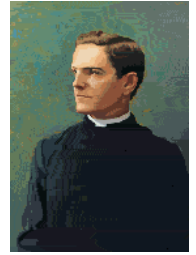




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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers:

As May rolls in I hope you all had a blessed Easter. Spring is in full bloom and our thoughts are into outdoor outings. May is also the time to think of where the council is going by choosing your new Officers. I can't believe how fast the 2 years went by. I again would like to thank all those brothers who have helped me these past 2 years with all the different programs. I would ask you do the same for the new officers

There is one last thing I would ask you to do as your Grand Knight. We need you to try to recruit one new member. Without new members the life of the council would die. If you have a friend maybe he just has to be asked to join. Please we need your help.

As always you and your families remain in my prayers .
Joseph Lupu Grand Knight

Calendar Of Events

Refer to pages 3 and 4 for the events in May.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee reported at the April Business Meeting, the slate of officers recommended for the Columbian Year 2006-2007. The Selection is as follows”

- Grand Knight –Grg Lupu
- Deputy GK—Joseph Colletta
- Chancellor—Tom McCabe
- Warden—Joseph Gunning
- Treasurer—William Schmidt
- Recorder—Michael Kennedy
- Advocate—Scott Gerde
- Inside Guards—Richard Romano
Joseph Vallone
- Outside Guards—John Jonaitis
Sean Lehman
- 3rd Year Trustee—Joseph Lupu PGK

All the above positions are opened until the elections. Any Knight in good standing wishing to hold a position can do so by placing their name to the nominating committee or during the elections from the floor prior to the election of a position. Once a position

has been closed and voted upon that person is the elected officer.

From Supreme



Knights Pledge Solidarity to Pope Benedict XVI

April 19 marks the first anniversary of the election of Pope Benedict XVI. To commemorate this event, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution in public praise and support of the Pope.



*Council Officers
Grand Knight*

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SK Greg Lupo
368-2030 Louise

Chancellor

SK Joseph Colletta
979-8628

Warden

SK Michael Kennedy
864-8505 Kathleen

Recorder

SK Tom McCabe
269-9094 Janet

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SK Don Jarka
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Treasurer

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Advocate

Scott Gerde
864-2826 Emily

Lecturer

SK Francis L. Mercuri PGK
269-1035 Vi

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Joe Gunning
SK Rich Romano
360-0396 Joyce

Outside Guards

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265-4519 Susan
Brenden Cussen

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Remember the veterans

Knights of Columbus Salutes 500th Anniversary of St. Peter's Basilica

When St. Peter's Basilica in Rome celebrates its 500th anniversary on April 18, 2006, it will look its best for the celebration thanks, in significant part, to a series of refurbishments made possible by support from the Knights of Columbus.

Knights Work with Bishops to Defend Marriage

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Knights are joining forces in a campaign to encourage U.S. Catholics to write their senators urging a vote in favor of the Marriage Protection Amendment. The Order is printing 10 million post cards urging senators to support the amendment. Grand knights and pastors can order additional post cards by filling out and faxing the order form. Shipping is free.

Chaplin's Corner

I wonder how the Grand Knight would react if one of the brothers came up to him at a Council meeting and whispered in his ear, "There's a woman at the meeting!"

During the month of May we acknowledge that here is indeed a woman at our meetings, at our gatherings and part of our families. I refer of course to our Blessed Mother Mary. We are all called, particularly during this Easter season to ponder and appreciate not only what Jesus gained for us in His Incarnation, teachings, Passion and Resurrection, but also how He did so.

This month, Mary's month, we recall that Christ gave us in a most definitive way, God as our Father of life, as Spirit of all wisdom, Himself as Brother among many brothers and sisters – and Mary as our Mother too.

As with all mothers, the maternal does not end with birthing – there is ongoing nurturing and tending. There is ongoing giving of life!

To each one of us as brother Knights, the words of Jesus ring clear and true, "Son, behold your Mother". Throughout the history of the Church, Mary's intercession and care are very evident. Even her apparitions should not be read as exceptions to her care, but rather as proof that she is indeed around! She is with us! She is there to lead us to her Son!

Listen to how the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins expresses it:

*Be thou the, O thou dear
Mother, my atmosphere;
My happier world, wherein
Tjo wend and meet no sin;
Above me, round me lie
Fronting my froward eye
With sweet and searless sky;
Stir in my ears, speak there
Of God's love, O live air,
Of patience, penance, prayer:
Worldmothering air, air wild,
Would with thee, in thee isled,
Fold home, fast fold thy child.*

May Mary, the Mother of our Life, protect all life, born and unborn. And may she fast fold her child in each one of us in all our Knightly endeavors.

*Father Ed Fitzpatrick
Pastor*

Suffolk Chapter



Monsignor Tom Hartman
Former Emmy Award winning director of radio and television for TeLicare and co-host of national talk show "God Squad"

Right To Life

From National Right to Life the following is relative to bills in congress regarding cloning:

"Promoting cloning of human embryos ("clone and kill")
Bill #S.1520 Original Sponsor: Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Cosponsor Total: 30
(last sponsor added 11/09/2005)
23 Democrats
1 Independents
6 Republicans

About This Legislation:

S. 1520, sponsored by Senator Diane Feinstein (D-Ca.), is labeled as a bill "to prohibit human cloning," but this is highly misleading. The bill actually promotes the cloning of human embryos in any numbers, to be killed in research. The bill also would make it a crime to implant any such human clone in a uterus "or the functional equivalent of a uterus." This "phony ban," promoted by the biotechnology industry, should not be confused with the real ban on all forms of human cloning, supported by President Bush and by NRLC -- the Brownback-Landrieu bill (S. 658). "

(Refer to the National Right to Life web site www.nrlc.org for other important information on right to life matters).

Month of May and May Day



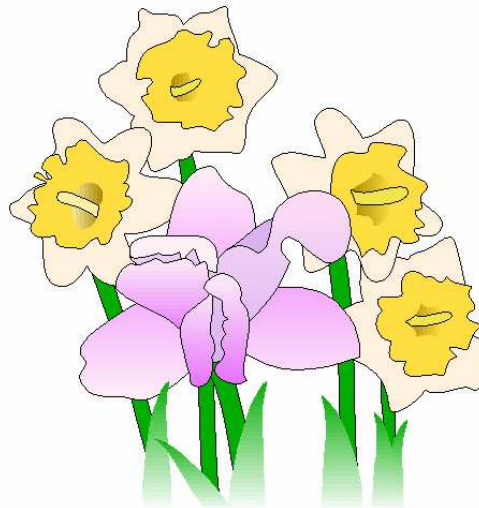
"May Day and its accompanying Maypole go back into prehistoric times. Among many early people, May represented the changing of the seasons from winter to summer. The Maypole formed from a tree was a symbol of new life, vitality, and fertility.

May Day celebrations were practiced among the ancient Europeans, Romans, Sweden, the Druids, and many other people. While each society honored the day differently, from festivals of flowers, ritualistic jousting between people representing summer and winter, dancing around the Maypole, and lighting fires, each shared in the symbolic passing of winter and arrival of summer.

To Wiccans, this day is named Beltane after various solar fire deities, both Norse and Celtic. Beltane fires were lit on this evening and people leaped through the smoke to purify themselves and to insure fertility.

Today, traditional May Day celebrations are relatively minor. Perhaps the best know observance of the holiday is the practice of dancing around the Maypole. Usually performed by school children, each dancer holds an end of a colored ribbon which is also fastened to the top of the Maypole. As they dance around the pole, the ribbons are weaved into intricate colorful patterns."

Happy
MOTHER'S DAY



Corporation News

Need Place to Hold A Meeting, A Party, or Just To Gather? Rent our Clean Comfortable Hall and make your Life Easier. For Further Information Call Joe Lupo at 631 269 9042 and reserve a spot.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all celebrating A Wedding, Communion, Anniversary, Engagement, Birthday, Baptism or a promotion this wonderful month of May.

Some Thoughts

It is said that April Showers brings May flowers. Well this April was not as showery as was in past Aprils that made the phrase a truism. But there is a wonder in nature which stems from the heart of creation itself. May flowers burst forth without those many April Showers. As we drive along the parkways we see the first color of spring, forsythia bursting forth adding the golden color to the once drabness of winter. We see the tulips sprouting in our gardens and the rose bushes producing new sprouts The Hostas plantings with their green and white leaves begin to enlarge and add to the ground covering. Cherry trees bloom, grass gets green and add the additional colors that makes spring a time to appreciate and April and May are the months that puts it all together. God is the painter of this earth we share and enjoy. We humans usually take much for granted as to what is taking place in our midst. There are times when we cannot see the trees through the forest. We have to stop and appreciate the colors of spring. We have to listen to the birds singing and nesting. The April showers are surely needed to nourish the continued growth into May , I for one am anxious to take my camera and capture the sense of spring. There are many parks and gardens to visit. However, one need not travel far, for at times only the back and front yards are far enough to record God's wonders. I can't wait. *Editor*
