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Grand Knight's Article:

Worthy Brother Knights;

In about a month we will be upon the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Materials are available from Supreme in the form of DVDs covering Priesthood, Religious life for Women, and Marriage, as well as a booklet entitled "Not to be Served, but to Serve".

As the Supreme Knight says, "As Knights, we have a special mission to be leaders in this initiative, and our Anniversary Year, the 125th, presents a unique opportunity for us to redouble our prayers and efforts for vocations." He also urges all Knights to look within our own families – to our sons, daughters, nieces and nephews – for possible priestly or religious vocations.

If any of the materials mentioned here are of interest to any Worthy Brother for a family member, or for other events you might be involved with, please let me know and I will order it if you would like, or get the appropriate information to you.

This month is a March Madness within each Council for the GK, since the end of the month is the end of the reporting year for many of the

reports that are due to the State Council or Supreme.

We are within a couple of weeks of ending the Auto Raffle, so if you have not yet sold or purchased your package of tickets that you received from Jim Adams, please dig them out and somehow get the stubs to Jim. Thanks.

Father Lehning has requested 12 Knights for the foot washing on Holy Thursday. If you are available, please let me know that you will be there. Thanks.

Father's recovery is reportedly going well. He has some minor soreness in the area of surgery, but is doing business to some extent. I suspect the "minor" is dependent on whether you feel the pain or are an observer!

Spring is here! And yet another opportunity for a road cleanup!! Mark your calendars for April 14, and I will get the details out soon.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally;
Skip Coffman
Grand Knight
St Clare of Assisi Council
12963

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Brother Knights,

Our Council will be creating a page on our web site that contains a picture of each member Knight, their name and a list of any Council positions they hold or ministries they serve in such as Usher, Lector or CCD Instructor. My intent is to contact each of you sometime during the next 12 months to take a digital picture to post on the site. This way any time one of us wants to know what someone looks like or what positions in the Council or ministries they are involved with that information will only be a few mouse clicks away.

Since this information will be posted on our website there are some inherent privacy issues. So if any Knight does not want their picture posted on our Council web site along with their name and associated positions/ministries please let me know.

You can contact me at john.rulison@ravenservices.us or 703.368.8611 x11. Otherwise, you can expect me to contact you sometime in the future to arrange to have your picture taken.

Thanks for your time and cooperation."

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Reflections the Lives of the Saints.

Although his feast day has passed, it seemed appropriate to publish a few words about St. Patrick.

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints.

Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461.

Along with St. Nicholas and St. Valentine, the secular world shares our love of these saints. This is also a day when everyone's Irish.

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa,

who were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain)

after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

From The Editor: The editor will gladly accept articles for the newsletter. Just send them to MEDSR@Cox.Net anytime, but preferably during the first half of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

April 2007 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7
8 Easter	9	10	11	12 7:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 K of C Meeting	13	14 Henderson Road Cleanup
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 K of C Meeting	27	28
29	30					