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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

By Ron Vincoli

As we enjoy the spring weather, and rapidly approach the summer, we also are rapidly approaching the conclusion of our inaugural year as Knights of Columbus of St Clare of Assisi Council 12963. As I mentioned at our last meeting, it is both impressive and inspiring to look back over the many Council activities of the past year and realize what a wonderful contribution you are making to our Church, community, families, youth and council. Only a vision and inspiration of our Pastor and Chaplain, Fr Dudzinski, this time last year we are rapidly earning the reputation of serious contributors to the overall health and vitality of our Parish family. You can be justly proud of that reputation and there is ample opportunity to continue the good work of this fledging Council.

As with any organization, we are as good as our membership. And we are blessed with a great core of dedicated Catholic gentlemen who chartered our Council. But, to mature the organization must grow. So I enjoin each of you to continue to seek new members to join us a Knights of Columbus in the wonderful St Clare of Assisi Council.

Another important attribute of a successful organization is the participation of its members. Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will be apprised of the process for selecting new Council officers for the next Columbian Year, and the opportunity afforded each of you to become active participants in providing the leadership and direction as our Council moves to its second year. The Council needs you. So, please don't hesitate to step forward and seize the opportunity to steer our efforts to even greater success in the coming year.

Finally, even as this Newsletter is being prepared, many of you are turning out to participate in the annual KOVAR drive. Preliminary results indicate another success story. Many thanks to you for your continued support of our Council activities and a particular expression of gratitude to Brother Jason Seiler for his initiative and enthusiasm in the overall management of this important project. Thank you Jason.

Vivat Jesus.
Ron

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

By Reverend Paul Dudzinski, St. Clare Knights of Columbus Council Chaplain

The Easter season should be an occasion of great joy for us Catholics, as we celebrate the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead. At least, after 40 days of Lenten penance and self-mortification, the Church gives us 50 days of celebration.

Why is this feast of our faith so important? Of course, our Lord's Resurrection is the key element of our Catholic faith. If our Lord did not rise from the dead, then the modernists and liberal Protestants of the 19th century would be correct in their assumptions that Jesus was merely a "good man" who showed us the way to lead a good, moral life. However, if Jesus did not rise from the dead then our faith is useless, as St. Paul asserts (1 Cor. 15: 12 – 19).

Today as we stand in this new millennium this Easter we have a special reason to celebrate: our Lord's Resurrection from the dead is an affirmation of the intrinsic worth of our human nature. As one of the Prefaces for Easter puts it; through Christ's Resurrection "a broken world has been renewed and man is once again made whole" (Easter Preface IV). God loves us so much that He took upon Himself our human nature. In His Passion and Death, Christ willingly allowed Himself to be condemned by prideful man and through His Resurrection responded by bestowing upon man the choicest gifts of His life and love.

It is this intimate mystery of God's life and love for us that is being challenged by our secular culture, which has gone to great lengths to gut this holy Season (as Christmas) of all its sacred meaning. By emphasizing the Easter

Bunny (shopping malls featuring a large Bunny assuming the role Santa Claus had at Christmas) our faith is threatened to be marginalized and regarded as irrelevant. Living in the culture of death, where human life itself is viewed as cheap fare for abortion, euthanasia, artificial contraception, in vitro fertilization and even cloning, the truth of Jesus's Resurrection sheds light on *what we are* in God's image. We are "incarnate spirits" (Pope John Paul's term) whom our Lord wanted to redeem from sin and death so that we might share intimately in His divine life and through faith have a close relationship with Him.

All this is a prelude of the Life to come. As Knights we have the important role of evangelizing our secular counterparts (and those whose Catholic faith is weak) in this wonderful mystery of God's love for us. We do this primarily by our way of life: living in the resurrected life we received in Baptism, and nurtured in the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood.

NOTICE ABOUT COUNCIL SUPPORT OF VOCATIONS:

At the April 11th Council meeting a motion was made, seconded, and tabled until our April 25th meeting to make a charitable donation of \$500.00 in support of vocations.

Having publicized this motion, it will be reopened for discussion and formal vote at the April 25th meeting. Be sure to attend and make your interests known as a part of our deliberations on this important issue.

COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS:

By Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Adams.

The Council nominating committee is formed and developing a slate of candidates for the Council officer positions for Columbian Year 2003. Elective positions include:

- Grand Knight
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Chancellor
- Warden
- Treasurer
- Recorder
- Advocate
- Inside Guard
- Outside Guard
- Trustee 1 year
- Trustee 2 years
- Trustee 3 years

The Chaplain position is nominative and approved by the Bishop; the Financial Secretary is nominative for 3 years and approved by Supreme 9 incumbent has served 1 year); and the Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight.

The best way to truly enjoy the Knights of Columbus is to participate actively. And if you have the time to contribute, you should give very serious consideration to serving in an officer's position. Remember, to be eligible, you must have achieved the 3rd Degree prior to being formally installed as an elected officer; we expect the installation ceremony for newly elected officers to be in July.

The Trustees – Brothers Bob Van Winkle, George Alexa and Gerald Walsh – comprise the nominating committee. Be sure to let them know of your interest as soon as possible. Nominations will be announced at our first meeting in May

(May 9th), announced in the May News Letter, and elections will be held at the second May meeting (May 23rd).

FIELD AGENT REPORT:

By Jim Bertine

A "Typical Life"

I'm often asked at what point a Knight no longer needs life insurance. Let's look at a "typical" life to get the answer.

Our young member buys his first policy fresh out of college or perhaps inherits the payments of a policy his folks purchased for him. He's aware of something called "final expenses," but more often he likes the fact that permanent life insurance is a way to save money and prepare for the future.

As that young member gets older, marries and starts a family, he soon realizes that the life insurance bought when he was younger is no longer enough. A house is purchased and bills grow a bit. The benefits of those plans purchased earlier in life are beginning to blossom.

Still more time passes by and the children are grown and gone (watch out; more and more, they are coming back!). It could be that our now middle-aged brother is thinking that he has it made, and that the need for life insurance has diminished. **NOT SO FAST!**

The policies purchased over a lifetime will provide a great stream of income for our member and his bride in retirement. And when their time comes, the issue of estate taxes and providing help for children or grandchildren can also be addressed through wise financial planning and insurance. I once had a man tell me he had purchased \$1 million

of life insurance so he “would be the last poor person in my family.”

Life insurance is for all stages of life. Contact me today to ensure your current stage of life is properly covered.

Jim Bertine, PGK FIC

Field Agent, Knights of Columbus

THE CIRCUS IS COMING:

By Jim Adams.

St Clare of Assisi Council has been invited by Sts Andrew & Clare Council to join them in the sale of tickets to the Clyde Beatty – Cole Bros Circus, May 10, 11 and 12 at the Bull Run Regional Park. Ticket sales was a big fund-raiser for Sts Andrew & Clare Council last year and offers our Council a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the many charities we would like to support.

There are two ways for us to participate: use the attached form to order tickets from Sts Andrew & Clare Council; or man a station at the Fair Lakes Wal-Mart, April 26, 27 or 28, or May 3, 4, 5. Alternatively we can go to the Manassas Wal-Mart, April 27 or 28, or May 4 or 5.

Mail Order:

As the attached form (on the insert page) indicates, advanced sale tickets are \$2 for children, \$9 for adults or \$20 VIP. Gate sale tickets are \$11, \$16 and \$22 respectively. Important: you needn't be a Knight to buy these tickets. Reproduce the forms and ask your friends and neighbors, co-workers, relatives, etc. to send a completed form and check to the address indicated. They will return mail tickets to the applicants. Should target getting the applications and checks to

Sts Andrew & Clare Council not later than May 1st to give them sufficient turn around time to get tickets mailed back before May 10th.

Wal-Mart:

The other way to help sell tickets is by manning a station at Wal-Mart. For the Fair Lakes Wal-Mart, Sts Andrew & Clare Council has arranged for the Knights, or family members or friends, to sell tickets on April 26, 27 and 28 and May 3, 4 and 5. They are planning 3 hour shifts, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on the 26th and starting from 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. on both April 27 and 28. There are similar shifts on May 3 (3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) and May 4 & 5 (9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.). The Manassas scheduling is the same except there are no sales on Friday, April 26 or May 3; only on Saturday and Sunday (April 27-28 and May 4-5). If you, or any family member can man any of these 3 hour shifts please let the Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Adams, know as soon as possible, but not later than April 21st. He can be reached at: (703) 803-8887 or jadams@bahrinc.com.

KOVAR: LATE BREAKING NEWS:

By The Editor.

As we go to press, we have learned that our Council collected more than \$1,500 for KOVAR, with some final donations still to be added. That's fantastic, particularly since the State council had only expected us to produce \$500! A well-deserved "thanks" is in order to Jason Seiler for spearheading this effort. A special "thanks" also to our brother Knights - and their family members - who contributed their time to help solicit donations.

COUNCIL OFFICERS, COUNCIL 12963

Chaplain	Reverend Paul Dudzinski
Grand Knight	Ron Vicolli
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Adams
Chancellor	George Seiler
Warden	Michael Humm
Financial Secretary	Cornelius Turner
Treasurer	John Rulison
Recorder	George Bolash
Advocate	Thomas Leonardo
Inside Guard	Marvin Mikeska
Outside Guard	William Ossenfort
Trustee 1	Robert Van Winkle
Trustee 2	George Alexa
Trustee 3	Gerald Walsh
Lecturer	John St. Germain

COMMITTEE HEADS, COUNCIL 12963

Church	George Acosta
Community	John Heenan
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM

THE EDITOR: By Mike Dash

A Reminder: If you'd like to receive your newsletter via e-mail instead of "snail mail," just let me know. E-mail is quicker and will save the cost of postage, which is increasing soon! You can notify me via e-mail me at:
MEDSR@AOL.COM.

Articles are always welcome.

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APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2 Happy Birthday, Tom Leonardo	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Kovar Drive	19 Kovar Drive	20 Kovar Drive
21 Kovar Drive	22	23	24	25 Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30 Happy Birthday, Mark Krug				

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAINT ANDREW COUNCIL
SAINT CLARE of ASSISI COUNCIL**

Presents

CLYDE BEATTY – COLE BROS. CIRCUS

AT

BULL RUN REGIONAL PARK

Centreville

Friday May 10, Saturday May 11 & Sunday May 12

**BUY IN ADVANCE AND SAVE ONLY 7 PERFORMANCES
ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW AND OBTAIN THE BEST SEATS**

Check performance you wish to attend:

DATE	1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Friday May 10	N/A		
Saturday May 11			
Sunday May 12			N/A

Indicate Number and type of tickets

TICKET TYPE	# OF TICKETS	PRICE	TOTAL
VIP (adult or child)		\$20	\$
ADULT		\$9	\$
❖ CHILD RESERVED SEAT		\$2	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$

❖ **Max. Two children by each paid adult**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Please make check payable to: **KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS – St. ANDREW COUNCIL**

**Remit to: Knights of Columbus – Sts Andrew and Clare Council
Circus Coordinator
P.O. Box 399, Centreville, VA 20122**