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James L. Adams

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Michael E. Dash

Grand Knight's Article:

Brother Knights,

Our Worthy Chaplain spent some time during his homily last Sunday in which recalled a story of a student friend of his from way back, who would go to the Baltimore Harbor every Friday during lent and feast on lobster. Then Father went on to make the point that his friend missed the point. The purpose of it all is to make a sacrifice, not just to give up meat

Okay, how many of you have done that? I know on occasions I certainly have come close, maybe not to lobster at Baltimore Harbor, but with the bountiful seafood we have here in this area – and if you like seafood like I do – it certainly is not much of a sacrifice to give up meat on Fridays these days. The point is that we should be making a sacrifice regardless. Our chaplain struck a cord with me when he made that statement, because I never found it to be much of a sacrifice just giving up meat. This year I am going to strive to increase that sacrifice and make sure that the meals replacing meat on Friday are meager at best. Thank you, Fr. Lehning, for your words of wisdom – as always.

Before I sign off, I have one final announcement. Our social meeting this month will be our dress rehearsal for the degree team. The team will perform a mock degree,

and we'll need an ample supply of "candidates" and assistants for the rehearsal. If you can find time to get there, the team would greatly appreciate it. The district ceremonial co-chairmen will be observing, and hopefully giving the green light for our being able to conduct our next degree right here in our own facilities. Our Lecturer tells me that after the mock degree, he will have pizza for us. Come on down!

Vivat Jesus,

Dick Nadolski

Deputy Grand Knight Article:

Brothers,

As I write this, I am reminded of the phrase, "Where you sit is where you stand." I currently sit as the Programs Director for the council. From this vantage, I stand up and say, "This year is going wonderfully!" We have, as a Council, been involved in better than 99% of every Church-related function at St. Clare's that calls for volunteers of any kind! Our service events garner an average 25% or better of our total membership, a boast few Councils can make. Our social events generally gather 50% or better! Brother, we are doing very well as a Council.

The longer you are a Knight, the more you will hear another phrase, "Programs and Membership go hand-in-hand." I take this to heart,

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as I know it the truth in it. If we do not have enjoyable and fulfilling events, we have trouble gaining and retaining members. If we do not gain new members and retain current members, programs die. That in mind, I would like to tip my 'chapeau' to Brother Knight, and Worthy Chancellor, George Alexa. Due to his hard work as Chancellor, we have five (5) new Brother Knights and two new transfers. What's more, four of the five have already made their 2nd Degree. What is even more than that, especially from where I sit, is four of the five have already been involved in at least one program! These new Brother Knights are already half-way to receiving their Shining Armor award, and they have not yet been Knights for a month! George, thank you for your hard work and dedication, to the Council, and to the Order.

As I think of individuals who deserve kudos, KC Cavallaro comes immediately to mind. Due to his effort and organizational skills, this year's Blood Drive went off without a hitch. Well, maybe one...but KC already promised me that next year he won't have the drive on Superbowl Sunday! This in mind, KC has agreed to take on the Blood Drive Chairmanship again next year. This, among many, many other reasons makes KC a hero in my book. KC, again, thank you. Job very well done.

Another pat on the back is due to Richard Stretton. Through his effort and talents, the Council "CPR for Ushers" program has officially begun. Ushers have received, or will

soon receive, a letter inviting them to become certified in CPR and First Aid...at the expense of the Council! The way we figure, if someone were to have an emergency in Church, it would be a great idea to have somebody nearby who is trained in life-saving techniques. And, as every Mass has at least one usher, every Mass will be attended by at least one trained individual! What an elegant solution. Thank you, Brother Stretton, for seeing this idea through to fruition.

Here are the upcoming events and/or activities at which the Council would like to see you:

- **St. Patty's Day Dinner/Dance** – March 19...more information in this newsletter.
- **KOVAR** – April 14-17 ... have you volunteered for your shift yet?

If you would like to read more about these events, you can go to the Council website and click on the "Programs" button. The web address is <http://www.kofc-12963.org>. Check out the new pages and features, always highlighted at the top of the home page.

Vivat Jesus,

Jason A Seiler

The Chancellor's Corner:

On February 8th at All Saints Parish, these five men went from 1st to 2nd degree: Joe Sirh, Chris Grecek, Jack Hickey, Howard

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Hayche and John Alexa.
Congratulations to each of you for taking this important step. At the ceremony were Jim Adams, KC Cavallaro, Bill Ossenfort, Jason Seiler, Charlie Groom, Chris Davis, Dick Nadolski

and George Alexa. Many thanks for those who went forward and to those who were able to take the time to attend. We also have several more who couldn't make this date and indicated that they too would like to advance. In April, we hope that all will advance to the 3rd degree. That is my favorite. When we get a group advancing to this degree, I hope we can get all those with 3rd and 4th degrees to attend this ceremony.

Finally, just ask one guy if he would like to be a knight. If everyone asks just one "practical" Catholic man, I know we would easily get five more men.

Council Officers, 2004/2005:

Grand Knight – Richard Nadolski
Deputy Grand Knight – Jason Seiler
Chancellor – George Alexa
Warden – William Ossenfort
Treasurer – Rob Shafer
Recorder – Richard (Skip) Coffman
Advocate – Anthony (KC) Cavallaro
Outside Guard – Richard Stretton
Insider Guard – Robert Strzlecki
Trustee, 3 Year – Mike Dash
Trustee, 2 Year – James Adams
Trustee, One Year – Peter Caylor
GK Delegate: Richard Nadolski
Alt. GK Delegate: Jason Seiler
PGK Delegate: Mike Dash
Alt. PGK Delegate: George Alexa

Committee Chairs, 2004-2005

Church:	Ed Zaleski
Youth:	Rob Shafer
Community:	Rich Stretton
Family:	KC Cavallaro
Council:	TBD
Lecturer:	TBD

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain: Fr. Lehning
Financial Secretary: Brian Turner

The Christian Foundation for Children and the Aging Program:

Our Council is sponsoring a young man through the [Christian Foundation for Children and the Aging \(CFCA\)](#). The CFCA is a lay Catholic organization that creates relationships between sponsors in the United States and children and aging persons in 25 developing nations around the world. When someone becomes a CFCA sponsor, their semi-annual contribution provides life-changing benefits such as education, nutrition, clothing, and medical care to their sponsored friend. CFCA works with people in the Americas, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

We have received information on the young man we are sponsoring! His name is **Felix Ramiro CabreraLópez**, (his picture is on the next page), and he is a resident of Guatemala. Felix was born on 11 March 1993, so he will soon be 12 years old. He is currently attending Maria Albertina School, where his favorite subjects are mathematics and social studies.

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At home, Felix lives with his mother, father, and his 6 of his 11 siblings! His parents are farmers, and Felix's job at home is to take care of the sheep.

One thing we would like to do is get a group picture of members of our Council, so our first letter to the young man will contain a picture of the Knights who are concerned about his development and welfare. In future letters we can then take turns writing to him and he can put words to faces which should be fun for all of us. Anyone, Council member and/or family members, who would like to be involved in writing to Felix and /or translating our writing into written Spanish, can contact John Rulison at (703) 330-7237 or john.rulison@ravenservices.us. We'd like to communicate with Felix on a quarterly basis.

From The Editor:

- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** Our Council will be sponsoring the Parish's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Clifton Town Hall from 7:00-11:00 PM on Saturday, March 19th. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Make your reservations early; there will be a signup sheet available in the Church vestibule after Masses or you can contact any of the officers.
- **Tabled Motion:** at the February meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and tabled for announcement in the newsletter and further discussion and subsequent voting at the next business meeting (March 2005)

to increase the subjective spending limit for the Grand Knight from \$200 to \$500 as recommended by Supreme.

- **Articles for the Newsletter?**

Just submit them to newsletter@kofc-12936.org for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Felix Ramiro CabreraLópez

