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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

By Jim Adams

Since our Grand Knight has been unable to submit an article due to business-related travel, he asked me to contribute to his normal column.

As we closed out April, ongoing activities were on track and productive. Near the end on the month the annual automobile raffle was conducted at All Saints Church in Manassas. Although none of us won a car, we were all beneficiaries of the raffle by earning approximately \$800 from our sales efforts. These funds will do much to support many deserving charities. In addition, at the annual State Convention our Grand Knight was able to present the proceeds from the April KOVAR drive. The Council's support of KOVAR was a tremendous success as we more than tripled

our goal of \$500.00! Thanks for a Great job by our KOVAR coordinator, Jason Seiler.

And, in late April we were approached by our neighboring Sts Andrew & Clare Council to participate with them in a fundraiser, selling circus tickets. With very limited response time, we were able to deliver a solicitation to every member of St Clare of Assisi Parish to support this Knights of Columbus fundraiser and fill a couple of slots with brother Knights from Sts Andrew & Clare Council selling tickets at neighborhood Wal-Mart stores. Proceeds from that effort are still being assessed.

Our nominating committee has been busy compiling a slate of candidates for Council office for the next fraternal year. That process culminated this month with their list of candidates listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Elections are scheduled for our June 13 meeting. This will be a major event for us, as we get ready to kick off our second year. You won't want to miss that meeting.

Also in June we will support our parish by assisting in a reception following Mass on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the first Mass celebrated at St Clare of Assisi by newly ordained Father Jerome, a former Deacon of our parish. Please make plans to attend that Mass, join in the reception following Mass, receive Father's blessing, and perhaps lend a hand in the logistical support of the reception.

Our last meeting in this fraternal year will be on June 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a social meeting where we celebrate our first birthday, and our wives, families and friends are all invited. Also at this meeting our Charter Grand Knight, Ron Vincoli, will take the opportunity to thank all for a splendid first year and provide special recognition to some brother knights and families who were particularly helpful during the year, before conceding his gavel to the Grand Knight elect. Expect an evening of celebration with refreshments and camaraderie. Do mark your calendar for this special night and fete yourselves as members of wonderful Council of Knights. There are lots of great things going on with your Knights!

Vivat Jesus.

Jim

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#### **THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:**

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

May is the month that in Catholic tradition is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the month that is marked by those who pray the Rosary more frequently. The association of our Blessed Mother with the month of May appears to have been the result of efforts that began in Italy in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to replace the pagan cult of Mary as the "Queen of May" prevalent throughout medieval Europe. The Jesuits are credited with being the catalysts behind this reform.

The month of May, besides being the occasion of an intensification of our devotion to Mary, provides us with an opportunity to consider the type of devotion we owe to her who is Queen conceived without original sin, Mother of

Christ and our Mother. Devotion to Mary is not understood by many in our secular world today, even among Catholics. Some tend to believe that Catholic devotion worships Mary as a goddess. Many fundamentalist Protestants have especially attempted to portray this caricature of Catholic devotion to the saints.

The worship due to God is called *latria*, the devotion we owe the saints is termed *dulia*, and the particular devotion to our Blessed Mother is called *hyperdulia*. While God alone is given worship and adoration, the devotion we have to the saints, especially to Mary, is marked essentially by our asking them to pray for us before the throne of God. That is why we respond with "pray for us" to the names of the saints in the Litany of Saints. With regards to Blessed Virgin Mary, we also ask her to "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." Mary is the Queen of all the saints. She is the pattern of the Church in her holiness, a preview of the full identity of the Catholic Church as the Bride of Christ in the eternal life to come.

Yet St. Augustine reminds us, even as she is at the head of the communion of the saints as the Mother of our Savior, she is also His first disciple. Even being the Queen of all Saints, Mary is also only a fellow member of that blessed Communion. In her role as Mother of Christ and our Mother, she shows the solicitude she has for each of us. As we meditate on the mysteries of her Rosary that focus on the mysteries of her incarnate Son, she has the role of drawing us closer to her Son.

O Holy Mother of God, pray for us that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

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## **FAMILIES OF THE MONTH:**

Our Grand Knight, Ron Vincoli, has announced that the following Knight families have been selected as "Family of the Month".

August 2001: Tom & Kathy Leonardo

September 2001: George & Margaret Bolash

October 2001: George & Diana Seiler

November 2001: Gerald & Ann Walsh

December 2001: James & Marylee Adams

January 2002: Mike & Mary Dash

February 2002: Dick & Mary Nadolski

March 2002: Robert & Flo Van Winkle

April 2002: George & Cynthia Alexia

Congratulations to each of the families for this well-deserved recognition of your support to our Council. Please try to attend the June 27<sup>th</sup> "Pass the Gavel" meeting where you will receive your official recognition. Well Done!

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**ADVANCED DEGREE CANDIDATES:** By the Chancellor, George Seiler

Upcoming Degree Dates: Here is an opportunity for all of you 1st degree Knights to get your 2nd and 3rd degrees within a few days of each other. The next 2nd degree will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at Brent Council in Manassas. The next 3rd degree will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, Brent Council in Manassas.

All brothers wishing to go to 2nd or 3rd degree should contact the Chancellor at <mailto:gjseiler@aol.com>, or 703-815-1883. Remember, in order to be an offi-

cer, you need to be a 3rd degree, so here is your opportunity.

Our records show the following knights with 2nd degree who need 3rd degree: (If you have received your 3rd degree, contact the chancellor to update your records):

George Alexa  
Richard Coffman  
Richard Nadolski

Our records show the following Knights with 1st degree who need 2nd and 3rd degrees: (If you have your 2nd and/or 3rd degree, contact the chancellor to update your records.):

Ray Cwalina  
Dan Converse  
Fr Paul  
Mike Gogoel  
Charles Groom  
William Hand  
Dan Heenan  
John Heenan  
William Jasien  
Mark Krug  
David Leonardo  
Thomas Leonardo  
Anthony Less  
Mike Lyons  
Jerome Magat  
Mike Mikeska  
Ron Novak  
John Rulison  
Larry Stern  
Robert Strzelecki  
Richard Stretton  
Frank Wagner  
Gerald Welsh  
Michael Woods  
Ken Zilli

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**OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:**

At the May 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the nominating committee presented its list of nominees for officer positions for the St. Clare of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 12963 the 2002-2003 Columbian year. The nominees for **elected positions** are:

<b>OFFICER POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE’S NAME</b>
Grand Knight	James L. Adams
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael E. Dash
Chancellor	George J. Seiler
Warden	Jason A. Seiler
Recorder	Richard S. Nadolski
Advocate	Michael P. Humm
Treasurer	John L. Rulison
Outside Guard	William P. Ossenfort
Inside Guard	Marvin R. Mikeska Jr.
Trustee 1 Year	George P. Alexa *
Trustee 2 Years	John H. St. Germain
Trustee 3 Years	Ronald J. Vincoli

\*Incumbent

**APPOINTED POSITIONS:**

Chaplain – Selected annually by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Trustees;  
Financial Secretary – Serves at the will of the Supreme Knight.  
Lecturer – Selected annually by the new Grand Knight

The following **delegate** nominations were made:

Grand Knight	Jim Adams
Past Grand knight	Ron Vincoli

Alternates:	
Grand Knight	Mike Dash
Past Grand Knight	Jason Seiler

**COUNCIL OFFICERS, COUNCIL 12963**

<b>Chaplain</b>	Reverend Paul Dudzinski
<b>Grand Knight</b>	Ron Vincoli
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Jim Adams
<b>Chancellor</b>	George Seiler
<b>Warden</b>	Michael Humm
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Brian Turner
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Rulison

<b>Recorder</b>	George Bolash
<b>Advocate</b>	Thomas Leonardo
<b>Inside Guard</b>	Marvin Mikeska
<b>Outside Guard</b>	William Ossenfort
<b>Trustee 1</b>	Robert Van Winkle
<b>Trustee 2</b>	George Alexa
<b>Trustee 3</b>	Gerald Walsh
<b>Lecturer</b>	John St. Germain

## COMMITTEE HEADS

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## MEETINGS:

By the Advocate, Tom Leonardo

The Knights of Columbus Constitution says that every Council must hold no less than two regular meetings each month. In our case regular meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. The first meeting each month is the regular **Business** meeting. The second is informally referred to as the “Social” meeting, although with certain limitations as explained later, some business can be transacted at social meetings. In addition to the two regular monthly meetings, special business meetings can be convened in three ways: by vote of the Council at a regular business meeting; by direction of the Grand Knight; or by the Grand Knight upon the written request of seven or more members. Due notice of a special meeting and its purpose shall be given to each member, and no other business can be transacted at such meetings. “Due notice” may be by individual contact, e.g., phone tree (email is not in itself sufficient, unless a return confirmation is provided), by letter, or via the Newsletter.

The most significant difference between business and “social” meetings is that expenditures exceeding \$200.00, or any action, which commits Council funds in amounts greater than \$200.00, can be voted on only at regular **Business** meetings. Moreover, notice of a resolu-

tion or intention to spend such amounts, and the purposes, must be given at a regular business meeting prior to the meeting of the vote. In other words, it takes two business meetings over a period of at least a month to spend more than \$200.00 for a single purpose. (By the way, a 2/3 vote of members present and voting is required to approve such expenditures). Among other items that can be transacted only at business meetings are elections of officers and any vote that would create or change a standing rule, e.g., changing the By-Laws.

At social meetings, issues concerning any of the above may be **discussed**, but not voted on. Votes may, however, be taken on other types of motions and resolutions.

Here is a hypothetical scenario: Suppose a member wants to establish a special fund to periodically give awards to outstanding Knights. Such a measure could be brought up and even voted on at any meeting, since no funds are actually being spent or committed. However, when it came time to make such an award, say, valued at more than \$200.00, that expenditure would require a 2/3 vote at a business meeting subsequent to a business meeting at which the proposal to make the specific award was approved.

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**MAY CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM	10	11
12 Happy Birthday, Mike Humm	13	14 Dioce- san Educa- tional Semi- nar	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Happy Birthday, Mike Woods	22	23 Council Meeting @ 7:30 Pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday, John St. Germain	31	

