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**GRAND  
 KNIGHTS  
 REPORT**



*Yonel Verna, Grand Knight*  
 Dear Brothers Knights,

I hope that everyone of us had a wonderful summer. As we started a new season let's retool and get ready to do the journey together which is to make our council a better council. Last year we received the founder Award that was good but not enough. Our goal this Colombian year is to get the star to achieve our goal each member needs to bring one friend or a family member. I believe we can do it. We have to keep invite people and make known that we are knights.

I take to thank Denis Sullivan, Ed Lopez, James Gallacher, Bill Waters and Tony Aloisio for set up the code Auditorium for our installation. It was a privilege for us to have that night Nassau county's favorite son "Anthony L. Periziosi" state secretary and Joseph Marcia Nassau conference vice chairman, New York State chairman for family life with us. I also think all brothers Knights who attended the installation with members of their family and their friends. A big thank you to our district deputy: Robert F. Yurasits and his staff for a magnetic job.

It is time for me to express my sympathy to the victims of those deadly hurricanes. Specially hurricane Jeanne that devastated parts of Haiti. With that and the unrest in that country I ask all of you to pray with me that God may do something for the people of Haiti.

Here are some facts of how the situation is over there.

VIVAT JESUS  
 Yonel Verna

# Officers of Westbury Council Installed for 2004-2005 Fraternal Year

by Chester Barkan, DGK

September 23rd marked the installation of officers for the 2004-2005 fraternal year. The evening began with a beautiful mass celebrated by our Chaplain Father Syriaque Cine', S.M.M.. Following the mass the installation began at 8PM in Code Auditorium.

Joining the officers of the Westbury Council on the occasion of their installation was District Deputy Robert Yuretsis who conducted the installation with members of his team which included PDD Michael Galgano and PDD Anthony Previte.

Our installation was made event more exciting by the presence of our State Secretary Anthony Preziosi, candidate for State Deputy. His presence made the event even more exciting for the members of the council and our guests.

We all look forward to soon celebrating Anthony, our favorite son's , victory as State Deputy.

Following the installation of officers, a buffet dinner was served.

The members of the Executive Board for the 2004-2005 fraternal year are as follows:

- Grand Knight ..... Yonel Verna  
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Congratulations to all the new officers as they embark on the 2004-2005 fraternal year. We all look forward to year filled with new items, exciting events and fraternal brotherhood.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

# DEPUTY'S CORNER

By Chester Barkan, DGK

September 21, 2005 is not that far off. We must begin to devote our full attention in order to insure the success of our 100th anniversary dinner dance from both a social and financial perspective.

The task of insuring our success is not contingent on committees or executive boards but rather the council, the whole council. To date we have only received 1 response to our committment form that appeared in the last issue of the newsletter. If that is an indication of the support we will receive from our members, we are doomed to failure and a financial loss that will likely set the council back for many years to come.

We need to know that the members of the council and their families are behind our efforts. We need to know that you will join us with your family and friends as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our council.

We can be assured of the participation of the other councils, the chapter, conference and the state and perhaps even Supreme; however wont it be a bitter pill to swallow if only 25-30 members of our council show up. We need everyone of you to be onboard with this most important of events. It is of particular importance to me as a future Grand Knight and someone who cares so much for the continued sucess of our council.

We need to move forward and take our planning into full gear. The Jubilee Committee will start up again for this fraternal year with planning of many events including a raffle to help support the dinner dance; a journal committee which will be responsible for seeing to it that a journal is published. People will be needed to help with the order

of the dinner, including speakers, tributes and presentations.

We need to move forward with this event. Everyone's support both in the planning of the event and in the actual event itself is dependent on you my brothers.

While every effort will be made to insure that the price is kept to a minimum, it is likely that any event of this magnitude will carry a price tag larger than our other events. However, keep in mind that you will experience a full service cocktail hours, a sumptuous dinner, and a lucious dessert buffet. Great Music and dancing will complement the evening thanks to the wonderful effort of the M & M Brothers, members of our council.

Finally, a journal, a wonderful memento of 100 years of our council's history. 100 years, few councils can make that claim. This is an event that you cannot miss.

I look forward to this event with such excitement. I especially look forward to celebrating this event with you my brothers and all your families.

Please get involved, and help me to insure this event is a sucess.

Respectfully submitted

Chester Barkan, DGK



# New Web Site Devoted to Founder of Knights of Columbus

9/2/2004

A new Web site – [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) – devoted to the life and legacy of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, has been launched to promote his cause for canonization and spread the message of his spiritual genius. An assistant parish priest at St. Mary's Church in New Haven when he founded the Knights with a handful of laymen in 1882, Father McGivney was given the title Servant of God by the Vatican after his cause was opened in 1997. His remains are entombed at St. Mary's Church.

Pope John Paul II recently praised Father McGivney's "prophetic vision," and the Vatican is investigating a possible medical miracle performed through the intercession of Father McGivney, a step toward beatification.

The new Web site is hosted by the Father McGivney Guild, the official organization promoting his cause for sainthood, and by the Knights of Columbus. It is offered in three languages: English, Spanish and French. The Guild, with 85,000 members worldwide, is responsible for gathering information about Father McGivney's life and work, as well as personal testimony regarding miracles and other favors attributed to his intercession. An interactive section of the site allows users to

post prayer intentions and favors received, and to read the postings of other users.

Father McGivney was a deeply spiritual man who experienced the hardships common to urban families of the mid-19th century. The eldest child of a large family in Waterbury, Conn., he went to work at age 13 in a brass factory before beginning studies for the priesthood. His father died while he was in the seminary, leaving his mother to care for the family. These experiences were among the reasons Father McGivney was determined to found a Catholic fraternal benefit society that would provide for widows and children when a breadwinner died. The story of his priesthood is told under sections headed "Ser-

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vant of Charity,” “Joyful Celebrant,” “Confessor of Souls,” “Apostle to the Young,” “Protector of Christian Family Life” and “Man of Pastoral Action.”

His greatest legacy is the growth and vitality of the Knights of Columbus, which today has some 1.7 million members in 13,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada and 10 other countries. In 2003, Knights raised and donated \$130 million to charity and giving 61 million hours of service to the Catholic Church and their communities. The Order’s insurance program has more than \$50 billion in force covering members and their families.

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**Gros Morne**

**Contributed by Father Cine’, Chaplain**

Gros Morne Sept. 23, 2004  
Very Dear Sisters, Friends and Family,

It seems when it rains it pours, literally here in the Gros Morne area these days, but also figuratively. Just when we might have wanted to keep in closer contact with all of you our generator has been giving us problems and the sun has not been strong enough to keep our house batteries charged all day. Hence our difficulty with sending more regular e-mail messages via our satellite system. We also have been busy attending emergency meetings and being with the flood victims in our area. But here we are tonight writing by the battery of our computer hoping to send this message out tomorrow a.m.

Just now we are thinking of all of the RJM’s of the American Province who are gathered in NY for Anna Maria’s profession as well as the provincial Conference. Be assured that our thoughts and prayers. are with you.

Thanks to all for your messages of support and promises of prayers and help for the suffering people in our area. In the immediate Grepin area just outside of town there are 12 families who have lost both their homes and the land on which these stood. We hear that there are probably at least 13 others in the greater Gros Morne area whose houses were leveled by the rains and flash floods. Many other homes suffered various degrees of damage. In the Grepin area the water mark was three quarters of the way up the side of the houses. It was really thanks to the guardians of the Jean Marie Vincent Formation Center as well as the Captain of the Salvation Army and his wife and staff who opened the doors of their respective compounds to allow the people fleeing the rising waters to come to safer ground. These people also went out to help alert others and to try to help salvage whatever furniture could be salvaged before the waters became too threatening to be out any longer. In

all 50 people at the JMV Center and 200 at the Salvation Army Center have been displaced and are being housed and fed. About 160 other people of these families have already gone to other areas or were not present when the rains came. The number of dead is reported to be around 14 so far.

We know that the press has been covering the still greater tragic event that occurred in Gonaives. Everyone who has been there says that it is a sight beyond anything one could imagine. A young woman who was visiting with us, Nellie Williams, yesterday was able to get a ride with a UN helicopter which had come to town here to bring in medical supplies. She is due to leave the country on Sunday but we had no way of getting her to Port-au-Prince as the road between here and Gonaives is cut in four places and even motorcycles are having problems making the journey. While on the chopper the officers were kind enough to fly her over Gonaives as she is a photographer by profession. She told us this evening that the sights were unbelievable. Many people are still living on their roof tops, trucks can be seen loaded with body bags as the dead are still

being found, and the stench of the dead, both human and animals, could be smelled by her in the helicopter. Others who have traveled by foot or motorcycle say that from about 4 miles outside of the city the smell becomes overwhelming. As one approaches the city vast distances can be seen which once were hidden by buildings and their surrounding walls. The bishop's residence and grounds are still deep in mud and water, the Sisters of St. Therese who minister there escaped from their one story house to the bishop's residence. They are still not able to enter their convent to really assess their losses which are probably total. The Caritas (Catholic Charities) office also was also totally submerged during the floods with probably a total loss of all records, etc. Relief efforts are a real challenge because of the extent of the needs..

There are so many people from here who are making the journey to Gonaives, often on foot, despite the difficulties of travel and the horrible scenes there because they are in search of relatives and there is still no telephone communication with that whole area and many would not have phones anyway. Some come back with relatives who have survived with only the clothes on their backs. Others are not so lucky. They learn of lost loved ones or are still in the dark as to the fate of family members or friends. Baptismal/birth records, school records, family photos, etc. have all been lost.

Meanwhile we are also feeling the effects of the fact that Gonaives is the seat of the governmental offices for the Artibonite department of which we are a part. Pat and people in projects in which she is involved have been working with the Ministries of Agriculture, Public Works and Planning all located in Gonaives. Ironically some of their work is on preventive measures to avoid just such disasters.

Here in Gros Morne at least people do feel that we can make a difference with relief efforts because the numbers are not so overwhelming. There is a crisis committee that has been formed representative of the local government, the various churches, NGO's and the local merchants. They are meeting daily and trying to collect data from all of the 8 communal sections that comprise Gros Morne,

so we are sure that more losses will be recorded in time. The information so far indicates 1,200 people displaced, including those housed in Grepin and the loss of many animals and gardens. The little homes without foundations were, of course, hard hit if they were anywhere near the rising or passing waters.

The relief efforts so far have included providing a hot meal daily for the displaced, providing toiletries, medicines, and some clothing. Our three religious communities in the area have decided that money being sent to us will be used directly for those families in Grepin who have lost everything as well as to help get children back into school from the displaced families in the Grepin area. Other regions have other groups, twinned parishes, etc. who are helping to provide some relief efforts.

Tomorrow we will have a memorial service for a French priest, Fr. Olivier, who had worked in Gonaives for over 30 years. He had worked with lepers and later with people suffering from all sorts of skin conditions. His remains were brought here to Gros Morne, having to be carried part of the way once the vehicle transporting him could no longer reach our town. Morgues in Gonaives are filled to overflowing. He died with 7 people in his car trying to bring them to safer ground.

We are very grateful that our sisters in Jean Rabel were spared any effects of flooding. The people there, however, like here, are suffering from the news or lack thereof of the fate of relatives either *in* Gonaives or in Port de Paix which was also hit by flooding.

Again we thank you for all of your expressions of support and prayer and ask you not to forget the people who will surely be rebuilding their lives for months to come.

Love to all, Pat and Jackie

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## **HAITIAN RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE**

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September 23 2004-09-27

To all the Religious Orders  
To all Pastors and Associates Pastors To all  
the Friends of the Haitian People in Haiti and  
Abroad

The CHR (Haitian Religious Conference) gathered on September 23rd, 2004 called upon all of those who are able to help the victims of the hurricane Jeanne which had killed thousands of people and destroyed everything on its way in the

Diocese of Gonaives and Port-de-Paix, Haiti.

The CHR wants to help as much as possible the greatest number of students and young people native of those disaster areas and who are suddenly found in Port-au-Prince without the hope of any economical support from their parents and relatives. A movement of solidarity in large scale will give us the opportunity not only to help those targeted groups but also to rebuild in a near future the schools which have been destroyed.

We advise all those who get this cry of help to spread it in the Catholic Churches and others, in the Catholic schools and others, in the neighborhood, and wherever collections can be organized to manifest Christian charity and and solidarity that we can very proud of in this time of testing of those Haitian populations. The CHR will provide you with useful and accurate information on the funds received and the way they were used.

It is part of our Christian duty to mobilize ourselves in this way to prevent our compassion to stay in an emotional stage but to be transformed in an active movement of solidarity whose results can be witnessed in a brotherly charity to which we are all called.

May the Lord who always has mercy on his people move your hearts in order to share with these unfortunate people of Haiti what you have been blessed to have; and may He bless you with the blessings He has promised to all those who are eager to share: "Come, you who are blessed

Chicago, immediately following the close of the 123rd annual Supreme Council meeting there. The theme of the congress is "Starting afresh from Christ."

In preparation for this special year of grace, talks on the Eucharist from the second Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Congress in August 2003 are reproduced here. These articles, which are based on the pope's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* encyclical, appeared previously in *Columbia* magazine.

In announcing the Year of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul said: "It will begin with the World Eucharist Congress, from October 10 to 17, 2004, in Guadalajara, Mexico, and will end with the next ordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops, from October 2 to 29, 2005, at the Vatican." "The Eucharist: source and summit of the life and mission of the Church," is the theme of the synod.

The Knights of Columbus offers additional resources for the Year of the Eucharist, including the Catholic Information Service booklets "Questions and Answers about the Eucharist" (#312) and "The Eucharist" (#114 of the Luke E. Hart series on Catholic Christianity), and eucharistic adoration prayer cards.

Year of the Eucharist Articles  
Spiritual Olympics

Archbishop John P. Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, recounts the spiritual and material benefits that result from a eucharistic congress.

The Mystery of Faith

Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., points out that as a re-presentation of the death and resurrection of Christ, the Eucharist should transform every aspect of our lives.

Food for Our Journey

True understanding of the Eucharist leads to greater fidelity to the Church, says Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe of Sault Ste.-Marie, Ont.

One Body, One Spirit

The Eucharist unites us with God, says Bishop

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# The Year of the Eucharist

10/10/2004 - 10/29/2005

Excerpted from Supreme Council Website

Pope John Paul II has proclaimed October 2004 to October 2005 as the Year of the Eucharist. The third Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Congress will be held Aug. 4-5, 2005, in



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Placido Rodriguez of Lubbock, Texas, and fosters our communion with each other.

Really, Truly Present

Bishop Donald Wuerl of Pittsburgh told the eucharistic congress that we approach the eucharist with both knowledge and love.

Mary and the Eucharist

She who brought Jesus into the world, said Archbishop Sean O'Malley of Boston, still leads us to him in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist Builds the Church

The Eucharist unites believers as they witness to Christ's death and resurrection, said Archbishop Lawrence A. Burke of the Nassau Archdiocese in the Bahamas.

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## Election Controversy-

### Editorial

The recent elections of the council officers were for the most part a normal right of passage in the Summer months. However, on one particular contested seat, there was much excitement.

In June as the council proceeded with its elections, the nominating committee nominated Brother Thomas Oftring for one of the positions on the Christopher Columbus Corporation. In the months to come, I will be providing the members with background information on the CCC in order to enlighten everyone on their role in the Council.

While the council is given the right to elect officers, it has over the years left the leadership of the CCC alone, continuously voting in the existing officers and giving them feeling of permanence. Now several of the officers have been ill and little if anything has come out of the CCC in the form of reports to the council.

As the CCC is charged with protecting the  
*Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism*

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assets of the Council resulting from the sale of our building in the 80's, little if any information has been provided to the council on the solvency of the funds. As we begin the new year, we look forward to hearing from the CCC on the assets and how they have been managed over the years. The two letters that follow on the next two pages are responses for and against the election of Brother Thomas to a position of leadership of the CCC.

The council board congratulates Brother Thomas Oftring, PGK, Trustee and now Director. It is our expectation that with his guidance, the CCC will become more accountable to the membership of the Council and the shareholders who are involved in the CCC.

On a personal note, while I am still learning the ropes as the Deputy Grand Knight, it seems imperative that both organizations, the council and the corporation must work together to iron out any difference of opinion. However, under any circumstance, it should be understood that the Grand Knight is the leader of our Council, all parts of the council, and that includes the Christopher Columbus Corporation. As such, they are accountable to the Worthy Grand Knight and it is a sign of disrespect to the man and the position, not respond to the council's request for an accounting of the assets in the corporation. We have asked the members of the CCC to provide to the council an annual report of the assets and how those assets are invested. To date we have not heard anything from any member of the Directorship. While, we all prayer for those that have been ill over the past year, we also believe that the membership has a right to know as does the Grand Knight have a right to be kept informed of the goings on of the CCC.

In the year to come, we expect the CCC to be ready to report to the Council the status of the corporation assets and to keep the Grand Knight informed of the activities of said corporation. - Chester Barkan DGK

WESTBURY COUNCIL, No. 1012

Box 163 Westbury, New York 11590

July 12, 2004

Dear Brother Frank:

Our Worthy Grand Knight Yonel Vema asked me to respond on his behalf to your letter of June 18, 2004.

It appears that you've been misinformed. Westbury Council made no attempt to fill any vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Christopher Columbus Corporation as there was never any announcement by the Board of the existence of a vacancy. Rather, the Council held its normal annual election of officers, and as in every past year at least going back to 1990, the members of the Board of Directors were listed on the slate of officers to be voted on. The only difference between this year's election and those during the past decade is that there was a nomination from the floor to reconfigure the Board by replacing one of the Board members. As you are well aware, in any duly authorized election of Council officers, nominations can be taken from the floor at election time.

The original slate of officers for election to the Board of Directors was you, Past Grand Knights John Renison and Daniel Sullivan, and John Meegan. The nomination from the floor was for Past Grand Knight Thomas Oftring to replace anyone of the Directors. The Council, by secret ballot as required, voted in the Board of Directors to include you, Past Grand Knights Thomas Oftring and John Renison, and John Meegan.

As I'm sure you recognize, this was a legitimate election of Council Officers which include the Directors of the Christopher Columbus Corporation since such fiduciary positions are elected positions.

We know we can count on you to cooperate fully with Past Grand Knight Thomas Oftring. In fact, he is a perfect choice to assume a fiduciary role in the Council. He is a Budget Director with North Shore/Long Island Jewish Health Systems. His educational credentials are equally as impressive-he holds a Masters Degree in Finance.

In the snippet from the Corporation by-laws which you attached to your letter, we noticed that meetings of the Board are held on the first Monday of each month and that "there shall be an annual meeting of the Board held upon the day of their election or as soon thereafter as practicable." Please advise Mr. Oftring of the date, time, and location of the next meeting. He can be reached at 997-8278 in the evenings or on weekends, or at 8766610 during the weekdays. Also, please provide him with a full copy of the Corporation by-laws.

I trust this clarifies for you the recent election. If you should have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 997-6442 in the evenings or on weekends, or at 631952-6384 during the weekdays.

I remain fraternally your,

D. Bruce Malito

**Frank J. Scbimenz**

July 26, 2004

**Mr. Yonel Vema,**

**Grand Knight**

**Westbury Council, No. 1012 Box 163**

**Westbury, New York 11590**

**Brother Yonel:**

This letter is in response to the letter from the Council's Advocate, D. Bruce Malito, PGK, dated: July 12, 2.004..

**The Advocate' letter suggested that we were misinformed about what happened at the June 18 Council meeting. That is not so. At that meeting, the Board of Directors of the Christopher Columbus Corporation presented four names to be listed at the time the Council officers were elected. This has been done for at least the past twenty years, simply as a courtesy to let Council members know who the officers of the CCC are.**

**The Advocate wrote in his letter, that "in any duly authorized election of Council officers, nominations can be taken from the floor at election time." I fully agree. But he adds, "This was a legitimate election of Council Officers which include the Directors of the Christopher Columbus Corporation . . ." As you are aware, Directors of the Christopher Columbus Corporation are not necessarily Council officers. The Corporation is a separate entity. Nominations from the floor of a Council meeting then are not appropriate. The Corporation, not the Council, elects the Directors of the CCC.**

**As an aside, we do not question the capabilities of PGK Thomas Oftring. . We noted the Advocate's suggestion that Brother Thomas "is a perfect choice to' assume a fiduciary role in the Council" .**

**The Directors of the Christopher Columbus Corporation; after reviewing CCC and Westbury Council by-laws, considers the "election" of anew Director null and void. The Council does not have a right to replace Directors of the CCC.**

**Respectfully,**

**Frank J.Schimenz**

Too many have given too  
much for you not to bother...

# Vote!



A Public Service Message from the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus



Upcoming Events of the Westbury Council

November 6th & 7th                      Membership Drive                      St Brigids Church - All Masses

We need the brothers to be available to assist with this very important event.

November 13th                      Mass for Deceased Knights                      St Brigids/OLOH Chapel 7PM

Fellowship to follow Mass

December 11th                      Christmas Party                      OLOH 8-11PM

January 15th, 2005                      Knight at the Races                      OLOH 8-10PM

February 12th, 2005                      Renew Your Vows                      OLOH 8PM Mass Fellowship to follow.

March 12th, 2005                      International Night                      OLOH 8-11PM

April 9th & 10th 2005                      Memberhsip Drive                      OLOH All Masses

June 2005                      Annual Bocce Ball Tourament                      TBA



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