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**GRAND
KNIGHTS
REPORT**

Yonel Verna, Grand Knight

As we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving 2003, let us pause and give thanks for all we have been given.

On behalf of Westbury Knights of Columbus 1012, I wish each of you a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving. Brothers let's not forget the less fortunate on that precious day we set apart to thank God for his many generousities.

Following you will find a brief Thanksgiving prayer, a reflection that you might like to share with your family before you sit down to enjoy this year's turkey and pumkin pie. This grace before meals expresses the essence of all the world's great religious traditions as it reminds each of us that a graceful heart is one of the most universal forms of prayer that one can offer to God.

I hope that you and you loved ones find the enclosed grace before you meal a source of spiritual nourishment and that the laughter and love shared at your Thanksgiving table this year continues to nourish and sustain each member of your family throughout the coming year.

Let us pause and give thanks for all we have been given. In the silence of our hearts, we come together to reflect on the many gifts we often take for granted ~for family, for bread, for country.

With uplifted hearts, we gather around this table to give thanks ~ not only for the gift of food but for all the great gifts of life itself ~ friendship, laughter, forgiveness and hope.

On this joyous feast which unites us all as Americans, we thank God for the goodness of the human heart ~ for people who make this world a better place~ for a world where good triumphs over evil ~ Where hope does triumphs over despair ~ Where the laughter fo children overcomes the sound of tears.

We thank you for the presense of everyone at this table ~ Who, by their presense in our home, have added to the brightness of our celebretion ~ And who by their presense in our lives have made life's journey more joyous!

let us give thanks today for the food we are about to eat and The company we are about to share!

ALL TOAST:" HAPPY THANKSGIVING!"

VIVAT JUSUS
Yonel Verna GK

Light Up For Christ

On the first Tuesday of December, the Knights of Columbus will "Light Up For Christ". K of C units throughout the Order are invited to turn on a switch and light a nativity scene and/or Christmas tree at 8 pm local time.

Knights of Columbus units throughout the Order conduct blessing services as part of the program. Many add activities such as caroling or a drive to collect gifts, clothing and food for the needy.

Implementing the Keep Christian Christmas Program Here's how to participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign:

Display the two Keep Christ in Christmas posters available from the Supreme Council Supply Department:

1. "The World Is Born" (a nativity scene, #2760); and
2. "Light Up For Christ" (#2757). Smaller versions are available in the Christmas Clip Art flyer (#2759).

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Contact the Supreme Council Supply Department at (800)-722-5092 to order Keep Christ in Christmas mailing seals, Advent wreaths, calendars and leaflets, and a tri-fold indoor Nativity scene.

Sponsor a Keep Christ in Christmas poster or essay contest. Display winning posters in the church vestibule, school hallways or council meeting room. Read winning essays at public functions.

Send Christmas cards with a religious theme, and try to use religious postage stamps.

Offer to help your parish, or a poorer parish, prepare for Christmas through cleaning, repairs, decorations or flowers.

Undertake a letter-writing campaign in November to area churches or local businesses urging them to construct a

religious Christmas display, such as a Nativity scene.

Submit a Keep Christ in Christmas advertisement to the local bulletin or local newspaper, and include it in your council newsletter.

Plan at least one council-sponsored event during December, such as a food or clothing drive, praying the rosary, or singing Christmas carols.

Resist the temptation to abbreviate "Christmas" as "XMAS". This abbreviation tends to trivialize the true message of the season.

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Kudos to Brother Knights - Another Successful Food Drive

By: Chester Barkan, DGK

Once again the Knights of Westbury Council 1012 have come to the aid of the needy of our community. Our food drives continue to be one of our most successful events and under the leadership of Brother Ed Lopez, we have again achieve record successes. On Saturday, November 1st, the Knights set up operations at Associated Market in Westbury, Waldbaum's Carle Place, Pathmark, East Meadow and Stop n Shop Hicksville. Again, we want to acknowledge our brothers who have taken the time to assist in this very important drive. The Executive Board and the members of the council thank these wonderful men for their

effort:

- Ed Lopez, Coordinator
- James Gallaher, Team Captain
- Conrad Ames
- John Persich
- Anthony Aloise
- James Kennedy, Team Captain
- Jim Smith
- Santo Ponticello
- Charles Churik
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- Bill Whittington



Grand Knight's Christmas Message

by Yonel Verna, G.K

As Jesus called us to love one another. Love called us to serve one another. That's t he spirit of christmas. We as the knights pf columbus, are called to love, to serve and share.

We are proud to profess our catholis faith and show the world what we stand for. As 2003 is about to go and 2004 is about to step in let us pray that God may protect us and guide the world leaders, give them good judgment that they can make decisions that we leave in a peaceful world.

We can't really celebrate a true Christmas without thinking of our homeless brothers and sisters, the voiceless the weakness, the poor and the unborn. May the mighty Father bless us and open our heart for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

” MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.”

Yonel Verna GK.



Youth Committee Report

By Christopher Matthews, Chairperson

My brother knights; I knew as Youth Chairperson, my is to get the squires going here at this council; since I don't know too much about this, I did some research into it. You may not be aware that the squires are a group of young men from ages 10-18 who help out someway in their church and community. So I was thinking about that and how to bring these young men into the organization, and what jobs would they be able to do. Recently, I received a copy of the Squire's Newsletter and ity showed what squires have done in their respective councils to help the community. The most touch of acts ocured in Kennesaw, Georgia. There, the squires actively assisted past grand knight Jim Wallace with cleaning up his yard and cutting his lawn in addition to helping him in the house with many errands. Brother Wallace, had been going through a prolonged illness. Thankfully, Jime has fully recovered, due in large part I am sure to the efforts of the squires. It was so touching to see these young people coming to the aid of Brother Wallace.

What awaits me is a challenge. Bucking apathy and trying to bring the youth into our copuncil will require much effort on the part of our existing membership. As I begin my studies at Nassau Community College, my time will be somewhat limited. It is my intention to direct most of my efforts toward the building of the Squires Chapter. I promise to work toward this goal. In the next year, I would like to see at least 20 new brothers coming into the council. A goal that would secure for us our membership goals for Star Council. In addition, we will begin to approach the youth of the community encouraging them to get involved in the squires. The main way to gain new members is through membership drives. We need to position ourselves at the Family Mass and Rock Mass in order to attract young people to the council. There are many awards that exists for young members including a very very funded scholarship program through the Knights of Columbus. At the next council meeting, I hope to report as to the progress of scheduling membership drives for the youth masses. As with any new venture, we need the assistance of the brothers of the council. Without your support, we will not be able to acheive our goals.

The Knights of Columbus (Bellmore Council) 15 Day Tour of Spain & Portugal Departure Date July 7th, 2004

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Reflection of the Times: Advent and the Christmas Season

By Chester Barkan, Deputy Grand Knight

Reprinted from 2002 December Issue of News Chips

What a wonderful time. The holiday's are approaching; a time to reflect and pray about the birth of our savior.

However, what has happened in our society. With Halloween only a few days passed, the Christmas decorations are already going up. Retail stores are already pushing their holiday wares on all of us, through newspapers, television and countless other media. We are already being targeted by retailers with news of discounts and unbelievable sales on products. The rush is on. Christmas is only 40 shopping days away and the retailers have to make the profit. So it goes.

Its time to change this mindset. It is time to remember what Christmas is all about. Most people forget that before Christmas arrives a wonderful period known as Advent which beckons us to await the birth of our savior. What a wonderful thing to celebrate the birth of our lord, and the anticipation of that birth should fill us with more exuberance than any sale or discounted products.

Let's go back to that way of living. Let's forget the sales for a minute and let's adorn our homes with thoughts of the anticipated birth. Our culture tends to skip Advent and start celebrating Christmas after Thanksgiving—if we're lucky to make it that far! Then it's all packed up and stored away by New Year's. This year, consider returning to the ancient practice of seeing the whole Christmas "cycle"—the period that embraces both the Advent and Christmas seasons—as one unit of joyous celebration. Preparation comes first, then comes celebration extending a few weeks after Christmas Day.

The focal point of the Christmas cycle is obvious: God becoming one of us in Jesus, the Incarnation. All three phases of the cycle—Advent, Christmas and Epiphany—hinge on and celebrate that point. These celebrations help us to name the ways our lives are caught up in the "big story" of Christ. And these feasts tie our lives to Christians throughout history. The tradition of the Church, the living gospel, is the real-life experience of Christians like you and like me, and those who have gone before us.

During Advent, which begins this year on December 2, we emphasize the joy that some would compare to the months before a child is born: excitement, wonder, joy, expectation, even exhilaration at the life that is in

our midst right now, yet also a hope and longing, and a carefulness to get things into order.

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation. How wondrously we are made that the Word of God would become one of us! God shows us how to live fully: by pouring out our lives for others. That is what the days of Christmas are all about.

Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrate Christ becoming manifest—that is, present—to all peoples. On Epiphany we focus on the three Wise Men symbolizing the many races for whom Christ was born. The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his public ministry. God's "Christmas gift" of the Incarnation is a gift for everyone!

This is what the celebration of Christmastime is all about. This is what it means to be a catholic Christian. This year, get in touch with the true meaning of the Christmas season.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Council, I want to wish everyone and their families a glorious Christmas season. Take back our heritage, our faith, forget the sales, forget what is wrong with the church and remember what Christmas is truly about, the birth of our Lord and Savior.

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A Salute to Saint Anthony Lost & Found

By Dennis McCann 5/1/203
Contributed by Jack Duggan

*Here is to Saint Anthony, the finder of things
Oh! What joy his powers bring*

*We search and look, going out of our mind
Sometimes curse and swear, for that object we
can't find*

*After minutes and hours the frustration mounts
Dear St Anthony, if only you'll help, I will send
any amount.*

*Close your eyes, recite the prayer, and soon
you will find
Not only the object, but also complete peace of
mind.*

*So remember, the next time you are searching
and aggravation may cause you to faint,
Don't wait till then to make St. Anthony your
patron saint.*

Learn about the Luminous Mysteries

Contributed by Field Agent Arturo S. Esguerra, PGK

The Luminous Mysteries are the latest addition to the Prayer of the Most Holy Rosary. Moving on from the infancy and the hidden life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called in a special way "mysteries of light". Certainly, the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12). Yet the truth emerges in a special way during the years of His public life. The reflections

of the Luminous Mysteries are prayed on Thursdays.

Included in the Luminous Mysteries are the following:

1. Baptism of Jesus - And when Jesus was baptized....the heavens were open and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him, and to, a voice from heaven saying "this is my beloved Son," with whom I am well pleased

2. Wedding at Cana - His mother said to the servants. "Do whatever He tells you."...Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

3. Proclaiming the Kingdom - "And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Health the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay."

4. Transfiguration - And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered and His raiment became dazzling white. And a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen; listen to Him!"

5. Institution of the Eucharist - And he took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body which is given for you"...And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Wanted: Writers for future issues of the newsletter

Calendar of Events 2003-2004

2003

December 13th Christmas Party
8PM - Our Lady of Hope Church Basement

2004

February 14th "Renew Your Vows" on Valentines Day
6PM - Our Ladys' Chapel and Code Auditorium

March 6th & 7th Membership Drive - All Needed to Help
All Masses - Our Lady of Hope Church

March 13th St Patricks' Dinner
8PM - Our Lady of Hope Church Basement

March 20th Day At The Races
2PM - Msgr Code Auditorium

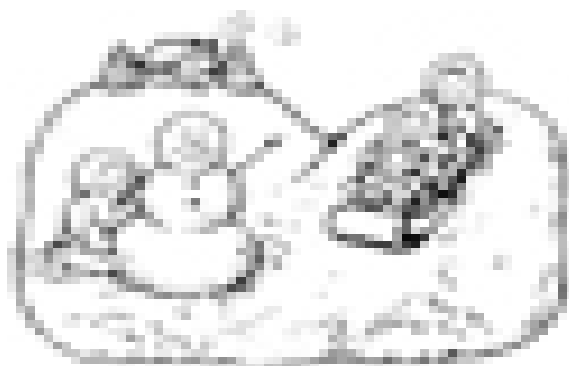
March 20th & 21st Membership Drive - All Needed to Help
All Masses - St Brigids Church and Our Lady of Hope School

March 25th New Members Meeting
Our Lady of Hope - Church Basement

April 24th Turkey After Taxes Dinner
8PM Our Lady of Hope Church Basement

May 14th Coffee and Cake Social with Line Dancing
7PM Our Lady of Hope Church Basement

June 24th Bocce Ball Tournament
TBA



Chancellor's Corner

by Augustin Berry, Chancellor

We, the Knights of Columbus were formed to aid members and their families financially. Through educational, charitable, and religious works we are able to promote our fellowship. In working together with respect for each other we have been very successful in our duty.

We have helped many families obtain economic security and stability through life insurance, annuity, and long-term care programs. Overtime the Knights of Columbus has grown to more than 12000 councils and 1.6 million members within a number of countries such as Canada, Panama, the Dominican Republic and our very own United States along with many other countries.

As of right now we are still reaching out to gain more members to join our Westbury council. Just as Mother Theresa found groups to serve the poor and preaching the word of Jesus, the Knights will do the same by standing with compassion to help those in need in the community we have faith that we will be even more successful in our work just the way our founder, Father McGivney, intended it to be.



Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg General Assembly announces its officers for 2003-2004

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March 15, 2004 - Port Washington Council
April 19, 2004 - Connolly Council
May 17, 2004 - Norton Council, Glen Cove
June 21, 2004 - Corpus Christi Council

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