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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Respect for Life isn't 'a single issue'

By Msgr. George Trabold

This Sunday begins the month of October which has been designated by the American bishops as "Respect Life Month." Our concern for life issues is not just one weekend or even one month in the year; it is rather something that permeates our thoughts and actions each day of the year. Our observation this month is particularly significant since this is an election year.

Respect for life is not a "single issue campaign." Respect for life is the only issue. Respect for life touches and infuses every issue in our political consideration. It is not an insult to be considered a "single issue" voter if that issue is respect for life in all stages and forms. No candidate who was openly anti-Semitic or avowedly racist would be considered a viable candidate in America today. Thank God, that single issue would disqualify someone for elected office. But how can we consider someone who is anti-life as a fit political leader?

The Church position on life is comprehensive. The late Cardinal Bernardin described the Church's teaching as a "seamless garment" embracing the totality of life from womb to tomb. The underlying basis for the Church's teaching is the recognition that all of life is a gift from God our Creator. As humans we are not masters of our own destiny, but are subject to God. In Jesus Christ we have God's universal call to salvation. God has created every person and desires every person to be saved. Jesus treated all with respect and dignity, even those who opposed his message.

To propose respect for life in our society means to speak on behalf of the voiceless, the defenseless, the weak. Abortion is not a choice, it is the deliberate ending of human life. We must be strong and consistent in voicing our opposition to abortion. Our respect for life leads us to defend the weak and voiceless on the other end of the spectrum - the elderly and the infirm. Euthanasia is the deliberate and willful ending of life and, as such, cannot be condoned or supported.

But respect for life does not just mean the beginning and end of life but the full range of human existence. Human persons have not only the inalienable right to life but to a life of dignity and respect. Every human being has a

right to the basic necessities of life: to food, clothing shelter, health care and education, employment, respect and equality.

Our vote helps to shape our national and local priorities. We must work and vote to build a society based on our Christian values and respect for life. St. James said that the rich would weep and wail over their impending miseries. Can we live in the richest and strongest nation in the world and condone abortion, homelessness, poverty and racism?

--Msgr. George Trabold, Pastor Church of St. Rose of Lima Short Hills, NJ

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OFFICERS' MEETING NOTES

Jake Dalton is putting together our **First Degree Team** with two new members, Vern Bremberg and John Hetherington. Dust off those memories, boys.

We reaffirmed that officers will wear **jackets and ties** at all regular monthly business meetings.

DGK Carmine Bagnato attended the October Federation meeting, and based on his recommendations the officers formalized Council attendance at future bi-monthly **Federation** meetings. Three delegates and two alternates are permitted for each Council. Our attendees will include the GK, DGK and Chancellor. Alternates are Warden and Recorder.

The **Annual Convention** will be held between Thursday, May 17th and Sunday, May 20th. The Federation assists in pre-registration and if you are interested in attending, please call any of the officers. An \$80 registration fee from must be submitted to the Council which in turn submits to the Federation.

The **Dinner for Six** at Basilico's is going well. 500 \$10 tickets were printed compliments of Rich Holle. Two tickets were sent to each brother Knight with the expectation they would be sold or kept by the members. A number of tickets were allocated to other organizations. Sales seem to be going well thus far, but please help make this a great event by selling as many as you can. We haven't done this event in a number of years, but expect it to go over very well.

The Atlantic City **Bus Trip** went very well, making a small return for the tremendous efforts put in by Gary, Mike and their committee. We had 38 people

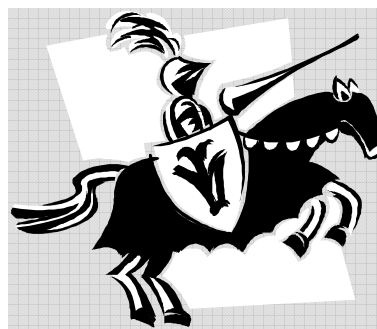
signed up, but at the last minute, a number couldn't make it. RESORTS did well, I suppose, but all those who went had a great time. The February trip should be even better.

Charlie Dwyer has the **Charitable Contributions Committee** up and running, having submitted for review a Mission and Criteria statement.

The **Walk To Remember**, supporting the State Council's Alzheimer's Research pledge of \$250,000 was held on October 28 and our Council coordinator, Bob Keating will present a check at the walk for over \$1,700. Bob did an *outstanding* job of organizing our efforts and we all owe Bob a vote of thanks.

Letters of invitation to our annual **Memorial Mass** have been sent to the widows of our deceased brothers. The Mass will be held November 14, 8:00 PM. The Ladies Auxiliary wives of current Knights will prepare the refreshments.

The **Bereavement Committee** will re-institute the call list to alert brothers to the wake and funeral of a deceased brother.



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.

- ❑ November 3rd **First Friday** Eucharistic Adoration start time is 7:30 PM. Refreshments
- ❑ **Basilica Pilgrimage** Nov. 5th
- ❑ The **Corporate Family Communion** is scheduled for Nov. 12th Pancake breakfast.
- ❑ November 14th **Memorial Mass** 8:00 PM Refreshments to follow.
- ❑ November 15th St. Mary's **Soup Kitchen**
- ❑ November 21st **Lecturers' Social Night** with Father Gerry McCarren.
- ❑ November 25th Refreshments after the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass

MEMBERSHIP

The Columbus Day Weekend Membership Drive after all Masses on October 7th and 8th was a success. Following the drive, we held a Membership Open House cocktail party on Saturday October 14th in Ryan Hall. Prospects and their spouses had a chance to taste some of Sir Knight Chef Joe's tasty tidbits. Patty Hetherington dressed the place up nicely and we all had a good time.

District Deputy Gary Luciano is a member of Regina Pacis in Maplewood and they have about seven prospective candidates for First Degree. We now have 10 people awaiting a First, and Gary is considering assembling a degree team just for our two Councils. The ideal time would be just after Thanksgiving. It would dovetail nicely with the Second Degree St. Rose is hosting on December 11th.

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.



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

HUMOR

E-mail is a wonderful thing. It is being used in so many different ways these days, it's hard to keep up. But my favorite use is levity. I recently received the following from a person who should be nameless. It's entitled **CHURCH BULLETIN BOO BOOS** and I'll publish a few each month for your enjoyment. I hope you like them as much as I did. I laughed out loud.

- ❑ The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ❑ Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- ❑ The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning
- ❑ The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- ❑ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ❑ Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High."
- ❑ A songfest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday
- ❑ The 8th -graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Well, we seem to be rolling into the new year on a high note. John Hetherington has new membership geared up and this year's increase in the number of new members promises to be bigger than last year's. At least two of the men awaiting First Degrees confirm the single biggest reason so many Catholic men aren't Knights is because no one has asked them to join. Don't let that be the reason you don't propose a new member. Ask him!

The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights are partnering on three events thus far this year: First Friday Eucharistic Adorations, the Pilgrimage to the Basilica and our Memorial Mass. Julia Persinger and Helen Nugent have been wonderful to work with and doing more of this co-sponsorship can only improve relations, generate creativity and increase the turnout. Besides, it's nice to work with people who don't always think with their right side.

Lastly I'd like to congratulate Jake Dalton on his installation as the *Faithful Navigator* of the 4th Degree Bayley Assembly. Jake has been one of the mainstays of the Knights of Columbus here at the St. Rose Council and was one of the first people I looked up to on joining the Knights. His big heart and smile coupled with a seemingly boundless energy have helped make the Knights the organization it is today. Congratulations, Jake, and may God bless you always!

Frank Alexander

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