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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

by Denis Sullivan

It's February 17th 2003 and I'm sitting here watching and listening to the wind and snow outside and thinking I'm really thankful I'm inside instead of out which brings to mind the poor and homeless in our community. Bill Whittington of our council volunteers his time with Joan Echausse at St. Brigid's parish outreach and I'm afraid I've taken him for granted, he and his wife and others like him work hard at feeding, clothing and problem solving for over 200 families. I think about the cold and snowy weather today and how terrible it must be to be without food, winter clothing or a place to stay. Bill, you do a hell of a job and I personally want to thank you.

We've been very busy this past month what with the Free Throw contest, scholarship meetings, membership drives, bringing up the gifts at mass, and the hospitality Sunday at Our Lady of Hope.

We've just picked up another new member who called me after our recent membership drive and told me how we seem to be involved in everything going on in the church and he wanted to be a part of it. What goes around comes around, the more we do the more we are noticed and appreciated and people see that and want to be a part of it. Keep it up brothers it's working.

On March 1st. St. Brigid's is having their annual Mardi-Gras party at Code Auditorium and we've been asked to help set up the room at 9AM. If you can, please turn out, lend a hand and wear your K of C shirts or jackets to let everyone know who's helping out with the party.

On a sorry note, John Doherty's father passed away on Saturday February 15th. Please remember him in your prayers.

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Westbury Council #1012 launches St Brigid's/Our lady of Hope Regional School Scholarship

For a second year in a row, the Westbury Council of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the St Brigid/Our Lady of Hope School Regional School Scholarship program. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to two students from St Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School for furthering of their Catholic school education. Two students, a young man and a young woman, graduating from the 8th grade will be selected for the award. The amount of each award is \$500.00. The scholarship is awarded without consideration of financial need or scholastic aptitude of the child. Instead the scholarship is awarded based on their knowledge of the work of the Knights of Columbus, behavior and community service. Each student must submit a composition, describing his or her activities within the student's church, community, service groups, hospitals or libraries. The rules and regulaations for the scholarship program are available on the St Brigid website.

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Reflections....First In a Series

By Brother Jack Duggan

The following reflections are taken from "S.M.I.L.E.S.," a publication compiled and edited by Jack Duggan

We see the sun rise each day and we have witnessed a thousand sunsets in our lifetime. Our days are marked by the changing of the seasons, each representing past events and things to come. We know from experiences that our lives can change in the blink of an eye.

Individual journeys are shared by many because they have affected others in individual ways. Our lives are made up of moments we will remember forever. Again we ask "What does define the moment?"

We have stories to tell, each one important in its own rite. Our stories provide us with the opportunity to relfect, to evaluate, and to remember. We night feel that no one needs to hear about our lives: our past visions and dreams, our preesnt concerns and worries, and our future hopes. Whether our lives will be the subject of a lasting epic or a simple tale told over coffee we do have something to tell. Our lives are a meaningful history, not perfect but very sacred. For each day is full of small marvels that we continue to review. The process of writing down these "talks with ourselves" reflect what our mind is thinking and our heart is feeling. These thoughts become tangible: ink on paper for others to read, to remember, and to cherish.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

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SAINTLY COOKING

by Joseph Trentacoste

St. Patrick

St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, was born around 390. His father was a deacon and his grandfather a priest. He was trained to be priest and was ordained in Britain. Patrick was appointed successor to Palladius as bishop of the Irish Christians and returned to Ireland around 435. Patrick was a sincere, humble man with great concern for his flock and had complete trust in God.



Many legends exist about St. Patrick. He is supposedly the saint who expelled snakes from Ireland, who explained the Trinity by using a shamrock, who single-handedly converted Ireland to Christianity and performed other miracles.

This recipe is for an easy to-make fruitcake.

1 cup Butter

½ tsp. baking soda

1 ½ cup brown sugar

2 tsp. allspice

1 ½ cup stout

½ cup mixed peel

½ tsp. grated orange peel

½ cup glazec cherries

2 cups raisins

3 eggs

4 cups flour

Over low heat melt the butter and sugar in a pan with the stout. Add orange peel and raisins and boil for 3 minutes. Cool until slightly warm.

Stir the flour, baking soda and spice into a bowl, add fruit mixture and cherries. Whip eggs lightly and then add them gradually to the bowl, mixing well each time. Put the mixture into a round greased cake pan. Bake on the bottom rack of a preheated oven at 350 degrees F for 1½ hours. Remove from the pan when cooled. Let stand for 24 hours before cutting.

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₹4th Degree News

Any brother wishing to take their 4th degree should meet with Sir Knight James Kennedy. The exemplication of the 4th degree dedicated to the spirit of patriotism will be held on October 12, 2003 at the Melville Marriot. We encourage any and all of our 3rd degree brothers to consider taking their 4th.

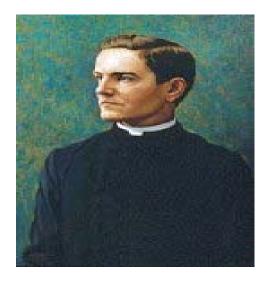
Any brother wishing to attend the 4th degree communion breakfast should meet with Brother Kennedy.

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Editorial

By Chester Barkan, Chancellor

The need to get involved, get new members, and become an active voice in our council is paramount. While I sometimes think I am preaching to the choir, we need to make it clear how important it is for ou brothers to get involved in our council. We have a strong council and it can be made stronger with a little effort on each of our parts. We need to expand our campaign to bring in new members. Every brother must know at least one fellow catholic gentlemen who would consider becoming a member of the council. If everyone who attended our business meetings presents one candidate for membership, we will double our active membership. Membership is how the council will survive. In the years to come we must direct our attention to expanding our membership base. In addition, we must develop new programs, new community outreach programs in order to bring more people to our events. Let's redouble our efforts to make our council grow. Soon we will be 100 years young. We need to have a strong showing at all our events to show the community that the Westbury Council is a vital force in the areas of Westbury and Carle Place.



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May we take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Lent and most happiest of Easter seasons.

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Becoming Instruments of Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace — Like that of Christ, our mission on earth is to bring to others God's peace — God's state of "perfect well-being" and completeness. Shalom is the Hebrew word for this rich concept of "peace." Often used as a greeting of peace, Shalom is a wish that those so greeted will find healing and fullness of life.

St. Francis saw this as his mission, too. In his Rule of 1223, he advised his followers that in going about the world "they do not quarrel or fight with words, or judge others; rather let them be meek, peaceful and unassuming, gentle and humble, speaking courteously to everyone, as is becoming.... In whatever house they enter, let them say: Peace to this house" (cf. Lk 10:5). Good advice for all of us!

Where there is hatred, let me sow love — God is a fountain of overflowing and unconditional love. He does not choose to return hate for hate, but only love, forgiveness and healing. As God affirms through Ezekiel (33:11), "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live." When nails of hatred were driven into Jesus' hands and feet, what flowed forth from his wounds in response was not hatred or violent retaliation, only unconditional and healing love.

The five wounds of St. Francis suggest a similar love — one that seeks only the other's true welfare.

Where there is injury, pardon — During the violenceridden Crusades, St. Francis discovered a path of peace, pardon and nonviolence. The little poor man went to Egypt to engage in a peaceful dialogue with the sultan or head of the Muslim forces — a meeting in which a spirit of forgiveness, respect and understanding prevailed. We recall, too, the famous story of Francis granting pardon to a wolf that was terrorizing an Italian village. St. Francis' creative way of brokering peace between the wolf and the villagers is instructive for us today, who are so quick to see violence as the only cure for terrorism.

Where there is doubt, faith — When as a young man Francis found himself in a fog of confusion and doubt, he sought the face of God through prayer in caves and other solitary places. God opened Francis' eyes of faith. The saint suddenly saw a vision of Christ gazing at him from the cross with such a look of love that Francis' "soul melted," in the words of his biographer. The fog of doubt lifted for Francis, and he went through the world setting others free from the burden of doubt. May we seek and share the same vision of faith that transformed Francis!

Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light — Hope often rises out of

the ashes of despair. Think of the shining heroism displayed by firefighters and other selfless people after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Such examples of love and courage brought light and hope into the darkness of grieving hearts. Or think of loving parents patiently caring for children with severe disabilities. They represent the triumph of hope and human goodness over despair and darkness. Recall how St. Francis kissed lepers and lovingly washed their sores. Surely, many of these suffering souls felt an inner surge of hope and human dignity when they experienced Francis' care. Think, too, of Mother Teresa's life of service. May we inspire similar hope in others!

where there is sadness, joy — The secret of St. Francis' joyful spirit was his vibrant belief in a God of overflowing goodness and love. Behind the mask of reality, Francis did not see a dark void but rather an all-loving Creator who sent his only Son to lead us to fullness of life, no matter what the personal cost. St. Francis was so in love with God that at times he would pick up two sticks from the ground, tuck one under his chin like a violin and move the other over it like a bow. Then in an ecstasy of joy he would sing in French songs of love and praise to God. Francis used to say that he wanted his followers to go about the world like strolling minstrels "to inspire the hearts of people and stir them to spiritual joy." Perhaps you and I can be such minstrels of joy to our world!

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal **life.** — Francis of Assisi may not have written the words of the prayer attributed to him, but he certainly lived them. Everyone who is able to read and understand these words, moreover, readily sees that they communicate the heart of the Gospels and capture what is most essential in the world's great religions. The Peace Prayer of St. Francis is a deep well of spiritual wisdom. We are wise to visit this well often. (Columbia January 2003)

Father Jack Wintz, OFM, is a Franciscan friar of the Cincinnati-based Province of St. John the Baptist. Most recently he authored the inspirational book A Retreat with Pope John Paul II: Be Not Afraid (St. Anthony Messenger Press), as well as the 2001 children's book, St. Francis in San Francisco (Paulist Press). He has been an award-winning writer and editor at St. Anthony Messenger magazine for the last 30 years, presently serving as contributing editor.

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Thoughts to Ponder

by Brother Jack Duggan
WINTER BLAHS

The holidays are over. Thank You notes have been sent; unwanted goifts have been returned and tensions somewhat relieved. Hopefully, the spirit of the season will continue for a long time to come. Last week we have an occasion to see an oldie but goodie called "What's Cooking?"

The movie brings to life what four families attempt and achieve as they spend the morning preparing the family feast while reliving their remembrance of "Thanksgiving Past." Each family is different int heir cultural traditions and family values. Dysfunctional people at their best and flawed relationships among family members highlight this Thanksgiving morning. This story will delight the old among us; provide the young and in the end encourage all us to relfect on what is really important in life. As we settle into a few more months of blistery winds and smow with gray clouds, maybe it is time to reflect quietly on the pressures we inadvertently put upon ourselves we plan another family gathering or for that matter....

This story will differently lift your spirit.

Remember Family Is Where you begin,

It is where you come from.

And it is always part of you.

No matter where you go

Oops, We Goofed!

While thanking out brothers for assisting in the take down of the Christmas decorations at St Brigids on January 12, we overlooked Jim Nesdill. We may have forgotton your name Jim, but not your good deed.

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The Presepio at St. Brigids is taken down

Brothers of Westbury Council 1012 were again out in strength to assist in the taking down of the Presepio at St Brigid's Roman Catholic Church on Saturday January 25. Special thanks to all those for turning out to help with this wonderful proof of colunteerism on the part of the brothers of the Knights of Columbus. Among the brothers helping were:

Conrad Ames Fexlix Bamba John Doherty Edward Lopez Peter Perez Bill Waters

Jonas Augustin Angelo Carro Al Ehrsam John Napolitano Denis Sullivan

God Bless each of these wonderful men and thank the all for their help.

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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL IIMESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II FOR LENT 2003

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

1. Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe.

This year, as a guide for our Lenten meditation, I would offer a phrase taken from the Acts of the Apostles: «It is more blessed to give than to receive» (Acts 20:35). What we have here is not simply a moral exhortation, or a command which comes to us from without. The inclination to give is rooted in the depths of the human heart: every person is conscious of a desire to interact with others and everyone finds fulfilment in a free gift of self to others.

2. Our age, regrettably, is particularly susceptible to the temptation toward selfishness which always lurks within the human heart. In society generally, and in the media, people are bombarded by messages which more or less openly exalt the ephemeral and the hedonistic. Concern for others is certainly shown whenever natural disasters, war and other emergencies strike, but in general it is difficult to build a culture of solidarity. The spirit of the world affects our inner propensity to give ourselves unselfishly to others and drives us to satisfy our own particular interests. The desire to possess ever more is encouraged. Surely it is natural and right that people, by using their own gifts and by their own labour, should work to obtain what they need to live, but an excessive desire for possessions prevents human beings from being open to their Creator and to their brothers and sisters. The words of Paul to Timothy remain relevant in every age: «The love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs» (1 Tim 6:10)!

Exploitation of others, indifference towards the suffering of our brothers and sisters, and the violation of basic rules of morality are just a few fruits of the thirst for gain. Faced with the tragic situation of persistent poverty which afflicts so many people in our world, how can we fail to see that the quest for profit at any cost and the lack of effective, responsible concern for the common good have concentrated immense resources in the hands of a few while the rest of humanity suffers in poverty and neglect?

Appealing to believers and to all people of good will, I would like to reaffirm a principle which is self-evident yet often ignored: our goal should not be the benefit of a privileged few, but rather the improvement of the living conditions of all. Only on this foundation can we build that international order truly marked by justice and solidarity which is the hope of everyone.

3. «It is more blessed to give than to receive». When believers respond to the inner impulse to give themselves to others without expecting anything in return, they experience a profound interior satisfaction.

The efforts of Christians to promote justice, their commitment in defence of the powerless, their humanitarian work in providing bread for the hungry and their care for the sick by responding to every emergency and need, draw their strength from that sole and inexhaustible treasury of love which is the complete gift of Jesus to the Father. Believers are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who, in perfect obedience to the will of the Father, emptied himself (cf. Phil 2:6 ff), and humbly gave himself to us in selfless and total love, even unto death on a cross. Calvary eloquently proclaims the message of the Blessed Trinity's love for human beings of all times and places.

Saint Augustine points out that only God, as the Supreme Good, is capable of overcoming the various forms of poverty present in our world. Mercy and love for one's neighbour must therefore be the fruit of a living relationship with God and have God as their constant point of reference, since it is in closeness to Christ that we find our joy (cf. *De Civitate Dei*, X, 6; CCL 39:1351ff).

4. The Son of God loved us first, while «we were yet sinners» (Rom 5:6), with an unconditional love which asks nothing in return. If this is so, how can we fail to see the season of Lent as a providential opportunity to make

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courageous decisions inspired by altruism and generosity? Lent offers us the practical and effective weapons of fasting and almsgiving as a means of combating an excessive attachment to money. Giving not only from our abundance, but sacrificing something more in order to give to the needy, fosters that self-denial which is essential to authentic Christian living. Strengthened by constant prayer, the baptized reveal the priority which they have given to God in their lives.

The love of God poured into our hearts ought to inspire and transform who we are and what we do. Christians must not think that they can seek the true good of their brothers and sisters without embodying the charity of Christ. Even in those cases where they might succeed in improving important aspects of social or political life, without charity every change would remain short-lived. The possibility of giving oneself to others is itself a gift which comes from the grace of God. As Saint Paul teaches: «God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure» (Phil 2:13).

5. To modern men and women, often dissatisfied with a shallow and ephemeral existence and in search of authentic happiness and love, Christ offers his own example and issues the invitation to follow him. He asks those who hear his voice to give their lives for others. This sacrifice is a source of self-fulfilment and joy, as is seen in the eloquent example of those men and women who, leaving all security behind, have not hesitated to risk their lives as missionaries in different parts of the world. It can also be seen in the response of those young people who, prompted by faith, have embraced a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life in order to serve God's plan of salvation. It is likewise the experience of the growing number of volunteers who readily devote themselves to helping the poor, the elderly, the sick and all those in need.

Recently, we have witnessed a praiseworthy outpouring of solidarity for the victims of floods in Europe, earthquakes in Latin America and Italy, epidemics in Africa, volcanic eruptions in the Phillippines, as well as for other areas of the world scarred by hatred, violence and war.

In these situations, the communications media play a significant role by allowing us to identify with and offer ready help to the suffering and those in distress. At times it is not the Christian command of love, but rather an innate sense of compassion which motivates our efforts to assist others. Even so, anyone who helps those in need always enjoys God's favour. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the disciple Tabitha was saved because she had done good to her neighbour (cf. 9:36 ff). The centurion Cornelius obtained eternal life on account of his generosity (cf. ibid., 10: 2-31).

For those who are «far-off», service to the needy can be a providential path leading to an encounter with Christ, since the Lord abundantly repays the good deeds done to one's neighbour (cf. Mt 25:40).

It is my fervent hope that believers will find this Lent a favorable time for bearing witness to the Gospel of charity in every place, since the vocation to charity is the heart of all true evangelization. To this end I invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and pray that she will accompany us on our Lenten journey. With these sentiments I affectionately impart to all my blessing.

From the Vatican, 7 January 2003

JOANNES PAULUS II

Source: http://www.vatican.va/holy father/john paul ii/messages/lent/

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Calendar of Events March-June 2003

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March 23, 2003 St Rocco's Church

Glen Cove - 4th Degree

Communion Breakfast 8:45 AM Mass James Norton Council to host breakfast

April 12, 2003 OPEN 10AM OLOH

April 26th & 27th 2003 C & B Drive St Brigid's Church

May 4th, 2003 C & B Drive Chapel

May 17th, 2003 Day At the Races 3PM Code Auditorium

May 31st & June 1st C & B Drive OLOH

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