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James L. Adams

February 2005
2003-2004
Michael E. Dash

Grand Knight's Article:

Brother Knights,

As I look back at all the great work that the council has done so far this year it is quite amazing. What a group of 50-60 catholic gentlemen can do when called upon is something to behold. I know, some of you are saying, "What? I haven't done hardly anything this year." Yes! You are the ones that we are looking for to help us out with a few more projects. Our next major project is Easter Week, and following that KOVAR, and following that, our very first 1st Degree here at St. Clare of Assisi Council.

Holy Thursday we will be attending in regalia, as well as providing the 12 apostles. The apostles are set, but if you can join us in regalia, please do. But otherwise, just join us.

This year's KOVAR chairman, Brother John Rulison, is hoping to get 100% participation. Let's not disappoint him. If we can get everyone out, for just two hours each, we are certain to have a (super) great KOVAR year. Two hours is all that we ask.

We will have our final "dress rehearsal" for the council 1st degree team during the second meeting of April. Following that and assuming that we "cut the muster" we will schedule our first 1st in May/June. We will need a full attendance at the

rehearsal in April so that we can have mock candidates and other assistants. It also is a great time to renew your 1st degree commitments. Come and join us. The lecturer says that he will take care of everyone who shows up.

Vivat Jesus,

Dick Nadolski

Deputy Grand Knight's Article:

Just a quick note with our upcoming activities:

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' humble, yet glorious, entry into Jerusalem. If you remember, Jesus was on a borrowed ride. In that spirit, the Council is taking part in "Bikes for the World," in which many such 'rides' are donated to those in need.

In lieu of a Council meeting on Thursday, March 24, we will all be attending the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Clare's. Come and see our Worthy Grand Knight get his feet washed by our Most Worthy Chaplain!

April 14-17 is our annual KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assistance for the Retarded), also known as the Tootsie-Roll drive. Have you signed up yet? Have you been contacted to sign up? If the answer to both of these is "no," let me know. We will be happy to find a time slot just for you!

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Brothers, that is all for now. If there is a program, activity, or event you would like to see, do, or experience, please feel free to let me know.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Seiler

From The Chancellor:

Gentlemen, thank you for helping us reach our membership goal for the year! Nonetheless, each council has been asked to have another drive that they call April Blitz. What that means for you will take less than fifteen minutes of your time after Mass. You will simply hand out some literature and ask men to join us. Even if you don't come to the meetings, and even though you might only be first degree, you can help us in finding other men who want to be knights. When I send you an email sometime next week, I will ask you what Mass you attend on Sunday/Saturday and ask you to give a few minutes after Mass. Thank you.

George Alexa

Field Agent Report:

The Time is Now

In January, Knights of Columbus general agents from throughout the Order gathered for their annual meeting. It was a time for the Order to celebrate the achievements of 2004 and put in place strategies to duplicate and, we hope, surpass those accomplishments this year.

The past year was a banner year for our Order. We ended the year with a record \$53.3 billion of life insurance in force. We issued more than \$6.2 billion of life insurance on our members and their families.

Once again, for several years running now, the Knights of Columbus earned the top ratings from the independent ratings agencies Standard & Poor's and the A.M. Best Co. We also earned recognition as a member of the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association because of our commitment to honesty, fairness and integrity in all our dealings with policyholders and potential policyholders.

The theme for the January meeting was The Time is Now. If you have yet to take advantage of the Order's greatest fraternal benefit, our top-rated insurance program, the time is now to do so. I will meet with you at your convenience and in your home. I'll review your existing coverage to ensure that it continues to meet your needs, goals and budget. If there are any gaps, I'll work with you to put a program in place to fill those gaps.

Being the good agent that I am, I'll likely remind you that you need two things to purchase life insurance: the money to pay the premiums and the good health to qualify for the coverage. If your health should change and no one will ring a bell warning you that it's about to money alone will not guarantee that you will be able to obtain the coverage needed to protect your family. The

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time is now. Call me today to set your appointment.

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God bless,

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KOVAR REPORT:

KOVAR weekend is April 14th through 17th. We are asking every Knight in our Council to dedicate 2 hours of their time on one of those days to help with the campaign. It is an easy and enjoyable way to serve your community. We will be handing out Tootsie Rolls at the Shoppers at Lorton Valley Giant on Route 123. The money we collect goes to support the mentally retarded in Virginia, a very worthy cause. Please sign up to volunteer your time at <http://www.kofc-12963.org/Programs/Kovar/Kovar.htm>. You will also be contacted by a Council officer who has been assigned your name to recruit you for this effort. Please respond favorably to him when he calls or emails you. This is the one event of the year that we would really like every Knight to participate in. If you need additional information contact John Rulison at 703.330.7237

Council Officers, 2004/2005

Fraternal Year:

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, 1 Year – Peter Caylor
GK Delegate: Richard Nadolski
Alt GK Delegate: Jason Seiler
PGK Delegate: Mike Dash
Alt PGK Delegate: George Alexa

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain - Fr. Lehning
Financial Secretary: Brian Turner

Committee Chairs, 2004-2005

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

From the Editor:

All Catholic gentlemen of the Diocese are invited to attend a day-long conference entitled, "Godly Men Standing in the Breach", on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 8:00 a.m., at All Saints Parish in Manassas. The conference is intended to help men become better

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husbands, fathers, and Godly men. The conference will feature a variety of speakers including: 2 former NFL professional football players (one is also a former coach), Bishop Loverde, and other members of the clergy. Registration and additional information can be found at the following website:
<http://www.thefishersofmen.org>.

Committee Chairmen: The newsletter is a great way to publicize your upcoming events. Just send me your information and I'll include it.
