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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

*by Yonel Verna***My brother knights**

I take the opportunity to thank you for electing me as the first Haitian-American Grand Knight of Westbury Council 1012 Knight of Columbus.

On July 1st 2003, I officially became the Grand Knight of Westbury Council. September 6, will be our opening mass, followed by our installation. I would like all of you and your family to be present at this occasion. Invite your friends and make this event a special one.

My special thanks to Tom Oftring who was the first brother who told me I can be a Grand Knight. Denis Sullivan my mentor asked me not to hesitate to call him for advice and said "I'm there to help you like Tom did for me".

Anthony Marino, D Bruce Malito, PGK, Jack Meegan and so... on always told me you'll be all right we'll help you succeed.

I urge all my brothers to work closely together to make this fraternal year a wonderful one in all form and shape.

In closing I want to remind each of you brothers that individual commitment to a group effort- "that is what makes a team work, company work, a society work, a civilization work". Vince Lambardy.

Vivat Jesus
Yonel Verna

Deputy Grand Knights Report

by Chester Barkan, Deputy Grand Knight

Like my Brother Yonel, I too would like to thank the membership of Westbury Council for entrusting us with the administration of our organization.

When, I became a Knight in 1999, I knew I wanted to get involved. I did not realize that my years of service would begin on the way to my 3rd degree, when brother Tom Ofring and Denis Sullivan convinced me that financial secretary was a good place to begin my years of service. Now as I begin my tenure as Deputy Grand Knight and the thought that becoming Grand Knight is only a few years away, I am somewhat amazed and happily excited by the prospects of serving my brothers in this capacity and those that await me.

I know with the support of our members we will succeed in the years to come leading into our celebration of our 100th anniversary.

However, all who have read my columns, know what is coming.... We need your support and your involvement. We need your ideas and we need you to spearhead your

ideas into reality. We cannot do it alone. The council membership exceeds over 210 dues-paying members. How many come to our meeting. While from what I hear from other councils indicates that we are doing well by getting 30-40 people to our meetings, there is no reason why we cannot get 60-70 people.

In addition to getting our existing members involved, we need to evangelized our organization. We need to speak up and encourage young brothers to join our organization. I am happy to have sponsored two young brothers and welcome Christopher Matthews and David Martin into the brotherhood. I know they will become very involved and play a vital part in our order.

This year I charge each of our members to bring in one new member. We can double our active membership and surely regain our status as Star Council.

Vivat Jesus Brothers

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Installation of Officers Set for September 6th

by Chester Barkan, Deputy Grand Knight

Mark you calendars, for Saturday September 6 and plan on attending the Installation of your council officers for the fraternal year 2003-2004. The event will begin at 7PM with a Mass of celebration. Our Chaplan, Father Cine' will celebrate the Mass.

Following the Mass, the Installation of Officers will be held in Code Auditorium. The event will be presided over by members of the 13th District including District Deputy Michael Galgano. At this wonderful celebration the newly elected officers of the council's executive board will receive their charges to the positions they have been elected.

Following the installation, and jewelling ceremony, a repass will be seerved for the members, families and guests.



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THOUGHTS OF OUR MEMBERS

In future issues of our newsletter, we will be reserving space for our members, by our members. If you have something special to say, a wish or prayer for a friend or family member, this will be your space. In future issues, I hope to see other members take advantage of this space and write something for the newsletter.

My cousin, William Paliscak Jr, as I said, was one of the five men who went into the Hart Building, after the anthrax letters were sent. He has been in and out of the hospital since then, and just went back in again on Tuesday of this week. He is forty years old, and lives in Maryland...not too far from Washington DC, where he is a postal inspector with the FBI. Any prayers that can be said for him would be gratefully appreciated.

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Interesting Websites for your review

Catholic Online

<http://www.catholic.org/>

National Catholic Reporter

<http://www.natcath.org/>

Catholic Educators Resource Center

[http://
www.catholiceducation.org/](http://www.catholiceducation.org/)

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Beginning with this issue, we will begin to identify information available on the World Wide Web for catholics. There are many wonderful sites to be explored. In the issues to come we will mention the many different sites and then begin in future articles to spotlight individual sites.

Jubilee Committee Under Way

By Chester Barkan, Deputy Grand Knight

The Jubilee Committee started off the fraternal year early with a meeting on July 16 at the St Brigid's Parish Center. Attending the meeting was Grand Knight Yonel Verna, Chester Barkan, Deputy Grand Knight, Brothers Tom Oftring PGK, and Bruce Malito PGK.

Plans are well under way for the Jubilee celebration which will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. The Westbury Manor has already be booked for this wonderful event which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the council.

Several topics were discussed including the appointment of a journal editor, entertainment, fund raising during the upcoming fraternal year that will help offset the cost to the members, publicity, invitations to notables as well as several other issues. The members agreed to further our preparation for the celebration we would call upon the expertise of Brother James Carroll who chaired the very successful first annual Nassau Chapter Ball.

Beginning in the early part of 2004, letters "saving the Date" will be sent to all councils in New York State, and Supreme. Local politicians, religious leaders will also be invited. In addition, a keynote speaker will be selected.

In the coming fraternal year, it will be very important for members of our council to make a commitment. A commitment both to attend this event with their families and a commitment to get involved in the preparation. The council will be very involved with our communities, outreaches are being made to many of the diverse groups of our

communities. We need your help. We need your support.

One of the most important parts of an event such as this is the journal. A journal is a momento of the event, but more important than that it is a major way to offset the cost of the dinner-dance. Similar to the journal for the Nassau Chapter Annual, we will be looking for full page, half page and quarter page ads. In addition, we will have business card style ads and signature pages. In order for this to be successful we need a pro active journal committee. As chairperson of the Jubilee committee, I am looking for an aggressive "marketing-type" to move ahead with the journal.

The next meeting of the Jubilee Committee will likely be toward the end of September. Brother James Carroll has agreed to join us for that meeting.

Reaching Out to the Spanish Community

Recently on July 29th, several brothers of the Westbury Council met to discuss ways of reaching out to our Spanish brothers and welcoming them into the council. Our guest for the evening was Ronald Lopez, District Deputy 16th District. Ronald expertise in working with the spanish communities that encompass his district gave us much to think about. We all agreed that our outreach to the spanish community should be with inclusion in mind and not creating a separate spanish council in Westbury. In the months to come we will begin to work with Father George in Westbury and Father Rolando, in Glen Cove, a member of the Westbury Council, to find ways to attract new membership from among the catholic gentlemen of the spanish communities of Westbury, Carle Place and New Cassel. We may even see some brothers from Glen Cove joining our council. The council wishes to especially thank Denis Sullivan, PGK who is spearheading this campaign and was instrumental in getting the whole process started.

MESSAGE FROM CARL ANDERSON, SUPREME KNIGHT

MY BROTHER KNIGHTS, as we begin a new fraternal year, I am proud to say that during the 2002-03 fraternal year we have grown stronger. We have increased membership. We have increased our number of councils. We have increased the insurance protection we provide to our families. And we have increased the service and charitable contributions we provide to our Church and our communities.

And yet, with all that we have accomplished, we have only begun to approach our true potential. Since becoming supreme knight I have said repeatedly that we have a moral obligation to realistically offer to every eligible Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus. We must reach out with renewed vigor to all communities of Catholic men and invite them to join our Order. This is especially true of Hispanic Catholics. And as we do so, we must not overlook the many other Catholic men, those of African, Filipino, Korean, Middle Eastern and Eastern European descent, who would make proud and dedicated Knights. Our Order must grow to reflect the broad diversity of our Church. This spring I was privileged to present charters to two new councils in Chicago: St. Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police, Council 12173, and St. Florian, Patron of Firefighters, Council 12911. Also last year I traveled to Luke Air Force Base outside of Phoenix to present the charter to Father Vincent R. Capodanno Council 13024.

The enthusiasm of these new brother Knights — all police, fire and military personnel — is truly encouraging and makes clear that there are many opportunities to institute new councils composed of young and vigorous Catholic men. At the start of this fraternal year I ask you to commit to membership growth in the next six weeks, before the celebration of Knights of Columbus Family Week, Aug. 9-16. We must redouble our efforts to make sure there is a K of C presence in every parish and parish school. I encourage you to take extra steps in the coming year to include even more young men and women in our youth programs, especially our basketball free-throw contest, our citizenship essay contest and our drug abuse awareness and prevention program.

This past fraternal year may have been the greatest ever in the Order's history for our involvement with youth. We began with an unprecedented commitment to World Youth Day in Toronto. Many local and state jurisdictions participated in making this one of the most memorable meetings ever of young adults with Pope John Paul II. This past spring we also made an unprecedented commitment to the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games held last month in Ireland. Our \$1 million grant provided travel expenses for the teams from the United States, Canada and Mexico to compete in _____ on the fourth Sunday of Easter. Most important, please continue your support for our Marian Hour of Prayer program and our rosary for peace effort, and our programs to promote adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.....

Turning to our insurance program, I am sure you are as proud as I am of our general and field agents. They have achieved our best gains ever in life insurance and annuities sales. Their work provides needed protection and financial security for our families. It also provides the strong financial platform on which our fraternal programs rest.

Another source of pride is our record-breaking charitable giving. I want to thank every council that submitted its 2002 fraternal survey. Again this year, we hit new records for both dollars and service hours contributed to charity. Our "Surge...with Service" program continues to be the tried and true way to grow our Order while providing much needed support to our Church and communities. I

you to emphasize the basics as you plan your programs for the 2003-04 fraternal year, but also enlarge your outreach by participating in our newer programs: Day of the Unborn Child, annually on March 25. Blue Masses in honor of our police and firefighters. The World Day of Prayer for Vocations, held annually the final matter to your attention: the cause of innocent unborn human life. We know how important it is in each of our countries: in Canada where the culture of death has made deep inroads; in the Philippines where a tradition of strong family values is under attack; in Mexico where the bishops are leading the way in protecting unborn children. But it is in the United States that victories for life have recently been achieved and where further opportunities to safeguard life may be possible in the months to come. Last Jan. 22, your Supreme Officers joined me in Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. I cannot express to you how very proud I was to see thousands of brother Knights standing shoulder to shoulder for life.

My brother Knights, our Order has never been stronger, our duty has never been clearer, and our course has never been surer. Working together, we can assure that this new fraternal year will once again be the best one ever. May Mary, Bright Dawn of the New World and Star of the New Evangelization, bring all of our works to fruition. And may our founder, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, continue to intercede for us as we spread Columbianism far and wide.

Vivat Jesus!

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his Life, Death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, that we who meditate on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord.



Introducing Council 1012 Trivia Column

by Brother Charles Churik Jr.

In this issue and in future issues, we will be testing your knowledge of trivia. Try your luck with these questions. The answers are available by attending the meeting and speaking to Charles or they will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

1-It was Woodrow Wilson's first name

2-It was Ulysees Grant's first name

3-It was the first pope's real first name

4-It was Ben Hur's first name

5-It was Julius Caesar's first name

Welcome New Members

The membership of Westbury Council welcome our new brothers to the council. We look forward to their years of service.

David Martin (1st & 2nd Degree - July 28th;
3rd degree September 26th)

Father Rolando (1st & 2nd Degree - June 19th.
3rd Degree - June 27th)

Father Cine' (1st & 2nd Degree - June 19th, 3rd
Degree - September 26th)

Christopher Matthews (1st & 2nd Degree - June
19th, 3rd Degree - June 27th)

Please take a moment to relax your mind and humble your heart to focus on Christ. Allow God, to be the only person on your mind while you read this prayer. Friends that pray together, stay together.

Dear Lord, I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You. Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things.

Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through God's eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example -to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those that don't believe. But I thank you that I believe.

I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met.

I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly.

**This is my prayer.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

Calendar of Events 2003-2004

Date	Event	Time	Place
2003			
September 6th	Installation	7PM	Chapel/Code Audit
September 26th	3rd Degree	7PM Arrival	Corpus Christi
September 13/14th	C & B Drive	All Masses	St Brigid's Church
September 20/21st	C & B Drive	All Masses	OLOH
September 28th	C & B Drive	All Masses	St Brigid/OLOH School
October 11th	Membership Drive	All Masses	St Brigids Church & School
October 11th	Italian Night	7 PM	Msgr Code Auditorium
October 18/19th	Membership Drive	All Masses	OLOH
October 23rd	Special Meeting "Old Timers Night"	8PM	OLOH Basement
November 15th	Day at the Races	1PM-4PM	OLOH
December 13th	Christmas Party	7PM	OLOH
2004			
February 14th	Renewal of Vows	6PM	Our Lady Chapel/Code Auditorium
March 6/7th	Membership Drive	All Masses	OLOH
March 13th	St Patty's Dinner	7PM	OLOH
March 20th	Day At The Races	2PM	Msgr Code Auditorium
March 20th/21st	Membership Drive	All Masses	St Brigids Church & School
March 23rd	Special Meeting "New Members Night"	8PM	OLOH Basement
April 24th	Turkey After Taxes TENTATIVE	7PM	OLOH
May 14th	Coffee & Cake Social Line Dancing Event	7PM	OLOH
June 24th	Bocce Ball Tourament	TBA	TBA

**Business Meetings - Every 2nd and 4th Thursday except in
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