



# Knight Talk

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**Knights of Columbus**  
**St. Clare of Assisi Council 12963**

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## **Past Grand Knights**

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

## **Grand Knight's Article:**

Worthy Brother Knights;

I will note that this is my last newsletter item as Grand Knight of Saint Clare of Assisi Council. This has been a very rewarding experience for me, with the parish events, for which we exist; the ceremonial events where we introduce new members to our order, install officers into their elected positions for the coming year, or just have fun; introduce insurance programs, for which the order exists, and which are of great value; and supporting the bureaucracy that is necessary to keep the entire membership of 1.7 million focused in the same direction, have been most satisfying for me. Additionally, serving in several officer roles prior to this year was also both necessary and satisfying to me.

I want to thank all of the Council members who have participated in, or organized, the various events, especially Father Lehning for serving as our Chaplain, and for the spiritual guidance provided in various ways; the Trustees for remaining quite active as Past Grand Knights, Mike Dash for carrying on as Newsletter Editor, Jason Seiler for continuing the organization of the Web Site; the First Degree Team members, Jim Adams, Mike Dash, Pete Caylor,

Rich Stretton, Bill Ossenfort, and KC Cavallaro for their excellent presentations and flexibility; John Rulison for his numerous recommendations to better the Council, and all the officers who served the Council this year. A special thanks to long time friend John St Germain for all the meetings he made both in the Council and the Assembly.

It is my pleasure to announce to the Council that our Field Agent serving our Council, Jim Bertine, earned Field Agent of the Month distinction in his Agency for the Month of April. We are proud of Jim's accomplishments. Congratulations Jim!

And, it is my pleasure to announce that the Honoree for the Second Degree Exemplification, held recently at Father Nudd Council and sponsored by St Clare of Assisi Council, was Rich Stretton, our Chancellor, First degree Team Member, and Deputy Grand Knight elect. His dedication to our projects by participating in each one is impressive, as was his dedication to the Degree Team by being qualified and current in two positions on the Team throughout the year. These are the reasons he was selected as Honoree. Congratulations Rich!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to serve in officer roles this

coming year, 2007-2008, and who were elected to serve in those roles at the last meeting. We have an excellent cadre of officers elected and I wish each well in his efforts for the coming year. I want to especially offer my congratulations to Jim Adams for his election to be our Grand Knight for the coming year, and to Rich Stretton, elected to be our Deputy Grand Knight. I would encourage each member to do their best to participate in the events of the coming year and support those doing the organizing.

I am proud to add my name to the growing list of Past Grand Knights who have served St Clare of Assisi Council, and pledge to remain active, as they have, in the future business of the Council. See you at the meetings and the events!

Thank you for your service!

Skip Coffman  
Grand Knight

**Officers  
Fraternal Year 2006-2007:**

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Grand Knight	Skip Coffman
Chaplain	Fr. Tom Lehning
DGK	John Weldon
Chancellor	Rich Stretton
Warden	John Rulison
Recorder	KC Cavallaro
Treasurer	Bill Ossenfort
Advocate	Raul Al-Meida
Inside Guard	Chris Grecek
Outside Guard	Bob Strzelecki
Trustee-3 Year	Jason Seiler
Trustee-2 Year	Dick Nadolski
Trustee-1 Year	Michael Dash
Financial Secy	Brian Turner

**Delegates  
Fraternal Year 2006-2007:**

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GK Delegate	Skip Coffman
Alt GK Delegate	John Weldon
Past GK Delegate	Jason Seiler
Alt PGK Delegate	John Rulison



**New Officers; effective 01 July 07  
Fraternal Year 2007-2008:**

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The following officers will serve during the 2007-2008 Columbian Year: Congratulations to all of them!

Grand Knight	Jim Adams
Chaplain	Fr. Tom Lehning
DGK	Rich Stretton
Chancellor	John Rulison
Warden	Russ Bogacki
Recorder	William Ossenfort
Advocate	Mike Rath
Treasurer	Art Luna
Inside Guard	Bob Strzelecki
Outside Guard	KC Cavallaro
Trustee-3 Year	Skip Coffman
Trustee-2 Year	Jason Seiler
Trustee-1 Year	Dick Nadolski
Financial Secy	Brian Turner
Lecturer	TBA by GK

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## Reflections on the Lives of the Saints.

### *St. John the Baptist*

John the Baptist was the son of Zachary, a priest of the Temple in Jerusalem, and Elizabeth, a kinswoman of Mary who visited her. He was probably born at Ain-Karim southwest of Jerusalem after the Angel Gabriel had told Zachary that his wife would bear a child even though she was an old woman. He lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until about A.D. 27. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan against the evils of the times and called men to penance and baptism "for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". He attracted large crowds, and when Christ came to him, John recognized Him as the Messiah and baptized Him, saying, "It is I who need baptism from You".

When Christ left to preach in Galilee, John continued preaching in the Jordan valley. Fearful of his great power with the people, Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Perea and Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress on the Dead Sea when John denounced his adulterous and incestuous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half brother Philip.

John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, who asked for his head at the instigation of her mother. John inspired many of his followers to follow Christ when he designated Him "the Lamb of God," among them Andrew and John, who

came to know Christ through John's preaching.

John is presented in the New Testament as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the precursor of the Messiah. His feast day is June 24th and the feast for his beheading is August 29th.

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