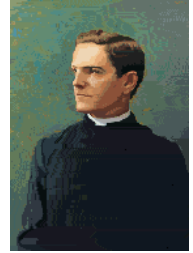




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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I open up this letter by saying thank you for all the work and support that everyone has given me so far. I cannot believe that I have already been Grand Knight for almost a year. With that said, we need three new members to make Star Council in the district. The ninth district is number one in the state for membership. In order to achieve our goal I would like to have a membership drive in the middle of the month (date to follow).

This month also brings on two big events. On March 13th, we are sponsoring the Soup Supper for the church, and on March 17th we are having a St. Patrick's party in conjunction with the VFW (look at enclosed flyer). Please let us know as early as possible if you plan to attend any of these events.

The other big news in our council is that we just got news that the Squires Circle has been reinstated. I would like to once again that Brother Sean Leman for all his hard work to make this happen. I would also like to bring

in more Squires. I would like to plan an open house in conjunction with the membership drive. When our charter comes with the name change for our Circle, we will have a dedication ceremony.

Remember it takes one man to be Grand Knight, but it takes everyone to be a council.

Fraternally Yours,

Gregory P. Lupo Grand Knight

From Supreme



Good news For Catholic Schools

”Much is being made among elected officials here in the United States about the need for bipartisanship, and we couldn't agree more.

It's encouraging to read, then, that the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution praising Catholic schools “for their ongoing contributions to education and for the key role they play in promoting an ensuring a brighter, stronger future for this nation.”

The vote was 428-0 in favor of the resolution, which was passed on Jan. 23, a week before the start of Catholic Schools Week on Jan 28. The Knights of Columbus has long believed what this year's Catholic Schools Week theme trumpets: “Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education.” That's why at every level of our Order we do everything we can to grow and strengthen our Catholic schools.

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Remember the veterans

In 2005, for example, Knights locally reported raising \$6.6 million for Catholic schools and providing an additional \$5.7 million in scholarships, many of them to Catholic schools.

From reports received by Columbia magazine, we know that Knights are active in parish schools: painting classrooms, wiring them for Internet access, serving as crossing guards and so much more.

We currently have several programs that councils can conduct in Catholic schools: the Columbian Squires, our free throw competition, our substance abuse awareness poster contest and our Catholic citizenship essay program. There are others your council might consider, such as screening our award-winning films on the vocation to the priesthood or religious life for women for middle-schoolers and teenagers, or distributing vocations prayer cards to younger students.

The partnership between Knights and Catholic schools is strong. Let's make it even stronger."

.Columbian Squires



Brothers,

Our Squires will be participating in a Knights/Squires bowling event in the coming month as well as attending a NY Titan's Lacrosse game on March 24th. Special thanks to Brother Joe Gunning for obtaining free tickets to this event. The Squires are looking forward to helping out the church and our council whenever possible.

SK Sean Lehmann
Squires Chairman

Council Free Throw

The following seven listed children were our winners of the Father Seyfried K of C Council Free Throw Competition which took place on January 12, 2007 at the W.T. Rogers Middle School: (Ronald Buell has moved up to County Level)

Thomas Bonelli age 10
Ronald Buell age 14
Alyson Gannon age 10
Donald Ravella age 13
Garrett Schappert age 11
Nicole Ventura age 11
Stephen Wibben age 12

Plaques were presented to these winners who came with their family February 19, 2007 during Social Night at our Council Hall at 7:30 PM. Those who attended the award Monday evening are in the below Photo. Those who could not attend will have their awards mailed to them. Thanks to the many Knights that came



Free throw winners. Shown are Thomas Bonelli, Ronnie Buell & Nicole Ventura

Oldie But A Goodie



Bishop Fulton J, Sheen is again coming to life with his historic philosophy and physiology that is a pleasure to listen to. In my younger years I watched as did many of us the

Fulton J, Sheen television show naturally starring Bishop Sheen.

His talks on our faith were hypnotic. One listening and watching would just absorb what he had to say and learned. His presentations were down to earth where all who listened understood. The web site <http://www.fultonsheen.com/> has his radio programs that can be listened to. **Remember to turn on your speakers.**

Lent

Origin of the word” From New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia

“The Teutonic word *Lent*, which we employ to denote the forty days' fast preceding Easter, originally meant no more than the spring season. Still it has been used from the Anglo-Saxon period to translate the more significant Latin term *quadragesima* (French *carême*, Italian *quaresima*, Spanish *cuaresma*), meaning the "forty days", or more literally the "fortieth day". This in turn imitated the Greek name for Lent, *tessarakoste* (fortieth), a word formed on the analogy of Pentecost (*pentekoste*), which last was in use for the Jewish festival before New Testament times. This etymology, as we shall see, is of some little importance in explaining the early developments of the Easter fast.” The complete explanation on the origin of the custom, duration of the fast and nature of the fast is lengthy . Refer to the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia and type in the Key word Lent, and read this interesting chronology of the season we are in.

Right to Life

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE STATEMENT ON PORTUGUESE ABORTION VOTE

International pro-abortion forces suffered a setback on Sunday as more than half of Portuguese citizens stayed

home in a referendum to liberalize Portugal's abortion laws. If passed, abortion would have been legalized for any reason through the 10th week of pregnancy.

While 59% voted in favor of the referendum, for such a ballot to be valid, 50% of Portugal's registered voters must vote. Only 44% voted in yesterday's ballot – overall that's only 26% of voters who voted in favor of the referendum. However, Socialist Prime Minister Jose Socrates has already said he will push for similar legislation through the Portuguese Parliament.

"Sadly for the women and unborn children of Portugal, Prime Minister Socrates has promised to push and promote pro-abortion legislation through Portugal's Parliament," said Raimundo Rojas, NRLC Hispanic Outreach Director. "With the support of international pro-abortion groups, he is determined to see that abortion on demand is the law of the land in Portugal."

Portugal is one of only four countries in Europe -- the others are Ireland, Poland and Malta -- that have laws protecting unborn children from abortion. Along with 33 other countries, all have been criticized by the UN Compliance Committee on the Convention On the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) based on the Committee's claim that CEDAW creates a "right" to abortion.

In a February 1, 2007 letter to United States Senators concerning a push for U.S. ratification of CEDAW, NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson and NRLC Vice President for International Affairs Jeanne Head, R.N., noted:

While the word "abortion" does not appear in the text of the CEDAW itself, this has proved to be of little significance. Article 12 asserts, "State Parties

shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, access to health care services, including those related to family planning." Since about 1995, Article 12 and other provisions have been creatively interpreted by official bodies, ranging from the European Parliament to the UN CEDAW Committee, to condemn limitations on abortion, on grounds that any restrictions on abortion are per se discrimination against women.

"Ratification of CEDAW by the United States would be used to undermine current and future federal and state regulations on abortion," stated Johnson. “

Corporation News

In the February issue of the Knight Light a form was included by the corporation requesting your support of the need to repair and upgrade a portion of the building interior. If you have not yet resounded to the plea for help, please do so and support the endeavors of the corporation for the comfort of all of us.

IN MEMORIAM

This past February Two of our Brothers, Gregory Surnicki and Salverio Pascucci PGK FDD. Past Away Remember them in your prayers

Congratulations to all celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, Birth, Baptism, a promotion this Month Of March

