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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT



Yonel Verna, Grand Knight



At the Long Island Conference meeting on February 13th, the delegates voted for Nassau County's Anthony L. Preziosi as their choice for State Deputy. The election was won on the first ballot and the vote was as follows:

Anthony Preziosi	161 votes
Bill Ratch	89 votes
Gerry Connolly	64 Votes

The L. I. Conference voted to cross endorse any candidate who would cross endorse Anthony.

The LI Conference also voted to support Bob Fallon for Supreme Director.

On Behalf of the Executive Board of Council 1012, we wish to join the rest of a united Long Island is wishing Anthony much success in his bid to become State Deputy.

January-March 2005

The Internet offers of tremendous resource of information on our faith and our faith in action. I invite your to explore these remarkable sites. The Marian Solidarity website is especially wonderful providing many online resources available for your prayful life.

Marian Solidairty - <http://www.mariansolidarity.com/>

Pentacost - The Holy Spirit - <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/pent1.htm>

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Catholic Online - <http://www.catholic.org/cathcom/>

Inside the Vatican - <http://www.insidethevatican.com/>

Union of Catholic Asian News - <http://www.ucanews.com/html/ucan/index.html>

A Request from the Pope:

His Holiness is specifically requesting that we pray for him in the knowledge that his time among us is limited.

E-mail is such a powerful tool. Please pray an "Our Father" for him; then copy and forward this to as many people around the world as possible. Pope John Paul made this request about 3 weeks ago on praying the Angelus before the pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. He says that only through prayer will he be given Strength from those who prayed. Let us help the Pope, whose prayers have helped so many of us. Please send this to all your friends.

With your co-operation, in just a few days, millions of human beings will have offered their prayers for John Paul II, and by the same token, offered their prayers to God. Let us never forget the power of prayer.

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF US WHO
BELIEVE FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM ONE
DAY IN HIS GLORY**

Process for Sainthood

The process of "saint making," more properly called the process for canonization, is normally long and complex. The candidate for sainthood must first be proposed to the local bishop. Once the bishop accepts and formally opens the "cause" for canonization, a thorough investigation into the person's life and work is begun. This entails an exhaustive study of the candidate's written works and, when possible, interviews with those who knew or worked with him. There is careful scrutiny of his life, virtues and weaknesses. The investigation aims at getting at the truth of the person's life and virtue. Only one who has lived the Christian life in an extraordinary manner, who has manifested "heroic virtue," can be seriously considered for canonization.

If the diocesan process is positive, all the information is forwarded to Rome where the Congregation for the Causes of Saints undertakes a new investigation under the supervision of professional historians and theologians. The arguments and proofs for the person's holiness of life are refined and focused. Once complete, the evidence is presented to the bishops and cardinals who make up the congregation, and their judgment is forwarded to the pope. Only the Holy Father makes the decision to beatify or canonize the candidate for sainthood.

The Holy Father looks to a sign from God as confirmation of God's positive judgment concerning beatification or canonization. Miracles are a positive sign that God indeed confirms the

Something about our faith that has been forgotten

[Hoskin, David A, NLNS]

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

*DID YOU KNOW? *

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement:

"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

DID YOU KNOW?

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said:

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law. anoligarchy.. the rule of few over many.

DID YOU KNOW?

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 228 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a mess about having the 10 commandments on display or "In God We Trust" on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.



From the Desk of the District Deputy

Robert Yurasits, 13th District

As many know our worthy District Deputy is very versed in email and computer technology. Many times he shares with us many stories, prayers and other interesting items. In future issues we will be sharing these funny, enjoyable, and spiritual items.

Sister Loretta

Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Loretta opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent.

Sister Loretta smiled at the gesture. As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below.

Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. Sister Loretta," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him. The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Loretta was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down, and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills.

"What's this?" she asked. "That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied. "Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."

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THE TOP 25

Here are the top 25 Catholic websites in the world, ranked in order of popularity according to Alexa's TrafficRank software. This is a list of the busiest Catholic websites, which are not necessarily the best Catholic websites. This list was updated on April 3, 2004.

1. Catholic Exchange
2. The Passion of the Christ
3. EWTN
4. The Holy See
5. New Advent
6. Catholic Online
7. Catholic.net
8. USCCB
9. Zenit News Agency
10. Catholic Answers
11. St. Raphael Singles
12. ACI Digital
13. Catholic Community Forum
14. Encuentra.com (Mexico)
15. Catholic Singles
16. Catholic Pages
17. Spirit Daily
18. Catholic Information Network
19. Catholic World News
20. The Catholic Company
21. Christus Rex
22. Internet Padre
23. Opus Dei
24. CatholiCity
25. American Catholic

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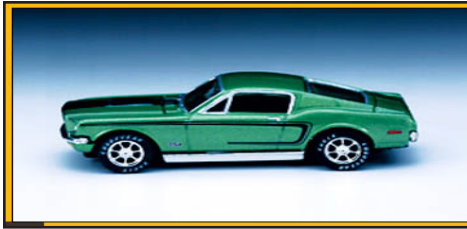
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SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

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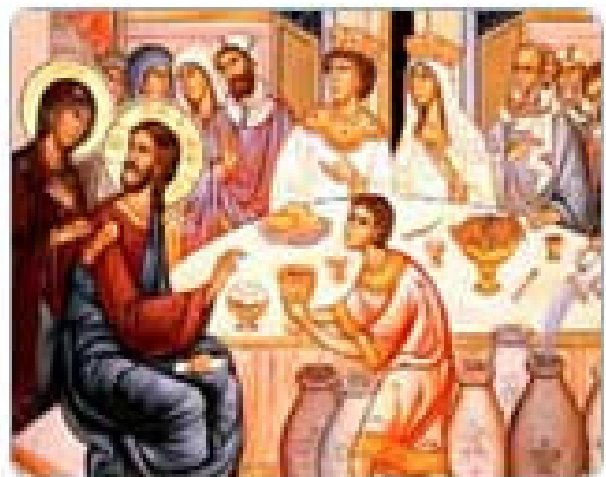
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Special Prayer for Pope John Paul II

OREMUS (let us pray)

Blessed are you, Father,
who, in your infinite love,
gave us your only-begotten Son.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became
incarnate
in the spotless womb of the Virgin Mary
and was born in Bethlehem

He became our companion on life's path
and gave new meaning to our history,
the journey we make together
in toil and suffering,
in faithfulness and love,
towards the new heaven and the new earth
where You, once death has been vanquished,
will be all in all.



Election Controversy-

Editorial-A Reprint

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 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

Post Note: Since the publishing of this editorial, the Grand Knight of the Council has requested an accounting of the assets of the Christopher Columbus Corporation; to date the Council has not received any responses. The Officers of the Christopher Columbus Corporation are accountable to the Grand Knight of the Council. On at least two occasions the Grand Knight has asked the CCC for an accounting of the assets and that it be reported to the council. To date, no information has been forthcoming. It is my opinion that the Officers of the CCC are in contempt of the council and their actions an act of misfeasance and nonfeasance and as such are grounds for their removal from office. When will it end; Is it your intention to split the council into two factions.

We are publically asking for an acting of the assets of the Chritopher Columbus Corporation.

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

Council Advocate

Frank J. Schimenz

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, 2004. .

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



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Dear Brothers:

Please forward all financial records of the Christopher Columbus Corporation to the Trustees of Westbury Council for audit. The records can be given to Past Grand Knight Thomas Ofiring. His address is 17 Page Lane, Westbury. His telephone number is 997-8278.

Also, I would appreciate the courtesy of a response to my letter of December 11, 2004. I have attached a copy.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 313-6586, our Deputy Grand Knight Chester Barken at 299-2589, or our Council Advocate, Past Grand Knight D. Bruce Malito at 997-6442.

Faternally,


Yonel Verna
Grand Knight

cc: Council Trustees
Deputy Grand Knight
Advocate

BC-TV SHOW ANGERS CATHOLICS NATIONWIDE

During the February 22 episode of the NBC-TV sitcom, "Committed," two non-Catholics are mistakenly given Holy Communion at a Catholic funeral Mass. Nate, who is Jewish, and Bowie, a Protestant, don't know what to do with the Eucharist, so they make several failed attempts to get rid of it. For example, they try slipping it into the pocket of a priest, dropping it on a tray of cheese and crackers, etc.

At one point, the priest, who is portrayed as not knowing the difference between the Host and a cracker, goes to grab the "cracker" from a tray of appetizers; he initially balks when he discovers that it is the last one. Then he changes his mind, saying, "Oh, what the hell." By far the most offensive scene occurs when Nate and Bowie accidentally flush what they think is the Host down the toilet.

Catholic League president William Donohue commented on this today:

"It's been quite a while since we've been deluged with as many complaints as this episode of 'Committed' fielded. To say that Catholics are angry about this show would be an understatement-the outrage is visceral and intense. The complaints have come from bishops, college chaplains, pastors and the laity, and they have come from all over the country. With good reason: NBC has made a direct frontal assault on Roman Catholicism, choosing to mock, trivialize and ridicule the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

"What happened was deliberate. According to a January 2 story in the

Cincinnati Enquirer, the writers for the series, Eileen Heisler and DeAnn Helene, have been encouraged by NBC executives 'to push the limits of comedy.' For obvious reasons, the writers of 'Roseanne,' 'Murphy Brown' and 'Ellen' chose not to push the buttons of homosexuals (or some other protected group), so they decided to play it safe and stay in good standing with their bosses by bashing Catholics.

"More than an apology is needed. This episode should be retired for good, and that is what we will demand."

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Upcoming Events of the Westbury Council

March 12th, 2005	International Night	OLOH 8-11PM
April 9th & 10th 2005	Membersip Drive	OLOH All Masses
June 2005	Annual Bocce Ball Tourament	TBA



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