

KNIGHT *Watch*

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COUNCIL #6386

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The new Columbian year is off to a good start. I believe that this will be a great year for our Council. I congratulate our new leaders and all the members of the Council for their efforts on behalf of the Council, our parish and the Church. I particularly salute the expansion of our council Newsletter, the *KNIGHTWATCH*.

The year 2000 is not only the Great Jubilee Year but it is also a national election year. I believe this is particularly important for the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus is a uniquely American organization. It was started precisely to bring a Catholic presence to our American society. It is most fitting because Church teaching and conciliar documents constantly refer to the right and duty of the laity to be in the forefront of the Church's presence in civil society. This is especially true in the realm of politics.

As Christians we have not only a civic obligation but also a moral obligation as well to vote. We are to participate in the political process by bringing to the fore our Christian values. We are called to change the world and one way we can do that is by voting. Of course, that means voting and participating in the political process consistent with the teachings of the Church. And so, we have an obligation to be

fully informed regarding the social teaching of the Church.

The Knights of Columbus has been known for its opposition to abortion and the support of the weak among us, especially those with physical or mental handicaps. But it is not enough to just raise money for charitable purposes; we must also vote our consciences. We must let all politicians know what are values are and that we will not support any candidate who does not support our views on the life issue.



The Church proclaims principles but does not dictate the practical measures to bring them to bear. It is the responsibility of the Catholic laity, and in particular the Knights of Columbus, to be involved in the

hammering out of our national agenda.

Be sure to vote. Be sure to vote your conscience. Be sure your conscience is formed by the social teaching of the Church.

Msgr. Trabold

COUNCIL FINANCIALS

The Treasurer reported we have over \$75,000 in bank accounts.

The officers adopted the 2000-2001 budget at their last meeting. It will be available to the membership at the October 3rd Regular Business Meeting.

Highlights of the budget include the following:

- ❑ We expect to end the year with a small surplus.
- ❑ We plan to increase our charitable donations to over \$30,000. This is up from \$17,500 last year.
- ❑ We have established a Charitable Donations Committee to oversee the distribution of miscellaneous requests for donations. Charlie Dwyer is chairing the committee. If you are interested in serving, please call him at (973) 467-1763.
- ❑ We plan to serve refreshments free of charge at most of our events. However, we will establish a policy of requesting donations at each event to help defray expenses.

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

The meeting began with a prayer for vocations.

We read and approved the application for membership of Dr. Jose Davila, a practicing dentist in Short Hills. Dr. Davila was sponsored by Tom Pizzano, Sr.

Steve Werner from the West Orange Council is chairing the Essex County portion of the State Council's \$250,000 Alzheimer's Association donation. The effort includes *Memory Walk 2000*, which will take place in Branch Brook Park on October 28. Each Council is asked to send to the Walk people who will get sponsorship and thus help to raise money. Steve left behind 1,000 paper flowers for members to buy and/or distribute to local retail outlets for sale to customers at \$1.00 each. Bob Keating has taken the lead on this effort. Give him a call if you would like to walk, buy flowers, try to place them in retail outlets, or just make a donation.

Jon Hetherington reported on the upcoming membership activities including a drive after the masses on the weekend of October 7-8, an open house for prospective members on the 14th, and a number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree dates. Especially important is Columbus week, with all three degrees held respectively on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning on October 9th.

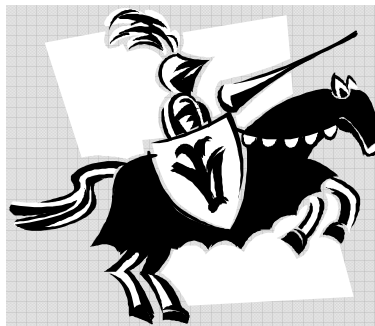
Youth Committee co-chair Anthony Moschetta informed the council of the Declaration of Independence Essay Contest for 7th - 12th graders. The information forms are in the schools now. Next up for the youngsters is a drug abuse poster contest, followed soon thereafter with the annual free throw contest. [*Youngsters and drug abuse*

shouldn't ever have to be in the same sentence. Pray harder.]

Under new business, we agreed to run a spring/summer parish-wide raffle with the expectation of raising \$10,000. We also tabled until the October meeting a duly made and seconded resolution to spend \$1,000 on advertising in the weekly parish bulletin.

Jack Falcone, the Council's Insurance Agent, has been promoted to Agency Manager for the Freehold area. Members with insurance issues should contact Dominick Bellia, the General Agency manager for our area. Dominick's telephone number is (973) 226-0118.

District Deputy Gary Luciano addressed the Council and congratulated the members on a wonderful and well attended Officer Installation. He offered and we accepted the traveling icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the October 6th First Friday Eucharistic Adoration.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Extra copies of the Calendar of Events were printed and if you need one, copies are available in the Knights brochure holder in the vestibule of the church.

Because no effort at planning is ever perfect, there will be additions and changes to events and we will publish with *KNIGHTWATCH* an updated two month calendar and highlight changes in this space.

- ❑ The **Corporate Family Communion** is moved from Nov. 5th to Nov. 12th to avoid conflict with the Pilgrimage to the Basilica planned for Nov. 5th.
- ❑ October 6th First Friday Eucharistic Adoration start time is 8:00 PM due to a wedding at 6:30 PM.
- ❑ October 22nd Bus Trip to Atlantic City will leave St. Rose Parking lot at 9:00 AM.

MEMBERSHIP

Columbus Day Weekend Membership Drive

After all Masses on October 7th and 8th at St. Rose of Lima Church we will be conducting the Columbus Day weekend membership drive. These are the dates to coincide with the statewide membership drive. We will have a table outside with refreshments, brochures and membership applications. I would like to ask for volunteers who could spare 15 minutes after each Mass to help with greeting and talking to prospects for membership in our Council. It would be great to have at least 4 to 6 brother Knights after each Mass. Please give me a call at (973) 467-2851 if you would like to help.

Membership Open House

We will be holding a Membership Open House cocktail party on Saturday October 14th in Ryan Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. We would like to invite prospects and their spouses to this open house to meet members of our Council and find out more about the Knights of Columbus. This event will be a cocktail party with beer, wine and hors d'oeuvre. I would like to ask for volunteers to help set up, or

prepare or clean up for the event, as well as attend with their spouses to meet and mingle with the invited prospects. We will show two recruiting video's to the prospects as part of this event. The invitation list will be prospects recommended by our current members as well as any prospects from the recruitment weekend. My darling wife, Patty, volunteered to help decorate Ryan Hall to make a nice atmosphere. If any one else would like to help please contact me 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.

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

MISCELLANEA

- A five course gourmet dinner... great selections of wine with each course... at one of the most popular restaurants in downtown Millburn... for six people... for \$10.00??? It's coming.
- Ladies Auxiliary will provide refreshments after the next three First Friday Holy Hours.
- Been to the Basilica? November 5th, transportation provided, Mass at noon, tour this marvelous church and then lunch at one of Newark's landmarks... the Priory. Details coming.
- 2000 – 2001 budget vote coming up at October 3rd meeting. Be there!
- Bus trip to Atlantic City on October 22... \$25 gets you down and back, fed on the bus, a movie, adult beverages, \$16 to gamble with. The only thing you bring is your own luck. Call Gary Venturi (908) 273-8279.
- Columbus week – October 9th. Second and Third degrees. Call Jon Hetherington 467-2851.
- Spaghetti Dinner on the horizon...

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

When each of us joined the Order we promised CHARITY as our first duty. And our council's record of its charity is second to none. But we have also been both blessed and hampered in our achievements by the number of members, who although they pay dues, are not active. We are blessed because we have a core of men who have borne the burden of knighthood well and willingly; the burden to be charitable with their time, talent and treasure.

We are hampered in what we could achieve because we haven't been successful in motivating many of our members to participate in our charitable activities. And so we need to reach out to our inactive membership and encourage them to get involved. This is something that all of our members need to do. Being active means trying to bring back our Brothers who have become inactive.

We've planned a pretty exciting and full year of spiritual, service and social events. Take a look at the back page of the calendar you received last month. Its chock full of things to do. No one is expected to be involved in all of those activities, but there is so much there, you are bound to find some that interest you. Go for it!

Frank Alexander

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