the cloistered nuns in Morristown
- ❑ Seminarian scholarships at St. Andrews
- ❑ Community and Patriotic support
- ❑ Youth activities
- ❑ Over \$5,000 raised for the Retarded Citizens Drive
- ❑ Outstanding results for the Alzheimer's Walk to Remember drive

With regard to this last item, on behalf of the entire Council I'd like to thank our Worthy Recorder Bob Keating, Sr. for the wonderful way he pitched in to help this Council's effort to support the drive. With little advance notice, we were asked to raise \$1,000 for Alzheimer's research as part of an overall State drive. Bob took the challenge personally and organized the distribution of retail store "daisy" sales, store-front fund raising and the walk itself in Brookdale Park. Bob's efforts were directly responsible for raising over \$1,900. It is Knights like Bob that make me proud to be a part of this organization.

Frank Alexander

COUNCIL FINANCIALS

<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Interest income on investments	\$ 1,289
Initiation Fees	23
Member Dues	38
Miscellaneous Income	300
Soup Kitchen	440
Special events	<u>3,150</u>
	<u>\$ 5,239</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Printing & Postage - Knight Watch & Other	\$ 159
Advertising & misc expense	1,199
Convention Expenses	80
Supplies - Supreme	76
Per Capita - NJ State	297
Per Capita - Supreme	174
Charitable event expenses	2,255
Event expenses	600
Quality Dairy - Milk for Nuns	263
Miscellaneous charitable donations	207
The Millburn Florist - Roses	<u>113</u>
	<u>5,422</u>
	<u>\$ (184)</u>

Through **October 31, 2000** the net results from Council operations are a loss of \$184. Net assets of the Council are \$75,418 with most of the money in investment accounts. Liabilities consists entirely of unpaid bills and amount to \$1,125.

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