



Knight Talk
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St. Clare of Assisi Council 12963

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Past Grand Knights

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| 2001-2002 Ron Vincoli | 2002-2003 Jim Adams | 2003-2004 Mike Dash |
| 2004-2005 Dick Nadolski | 2005-2006 Jason Seiler | 2006-2007 Skip Coffman |

Grand Knight's Article:

Ave,

As I mentioned last month, this is a fast moving Columbian Year and we are already actively engaged. On Sunday, August 12th we assisted the Ladies of St Clare in hosting coffee and donuts for our parishioners after Mass. Many thanks to Bill Ossenfort and Skip Coffman for the assist. By all accounts the ladies were successful and many donuts were consumed. Some of Bill O's coffee was left over.

The parish picnic is on for September 9th and Chris Grecek has agreed to take a leading role in this. But that doesn't mean he won't need help. So, please contact him if you have an area you would like to help out or be receptive should he contact you and ask for some help. Tentative planning includes grounds cleanup on September 8th, which will also entail pre-positioning tables and chairs near the front of Church for ready assembly on Sunday morning. So mark your calendars and be prepared to lend a hand.

Our plan for a Parish Communion breakfast is taking shape. We are currently looking at Sunday, September 30th at the 10:30 Mass; celebrate Mass

and receive communion followed by an 'all you can eat' brunch at the Country Club of Fairfax starting at noon. More to follow on this.

Bill Ossenfort has this year's Keep Christ in Christmas Cards so if anyone wants to get a jump-start on your Christmas card mailing contact Bill to see what's available. Bill has promised to have the cards on-hand for sale at the Parish Picnic.

Many of you are aware of Pope Benedict's recent *Moto Proprio* regarding the "Tridentine" expression of the liturgy, that is, the version most commonly used prior to Vatican II. For many of us, the 'latin' Mass was common as we grew up; but for many others, this is quite new, and something to be learned. While we wait for more information regarding the *Moto Proprio*, it might be helpful for those unfamiliar with the alternative liturgy to become familiar with it. Accordingly, a copy of the text is provided as an attachment to this Newsletter.

One last point of interest. In an attempt to express our sincere appreciation to Skip Coffman for the great year we just completed, we are planning a Past Grand Knight dinner on October

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13th. More to follow in next month's newsletter.

One request. For those who read this letter, please hit 'reply' to Mike Dash, acknowledging that you have received and read it. It is important that we be able to communicate with you and need assurance that this electronic media is working.

Vivat Jesu,

Jim Adams

**Council Officers,
2007-2008 Fraternal Year:**

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| Grand Knight | Jim Adams |
| Chaplain | Fr. Lehning |
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| Chancellor | John Rulison |
| Recorder | William Ossenfort |
| Advocate | Mike Rath |
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| Inside Guard | Bob Strzelecki |
| Outside Guard | KC Cavallaro |
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| Trustee Two Year | Jason Seiler |
| Trustee One Year | Dick Nadolski |
| Financial Secretary | Brian Turner |
| Lecturer | Mike Dash |

1st Degree.

On Thursday, September 20th, our Council 1st Degree Team will conduct an exemplification for new Knights of Columbus. Surely you remember that event when you became a Knight and hopefully you would agree it was a pivotal point in your Catholicism. The degree is a beautiful ceremony from which you learn something with each

experience. Please try to make every effort to attend this exemplification and join us in welcoming new members into our order. And, if any of you are interested in perhaps becoming a member of the Council 1st Degree Team please give Jim Adams, our team captain, a call and indicate which role, if you have a preference, you would like to fill. Jim can be reached at (703) 803-8887.

**Food for Thought.
Pro Life**

"Hi,' he said. 'It's me, God. Got a minute?' 'Sure God,' said the young couple in unison. 'What's on your mind?'

'I'm worried,' he said. 'I expected things to be going a little better.'

'It's not as bad as it may look,' said the couple. 'Don't get us wrong, we've got problems, but we're working on them. Is there something in particular you're worried about?'

'Now that you ask, yes, I'm worried about you.'

'About us? But life's been treating us pretty well. We have no complaints.'

'Oh, I know,' said God. 'It's not how life's been treating you that worries me. What worries me is how you're treating life.'

Implausible conversation? Perhaps. But if we were to hear His voice today – literally – how would our end of the conversation go? If he were to ask, 'How are you treating life?' what would our answer be?

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We do hear His voice and we do see Him. In the laughter of a baby when she discovers she has toes. In the frail and wizened woman, friendless and lonely. We hear His voice in the cry of the sightless child longing to play with other children. We see Him in the warmth and beauty of the setting sun.

But for all our sensitivity, we keep our guard up. Some things are not allowed to touch us too deeply – the faceless masses killed in war-torn countries not our own, the nameless ‘street people’ we cross the road to avoid, the children waiting to be born.

Do we believe there is no other way? Are we afraid we won’t survive ourselves if we make our own the problems of so many others? The human tragedies brought to us on the evening news are so relentless. The crimes are so many and so callous.

And so we protect ourselves. We talk about human problems in terms of ‘issues’ and ‘isms’ – the nuclear issue, the poverty issue, racism. Nowhere is this more apparent, perhaps, than the ‘issue’ of abortion.

‘Abortion is evil.’

‘Abortion is a woman’s right.’

Vote for me, I’m against abortion.’

Vote for me, I’m for it.’

There are so many confrontations out there. We can’t handle it, and don’t want to become enmeshed in it. And besides, what does it matter what one person more or less thinks and does?

One person is not going to change the world.

If today the Lord were to ask: ‘How are you treating life? What are you doing to care for my children waiting to be born?’ What would we say? ‘Don’t worry God, I’m against abortion. I mean, it’s not my place to tell anybody else not to be involved in it. But me, I’m against it.’

Once people thought that abortion was the answer to many problems – the problems of poor people, the problem of too large a population, the problems of young pregnant women, scared and alone. Despite the complexity of the problems, abortion was the ready answer.

But decade[s] of freely available abortion [have] brought with it its own web of complex problems. Today women, less frightened but wiser, live with the remorse of having destroyed their children. Fathers struggle with the fact that they were powerless to protect their own offspring. Doctors, trained to heal, live with the knowledge that they may destroy more lives than they help to save. And society itself tries to justify the increasing callousness that allows it to ‘harden its heart’ to the destruction of its own children.

How did it happen? It happened in part because we allowed ourselves to be deceived – deceived by meaningless words and phrases, deceived by the lore of a promised easy way out, deceived by an ‘empty, seduc-

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tive philosophy that follows mere human traditions, a philosophy based on cosmic powers rather than on Christ.' (Colossians 2:8)

Today, when you hear his voice in the cry of the unborn child, do not harden your hearts against Him. For it is He who tells us: 'Whoever welcomes this little child on my account welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes him who sent me; for the least one among you is the greatest.' (Luke 9:48)"

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First Friday Reminder.

Friday, September 7th will be the next First Friday services. Here is some background information regarding the First Friday service.

"In the abundant mercy of my heart, I promise that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance. They will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments, and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour. The conditions require:

To make nine Holy Communions; on the first Friday of the month; for nine

consecutive months, without interruption; with the proper disposition; with the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to obtain the fruit of this great promise."

Lives of the Saints.

On June 2, 1835, Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto saw the light of earth at Riesi, Province of Treviso, in Venice; on August 20, 1914, he saw the light of heaven; and on May 29, 1954, he who had become the two hundred fifty-ninth pope was canonized St. Pius X.

Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ.

Above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. From St. Pius X we learn again that "the folly of the Cross", simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness.

His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: "I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor." His feast day is August 21.

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Knights of the Month.

Choosing our Knight of the Month for August is easy. After a year of acknowledging all that others were doing for our Council, Church, Community, Families and Youth, it is only fitting we now acknowledge **Skip Coffman** as our August Knight of the Month for all that he does, has done and continues to do. Thanks, Skip, for your strong leadership and outstanding example.

Family of the Month.

As our August Family of the Month I'd like to recognize a couple of **unsung heroes, the Turners**. Brian was our Council's original Financial Secretary, appointed by Supreme for three years. After his first term, he agreed to serve us again for another three years. As we now start our seventh year, Brian has again agreed to serve us in this capacity and Diane continues to support him - and us - in making this very significant contribution. This is a living act of charity and greatly appreciated. Thank you **Brian and Diane** for your continued, outstanding support of our Council.

Mariamante Academy.

Your Grand Knight recently received a letter from the Head of School, Mariamante Academy, Fredericksburg's first high school in the Catholic tradition. Established as a Catholic High School in 1995, the Academy educates youth in grades 7-12 in the classical liberal arts tradition, using the style of teaching devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola to form the Catholic Jesuit teaching order.

As Mariamante Academy continues to grow and operate, they have issued an appeal to our, and other Knights of Columbus Councils as they launch their annual **2007 Online Golf Vacation Raffle Fundraiser**.

The process is easy. Just enter www.mariamante.org to see how the raffle is being run. Take a closer look at the school at the same time; SAT results are most impressive. Tickets for the raffle are \$10.00 each, 3 for \$25.00 and 15 for \$100.00. There are only 5,000 tickets available and the raffle will be held once all tickets are sold. The prize is \$5,000.00. You can purchase online but you will need a Paypal account. Alternately, see the form below.

Funds raised by the raffle will benefit capital improvements such as two new classrooms, the student financial aid fund and classroom resources, such as classroom desks for the 2007-2008 academic year.

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Signature: _____

1 ticket for \$100.00
Make all checks payable to: Ma-
rimante Academy
 3 tickets for \$25.00
PO Box 8453, Washington Ave-
nue
 15 tickets for \$100.00
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Virtus.Org

In 2004 it was mandated by the Dio-
cese of Arlington that all volunteers
who have contact with children must
attend a "Safe Environment" seminar
and fill out appropriate paperwork.
One of the tenants of our order is
"Youth" and unless or until we are
qualified to serve our youth as volun-
teers we are greatly restricted in sup-
porting that tenant.

In order to attend a seminar one must
first register online at www.Virtus.org.
There are a number of places in our
area where one can attend a seminar.
Dates, times and locations are pro-
vided at the Virtus website. You must
pre-register online prior to attending
a seminar. You will not receive credit

for attending a seminar if you do not
pre-register.

Please take advantage of this excellent
opportunity and continue to assist in
this very important tenant of the
Knights of Columbus – Youth!

KOVAR Information

It is time for the annual CFC, State, and
United Way Campaigns. This year the
numbers for these campaigns have
changed. All CFC campaigns have the
same number. The old number 5426
is no longer valid. Here are the new
numbers:

Combined Federal Campaigns - CFC:
#42569
National Capital Area CFC
Quantico CFC (Virginia)
St. Mary's County CFC (Maryland)
Western MD CFC (Maryland)
Research Triangle CFC (North Caro-
lina)
Central Virginia CFC (Virginia)
Peninsula CFC (Virginia)
South Hampton Roads CFC (Virginia)
SW Central Virginia CFC (Virginia)
Virginia State Campaign - State Em-
ployees - #735
United Way Campaigns in the Greater
D.C. Area (Can include corporate and
public sector campaigns) - #8838

These campaigns can provide a great
source for funds for your KOVAR
budget goals. All that is needed is for
us to collect copies of the donation
slips and turn them in to KOVAR. This
can be done at anytime during the
year. Our KOVAR Campaign chairman
is Bob Strzelecki.

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August Birthdays.
 Congratulations to the following
 knights who celebrate their birthday

this month: Mike Dash, William Hand,
 Tony Less, Art Luna, Bob Van Winkle,
 and Ed Zaleski.

August – September Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------------------------|---------|-----------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23:00 PM Rosary followed by Council Meeting | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Sept 1 |
| 2 | 3 Labor Day Holiday | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 First Friday Services | 8 |
| 9 Parish An- nual Picnic | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 7:00 PM Rosary followed by Council Business Meeting | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 1 st Dgree | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27:00 PM Rosary followed by Council Meeting | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Parish Communion Breakfast | | | | | | |