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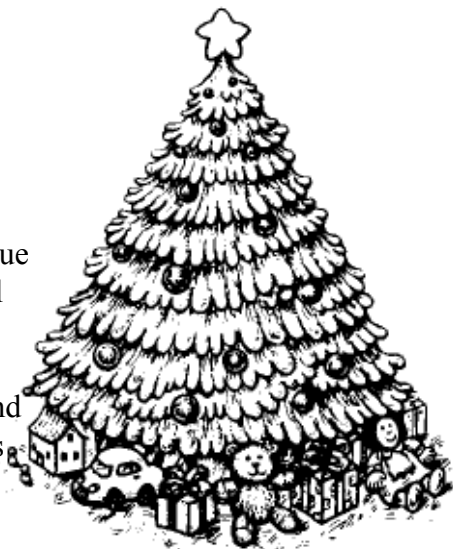
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# GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

*by Denis Sullivan*

Busy, busy month.

Many thanks to Ed Lopez for all the work he did for our recent food drive for St. Brigid and Our Lady of Hope, he took on all the responsibilities and did a great job. I don't know if you saw the food pantry after the drive was over, if you didn't you really missed something as it was filled to overflowing, and all the outreach volunteers had nothing but smiles. I also want to thank all the membership that turned out, there's too many to name here but you know who you are and I personally was very proud to lead such a generous group of men. I received all the thanks but it was you that did all the work.

Our social meeting held in October was another success, a great many new faces showed up and a lot of old faces that we haven't seen in sometime were there. We owe a big one to Jack Duggan for the idea and the effort he put in to make the evening work, again thanks to all that assisted him that evening.

I just want to mention again that the Nassau Conference and Nassau Chapter have scholarships and grants available to our member's children and grandchildren, the money is there for the taking brothers and you should take advantage of it if you can.

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over and everyone will be 5-pounds heavier. I hope everyone has a great day and if you could just pause for a minute and remember our servicemen and woman that are away from home and just might be in harm's way.

Don't forget; wear your K of C jackets whenever you can, advertising pays.

## "New" Day at the Races Event is Initiated

By Chester N. Barkan, Chancellor

After several recently unsuccessful Night at the Races Programs, the council begin offering an afternoon program renamed "Day at the Races".

The program debuted on November 16 at 3PM at Code Auditorium. Only about 25 people attended, but the event actually raised more money than expected. The program consisted of 10 races which were called by Grand Knight Denis Sullivan and Chancellor Chester Barkan, assisted by Yonel Verna, and Ira Glazer. During the course of the program, a repass was served consisting of hot dogs and soda along with a nice dessert. With only 25 people attending, we are not doing enough to attract more people to our events. The council should consider other ways of attracting people to our events. Any Ideas Brothers!

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More of us can count on living longer - thanks to advances in medicine, healthier lifestyles, and improved access to care. Now for the bad news: almost half of us will one day require long-term care services at some point in our lives.

The average cost of nursing home care in the U.S. is over \$45,000 per year. Home care is more affordable - approximately \$12,000 per year - but still carries a high price tag. If you consider that you're likely to be on a fixed income during retirement, where will you get that kind of money?

Many have to deplete their retirement savings to pay for such care. Others are forced to rely on their children for financial assistance - difficult to do when you've valued your independence and have taught your children to follow in your footsteps!

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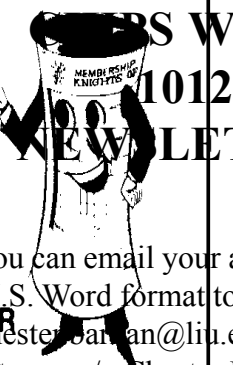
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**Update on the  
Jubilee  
Committee**

The Jubilee Committee held its 2nd meeting on October 30 at St Brigid's Our Lady of Hope School Library. The meeting began at 7:00 PM and continued until about 9:00 PM. The members attending included Denis Sullivan, Yonel Verna, Chester Barkan, Jack Duggan, and Tom Offtring. The members reviewed the catering halls that were research and after reviewing the benefits of each, the committee decided on The Westbury Manor for their 1st Choice.

The next meeting of the committee will be on November 19th at 7:30 PM

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**Events  
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Councils**

November 19th

1st & 2nd Degrees - Barry Council, Hicksville 8PM.

Candidates should plan to arrive by 7:15PM

November 22nd

3rd Degree - St Mary's Council (Western District Only)

November 24th

District Communion Breakfast  
9 AM Mass at St. Anthony's in Oceanside followed by breakfast at 10:30 AM at O'Connell Council.

January 24th

3rd Degree - Barry Council, Hicksville. 8PM. Candidates should plan on arriving by 7:15PM



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS  
WHO ASSISTED AT THE RECENT  
ST. BRIGID'S PARISH OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE**

***JONAS AUGUSTIN***

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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALAN BERRY ASSISTING IN MAKING THE EXTRA 4 SIGNS.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO STAYED FOR 8 HOURS

***CONRAD AMES***  
***CHESTER BARKAN***  
***JIM GALLAGHER***  
***EDWARD LOPEZ***  
***PETER PEREZ***

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AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **EDWARD LOPEZ** FOR THE  
UNDAUNTING TASK OF ORGANIZING THE FOOD DRIVE.

THE TIRELESS ENTHUSIASM OF THE 24 MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED HELPED  
MAKE THE FOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!

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# Editorial

*By Chester Barkan, Chancellor*

## Reflection of the Times: Advent and the Christmas Season

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.

## Old Folks are Worth a Fortune

*Reflections by Brother Jim Duggan*

Old folks are worth a fortune: With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomach.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years, some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I woke, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention.

When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me, from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed--with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. the preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter, I told him I do--all the time. No matter where I am--in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement--I ask myself, "Now what am I here after?"

## Just A Minute

I have only just a minute, only sixty seconds is it;

Only sixty seconds in it;

Forced Upon me - can't refuse it

Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.

But it's up to me to use it;

I must suffer if I lose it;

Give accounts if I abuse it.

Just a tiny little minute, but ETERNITY is in it !

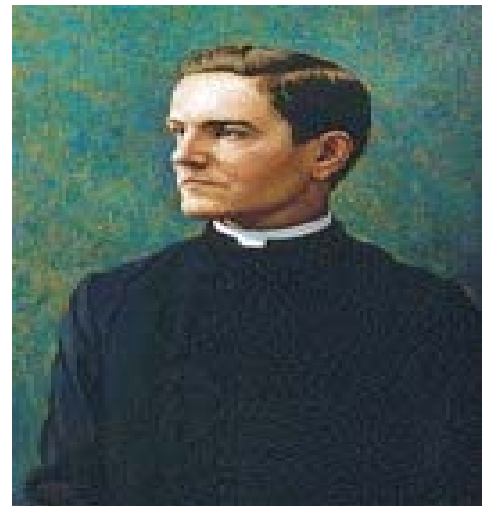
*Compiled by Brother Jack Duggan*

## An Appeal for New Members

*By Brother Augustin Berry*

Brothers, our founder Fr. Michael J.

McGivney created this organization for a good reason. He created it in order to gain unity, give charity, fraternity, and patriotism. It is instantly recognizable that the order is loyal to the Pope. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. It was on these bedrock principles that the Order was founded over a century ago and remains true to them today. As of now we must keep his initiative alive on for generation to generation and to do this we will need more members to join us and help us as we continue to help people who are unable to help themselves. In doing this we will show that we are a model organization that people can count on in bad times. If you want to join this great organization of Catholic men, it is likely that there is a local council near you. There you will find brother Knights working to fulfill the central mission of the Order: striving in charitable works; serving the Church and unified in following its teachings; supporting brother Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs; acting for the good of their country; and giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the poor.







## Three Brothers Received 4th Degree

by Sir Knight James Kennedy

Three members of the Westbury Council 1012 received the honor of the 4th Degree in the annual exemplification held October 13, at the Melville Marriot. Over 800 brothers, family and friends were in attendance. The morning begin with the candidates being prepared while members of families adjourned to rooms and suites that the local councils had reserved in the hotel. The exemplification which teaches the theme of patriotism was beautiful. Over 280 brothers received the honors of the 4th degree. Following the exemplification, the new "Sir Knights" rejoined their families for hospitality and a dinner dance held that evening. Among the brothers taking the 4th degree were three members of the Westbury Council; Denis Sullivan, Grand Knight, Chester Barkan, Chancellor and D. Bruce Malito, PGK and member of the Board of Trustees. All the members of Westbury Council extend their congratulations to our new "Sir Knights".

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## PRO LIFE MASS

*Taken from The Lumina*

You are invited to the annual Pro Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Sunday, January 19th, 10:15 am. The celebrant of the Mass will be His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York and the Honorary new York State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Also Join the "March for Life Rally", Monday, January 22nd in Washington D.C. By our presence, our government leaders will see that abortion is evil. Please inquire if your parish or council is arranging bus transportation for this rally.



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“O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!” This ancient chorus of the grand Christmas hymn “Adeste Fideles” seems to echo wherever we go this time of year. The words call to mind images of worshipers gathered in awe around the manger in Bethlehem. Yet in that beloved refrain we should hear as well the invitation to gather around our eucharistic Lord. The busy weeks of Advent and Christmas might seem a most unlikely time to consider spending an hour or two in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. What with gifts to buy and wrap, cards to address and mail, homes to clean and decorate, parties to plan and attend — to say nothing of children out of school for the holidays, how could anyone possibly squeeze another commitment into such a crowded schedule?

Nevertheless, if we consider some of the immediate rewards of eucharistic adoration, we might find them to be just what we need most in this hectic season. When it seems that the stresses of following a tight budget, preparing for house guests, and enduring long lines at the mall threaten to overwhelm us, we can find no better refuge from the holiday whirlwind than a few moments alone with Jesus. From frazzled thoughts about the colored lights still to be hung and the angel costume not yet assembled, we can turn our attention to the One whose coming we celebrate.

In the stillness of Christ’s presence, we can find a place of peace. We can regain a proper perspective on our activities, a vision of what is truly important. And the simple joy of the season can find its way back into our hearts.

Yet there are even more profound reasons for making visits to the Blessed Sacrament a priority this time of year. The term “advent”, of course, means “coming,” and in this season our spiritual focus is twofold, as the readings for Mass remind us. On the one hand, we remember with gratitude Christ’s first coming as Savior more than 2,000 years ago: “The Virgin shall be with Child and give birth to a Son, and they shall call Him Emmanuel” (Mt 1:23). On the other hand, we look with hope to Christ’s second coming in the future, when he will return to judge the world: “Be patient, my brothers, until the coming of the Lord” (Jas 5:7).

The Eucharist, as Pope John Paul II has observed, bears a unique witness to both these advents. It is at once, he insists, both the “sacramental testimony” of Jesus’ first coming and a “constant announcement” of his second coming. We might even say that the Eucharist is itself a kind of daily “advent” in which Christ comes to us on the altar. When we adore the Blessed Sacrament, then, we celebrate Advent in a fitting way, because we worship the Christ “who was, and is and is to come” (Rev 4:8).

As Advent finds its glorious fulfillment in the octave of Christmas, the beauty of eucharistic adoration grows deeper still. I can recall how, as a little boy, I used to hold tightly the Christ child figure from the crèche in our living room, wishing I could have knelt in the hay on that first Christmas Eve. How my heart would have leapt to enter the stable in Bethlehem where God's own Son lay in a manger!

As a Catholic adult I have come to realize that, in a sense, my wish has actually come true. When I kneel before our eucharistic Lord, Christ himself is there in his body, blood, soul and divinity, just as surely and wholly present as he was in Bethlehem so long ago. Instead of a manger, a monstrance or tabernacle holds him now. But the baby who slept quietly in his Blessed Mother's arms is the same Jesus who waits today in silence for my visit — and my heart leaps to enter the place where he can be found.

Father Frederick W. Faber, a 19th century English convert, priest and hymn writer, put it this way: "The Bethlehem of that night...has never passed away. It lives...in the worshipful reality of the Blessed Sacrament. Round the Tabernacle, which is our abiding Bethlehem, goes on the same world of beautiful devotion which surrounded the newborn Babe, real, out of real hearts, and realized by God's acceptance."

Would we like to visit Bethlehem, enter the stable, kneel at the manger? Do we long to worship the Word of God made flesh who dwelt among us?

Then we should make our pilgrimage to the tabernacle at Christmas. There, like the awestruck shepherds of old, we will find "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11).

As we come to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we should remember that Mary and Joseph are with him, just as they were the night he was born. The Holy Family cannot be separated; they remain a circle of love, and they invite us to enter the circle. So we should ask Christ's own mother and foster father to draw us close to their son.

Perhaps our faith may seem at an ebb, even in times of eucharistic adoration. Maybe doubts arise as we turn our thoughts to the sacred host. How could something so tiny, so fragile, so ordinary in

appearance truly be God?

If this should happen, we need only call on our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to intercede for us. We should remember that they, too, had to exercise great faith as they held the infant Jesus in their arms. How could someone so tiny, so fragile, so ordinary in appearance, truly be God? Mary and Joseph can pray for us with sympathy. They know what it means to worship a Lord whose divinity lies hidden under humble appearances.

Finally, in our eucharistic adoration throughout this holy season, we should remember the devotion of St. Francis of Assisi, the gentle friar to whose creativity and imagination we owe the lovely tradition of the Christmas crèche. Francis cherished the infant Jesus so passionately that he once grabbed the figure of the child from the manger and danced away with it, caught up in a rapture of love.

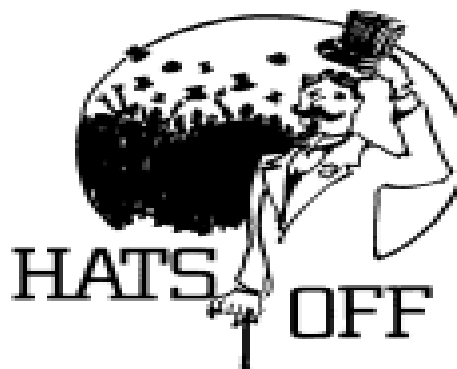
This saint's heart burned fiercely for Jesus, not just in his nativity, but in his eucharistic presence as well. Someone once asked Francis, "What do you do during those long hours before the Blessed Sacrament?" The friar gave a simple reply that we would do well to remember.

"What does the poor man do at the rich man's door, the sick man in the presence of his physician, the thirsty man at a clear stream?" he asked. "What they do, I do before the eucharistic God. I pray. I adore. I love."

Paul Thigpen, a senior editor for Servant Publications and associate editor of *Envoy* magazine, has compiled a collection of prayers and meditations for eucharistic adoration entitled *Jesus, We Adore You: Prayers Before the Blessed Sacrament* (Servant, 2001).



# PICTURES FROM DAY AT THE RACES NOVEMBER 16, 2002





# Schedule of Events

December 12, 2002, Business Meeting	8 PM OLOH
December 14, 2002 Christmas Party	8 PM OLOH
February 8th & 9th 2003, Membership Drive	All Masses St, Brigids
February 16th, 2003, Membership Drive	All Masses, Chapel
February 22nd, 2003, Membership Drive	All Masses, OLOH

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