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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

By Jim Adams

In July we celebrate our nation's independence on the 4th of July, Independence Day. So, I thought I might offer a thought about independence as addressed in the text of the Declaration of Independence, the unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America, in Congress, July 4, 1776.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal . . ." It strikes me that the use of the term created, vice born, is not insignificant.

". . . that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights . . ." Here we acknowledge our Creator, and certain rights attributable to our Creator.

". . . that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . ." So, in our Declaration of Independence we stipulate that all men are created equal, 'endowed by their creator' with the

'right to life.' Seems pretty straightforward to me. And, it makes the 4th of July that much more special; in a real sense we are celebrating a national declaration that God's unborn are created with a right to life, and the United States of America has acknowledged that as unalienable since its inception. With all the parades, fire works and our cultural family togetherness on this special holiday, a major part of the independence our nation celebrates is the right to life AND the acknowledgement of our Creator. Under God indeed!

Just a thought.

One other thought. As we start our second year as a Knights of Columbus Council, on behalf of the entire Council I wish to express our sincere appreciation to Ron Vincoli and all the Charter officers for their fine service to church, community, family, youth and council over the past year. A Special thanks to our Pastor and Chaplain, Father Dudzinski, for being the inspiration behind the establishment of this Council. I am particularly grateful to all for affording me the special privilege of serving you as your Grand Knight, and to those who have agreed to serve with me in officer positions.

Vivat Jesus.

Jim

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### THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

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

In our Catholic tradition the months of June and July provide us with a special and specific focus on the mystery of Christ our Lord. In June we are called to meditate on the wonders of love contained in the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in July, the Blood that flowed from His Heart as it was pierced by the soldier with the lance as He hung on the Cross of Calvary.

This Scripture passage found in the Gospel according to St. John (19:34) provides us with the sacred text that ties these two themes together. Many Church Fathers (who lived in the first five centuries) commented on the connection between this mystery and what happened in the Garden of Eden in the creation of the first woman from the rib of Adam. According to this interpretation, the Church is to our Lord as Eve is to Adam. St. Paul remarks on this point in his letter to the Ephesians (5: 32) where he states that the passage in Genesis that refers to the man leaving his mother and father and forming one flesh with his wife is fulfilled in the nuptial relationship between Christ and His Church.

The image of our Lord's pierced Heart enables us to view the mystery of His unfathomable love for us, Who emptied Himself precisely for your sake and for mine. Our Lord's Sacred Heart, a human heart pulsating with divine love is a powerful image of God's loving kindness toward us, and His Blood poured out the terms of this sacrificial love poured out so that we may share in His divine life. What this indicates is that our Lord Jesus is the divine Lover looking for lovers in return, those whom He can favor with His friendship. Are **you** one of those lovers? Would that we might all be such!

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## **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:**

By Jim Adams

By the time you receive this note, we will be completing our first full year as a Council and will have selected our new officers to carry on through the next year. For those of you who were able to attend the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and participate in the election, many thanks. You do yourselves and brother Knights a great service by being involved in this important work. The July Newsletter will announce the results of the election.

As part of the transition into a new Columbian Year, the newly elected Grand Knight will publish in the July Newsletter his proposed budget. It's important that the Council participate in the budgeting process, so when you see it please give some thought to it and, if possible, attend the first meeting in July to vote on it or an amended version as appropriate.

Finally, as we close the fraternal year I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all for permitting me the privilege of serving as an officer of our Council. Being a Knight is gratifying; given an opportunity to serve in a formative capacity is a joy, and I am very grateful.

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## **NEW COUNCIL 12963 OFFICERS ELECTED:**

At the June business meeting, the Council elected the following individuals to guide the Council through the coming fraternal year:

Grand Knight	James L. Adams
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael E. Dash
Chancellor	George J. Seiler
Warden	Jason A. Seiler
Recorder	Richard S. Nadolski
Advocate	Pete Caylor

Treasurer	John L. Rulison
Outside Guard	William P. Ossentfort
Inside Guard	Marvin R. Mike-ska Jr.
Trustee 1 year	George P. Alexa
Trustee 2 years	John H. St. Germain
Trustee 3 years	Ronald J. Vincoli
Delegates:	
Grand Knight	James L. Adams
Past Grand Knight	Ron Vincoli
Alternates:	
Grand Knight	Mike Dash
Past Grand Knight:	Jason Seiler

Congratulations to the newly elected officers!

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### COMMITTEE HEADS, COUNCIL 12963

<b>Church</b>	George Alexa
<b>Community</b>	John Heenan
<b>Youth</b>	Jason Seiler
<b>K of C Insurance</b>	Jim Bertine

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### FIELD AGENT'S REPORT:

By Jim Bertine

#### Spread the Word!

Earlier this spring the A.M. Best Co. renewed the Order's A++ (Superior) top rating for the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Standard & Poor's also bestowed on us its AAA (Superior) top rating. These are fine testaments to our insurance program, our agents and our home office. But what exactly should they mean to you?

Representatives of both of these rating agencies come to the home office in New Haven and spend hours with the supreme knight and the officers, along with other key home office personnel. They hear about our results and future plans. They also question us about any area of our operation. Sales perform-

ance, persistency, market penetration, investments and fraternal progress are all discussed.

The fact that both have conferred their highest ratings for all these years is a testament to the management of the Order. It also speaks volumes about the future. These independent rating agencies see the tremendous potential the Order has on both the insurance and the fraternal side of the ledger.

You can be proud that the Knights ranks among the best in the insurance industry—very few companies get the highest ratings from both of these fine organizations. As a policyholder, you can rest easy knowing that your premium dollars are being managed with great diligence, and that the benefits of your policy will be there for you or your beneficiaries when needed.

Spread the word! Knights of Columbus insurance is among the best in the business.

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### THE ADVOCATE'S REPORT:

By Tom Leonardo

(Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the article that appeared in the last Council newsletter).

#### Grand Knight Debate and Vote:

A[nother] rule that is often misunderstood by members is the Grand Knight's role in votes and discussions. The Grand Knight (or whoever has the Chair), cannot partake in any discussion on a motion, and he cannot in any other way convey an opinion on the issue, unless he relinquishes the Chair to another member. The Grand Knight may, however, interrupt a speaker to provide

points of fact pertinent to the discussion. (If the Grand Knight gives up the Chair, he cannot regain it for the remainder of the meeting, unless the pro-tem chairman gives it back to him.) This rule exists because the Chairman by nature of his office can have a great deal of influence over the membership, and in order to lead effectively, he must maintain a posture of impartiality at all times.

When it comes to voting, everyone knows that the Grand Knight does not vote except to break a tie. But there is more to it than that. The actual rule is that the Chair may vote anytime his vote would change the outcome. Specifically, there are five instances when the Chair may vote:

1) If a motion requiring a simple majority to pass ends in a tie (a tie vote defeats the motion), the Chair may vote in favor of it causing the motion to pass, or he may abstain, allowing it to fail.

2) If the Grand Knights vote in the negative will make a tie, he can cast it and thus defeat the measure, or he may abstain and let it pass.

3) In a vote requiring a 2/3 majority (which mathematically cannot result in a tie), the chairman may cast a vote for or against the motion if it would change the outcome. In other words, if the vote ends in exactly a 2/3 majority, apparently approving the motion, he may cast his vote against, thereby defeating it.

4) Conversely, if the tally were one vote short of 2/3, the Grand Knight may vote in favor, thus causing it to pass.

5) The Grand Knight may always vote in a secret ballot, since the outcome cannot be known until the tally, and regardless of the outcome no one will

know how the Chair voted.

There are two important points to remember: (1) once the chairman chooses to exercise his right and affects the outcome by casting a vote, no member may change his original vote, and no member who abstained may then decide to vote; (2) if the opportunity to vote arises, it is the Grand Knight's option to vote or not – he is not required to do so. Again, this rule allows the Chairman to maintain the appearance of impartiality as much as possible.

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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE EDITOR:

By Mike Dash

- Additional articles are always welcome.
- If you prefer to receive your issue of the newsletter via e-mail, just let me know. You can notify me via e-mail me at: [MEDSR@AOL.COM](mailto:MEDSR@AOL.COM).
- A reminder for the newly elected Council officers: the next monthly officers' meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. The location will be announced at a later date.
- There will not be a newsletter published in August; the next volume of the newsletter will be published in September.
- ***This newsletter is published by and for the membership and spouses of the Knights of Columbus, Council 12963. The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Knights of Columbus and cannot be interpreted as the official position of the Knights of Columbus.***

<b>Description</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Net</b>
Opening Cash			Opening Balance	
Dues (50@\$50 each)	2,500		Membership Related	2,500
Initiation Fees (5@\$15)	75			75
Degree Expenses		100		(100)
Name Badges		100		(100)
State Per Capita(50@\$3.50)		175		(175)
Supreme Per Capita(50@\$3.50)		175		(175)
Supreme Catholic Advertising(50@\$1.00)		50		(50)
Charitable Donations		1,000	Donations	(1,000)
KOVAR	500	500		
Father Bader Scholarship		50		(50)
PPKPD(\$3.65x50)		185		(185)
VA K of C Charities, Inc (VKCCI)		50		(50)
Convention/state meetings		200	Council Operating Expenses	(200)
Council Banner		600		(600)
Ill and Vigil Program		200		(200)
Newsletter Printing/Postage(\$20x12)		240		(240)
Office Supplies		50		(50)
Fin Secretary's Postage		50		(50)
Officer Installation		100	Council Activities	(100)
PGK Dinner (40@\$15)	600	675		(75)
Pass the Gavel		100		(100)
Manassas auto (ticket sales) - 2003	1,500	1,500		
Manassas auto (rebate) - 2003	900			900
Manassas auto (postage) - 2003	-	50		(50)
Monthly 50/50 (11 meetings x \$20)	220	110		110
Circus Ticket Sales	400			400
Entertainment 2003 Book Sales	1,750	1,505		245
Christmas Dinner(40@\$5 each)	200	200		
Lecturer(\$15x12)		180		(180)
KCIC	500	250	Curch Acrivities	250
Pancake Breakfast	300	200		100
Blood Drive		100	Community Activities	(100)
Food Drive	200	200		
Christmas Party - youth		100	Youth Activities	(100)
All Saints Party		100		(100)
Council Picnic(50@\$5 each)	250	250	Family Activities	
Valentine Dinner(40@\$20)	800	800		
Cannons Game	1,000	1,000		
Family Awards		100		(100)
Awards Night		250		(250)
Birthday Cards		100		(100)
Anniversary Cards		100		(100)
	<b>11,695</b>	<b>11,695</b>	<b>Fraternal Year Totals</b>	<b>-</b>

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**JULY – AUGUST CALENDAR**

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNES- DAY</b>
Jul 11 Council Mtg @ 7:30 PM	12	13	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday, John Marind
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Council Mtg @ 7:30 PM	26	27 Happy Birthday, Bill Ossenfort	28	29	30	31
1 Happy Birth- day, Bob Van Winkle	2	3	4	5 Officers' Mtg @ 7:30 Pm	6	7
8 Council Mtg @ 7:30 PM	9	10 Happy Birthday, Ron Vincoli	11 Parish Picnic	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Council Mtg 2 7:30 PM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Happy Birthday, Tony				

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