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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:



Brother Knights and Ladies:

February is the shortest month of the year. For Wisconsinites who are waiting for spring a short February is a good thing.

On February 14th Valentine's Day is celebrated. Just a gentle reminder Brother Knights, do something nice for your special lady for Valentine's Day. Because of its close proximity to Valentine's Day our ROMEO luncheon on February 18th is open to spouses and guests. Stop by the clubhouse for a nice lunch with your lady.

Ash Wednesday is observed on February 17th. When ashes are placed on our forehead we are reminded of our own mortality with the words -- remember, man that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return. Since its founding in 1882, the Knights of Columbus primary mission has been to protect families against the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in preparation of the feast of Easter. A Catholic church that I once attended passed out nails to its parishioners to carry in their pocket during Lent. When I would reach into my pocket and felt the nail I would ask myself - What have I done today that resulted in Christ being nailed to the Cross.

The January issue of Columbia is dedicated to articles relating to pro-life issues. Please take the time to read these important articles. At our February business meeting on the 25th, Judy Scheidegger from Pregnancy Helpline of Madison, will give a presentation on their program. Mark your calendars to attend this informative meeting.

February 11th is Chili/Euchre Night - come and join in the fun.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Mach
Grand Knight

NOTES

*Remember to give the gift of life
... "Give Blood."*

Don't forget to mail your dues to the Financial Secretary, Dan Kelly.

Please notify the Clubhouse and/or the newsletter editor (Bob McDonald) when you know of a Brother Knight or spouse who should be placed on the sick list. Also, notify him when there has been a death in the family of a Knight member or the death of a Knight.

Material for the newsletter is due by the 10th of the month.

GRANDMA'S & GRANDPA'S WISDOM

Even though Grandma is running around now in Spandex, the grandkids see her as someone with age, and that's just fine with them. Kids see grandparents as timeless.

- Perry Buffington, Ph.D.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAUNCH NEWS AND INFORMATION SITE FOR CATHOLICS

The Knights of Columbus has launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere – Headline Bistro. The new Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is headlinebistro.com.

He who criticizes is seldom forgiven. He who encourages is seldom forgotten.

HELP HELP HELP

Help is needed in finding the Euchre Champions for 2007 and 2008.

If you know who they are or you are a champion; contact Fred Zingsheim at 274-0854.

KC 4527 BIRTHDAY BOYS - FEBRUARY 2010

John	Kraft	2/09
Paul	Steinmetz	2/10
John	Rosecky	2/11
Patrick	Snell	2/11
Kelly	Kennedy	2/12
James	Shunk	2/13
Dale	Hendricks	2/14
James	Flad	2/17
John	Zwettler	2/19
David	Shaw	2/21
William	Kelly	2/26
Harold	Berg	2/27
Thomas	Busse	2/28
Wesley	Brush	2/29

PRO LIFE - by Harold Berg - 831-0329

37 years - over 51 million dead!

We mourn years of unabated killing of the most innocent and defenseless of humanity. How can that be in a supposedly civilized society? Where are the mothers, fathers, christians, the church and pro-lifers? Where is the outrage? Abortion is the #1 moral issue of our time. Will you join with me and other Knights of Columbus brothers and sisters in doing what we can in our way to help abolish this crime? We are killing off our future!

Your attitude is the eye of your soul. If your attitude is negative, then you see things negatively. If it's positive, then you see things positively.

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REMINDER - FREE BROWNIE POINTS

As we all perhaps know, our Brother Knight Jim Flad provides clothing mostly to needy men young and old - those perhaps down in their luck - those perhaps indigent - those certainly needy - and such. If you've helped at Luke House, you know what the author means. There's a true cross section of need out there!

Thinking that we are predominately adult males, what better group to provide Jim with our used or new (but clean) clothing of all types. With the cold weather upon us, please go through your wardrobe and get your too small trousers, flannel shirts, sweaters and outerwear for men (and young adult lads) by calling Jim at 833-5472.

Your reward - you're guaranteed a few free brownie points, so go for it NOW.

IN MEMORIAM**REV. ARTHUR KOTH**

Father Koth passed away on November 11, 2009.

He transferred in to our Council January 1989. He was the pastor at Christ the King Catholic Church in McFarland, WI.

Our prayers and condolences go to his sister Audrey Dropp and his extended family and many friends.

He will be missed and remembered by his friends in the Council.

IN MEMORIAM**WILLIAM LEIGH**

Brother William Leigh passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

He was readmitted to the Council in February 1976.

Our prayers and condolences go to his children Susan, Eileen (Steven), Michael (Kathy), Brian (Kitty) and daughter-in-law Cynthia and his extended family and many friends.

He will be missed and remembered by his friends in the Council.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prayers are extended in the recent death of Eileen Ryan, wife of Brother Dave Ryan who passed away on January 6, 2010.

COUNCIL 4527 GOLF LEAGUE

There has been a change in the officers for the Golf League. They are as follows:

President: Rico Goedjen - 238-1418

Secretary: Tim Bergen - 222-2602

Treasurer: Tom Wildenborg - 271-6913

As usual, the league will start the last Wednesday in April. Think spring!

FEBRUARY & MARCH CONCESSION ACTIVITIES - 2010**Badger Women's Hockey - Kohl Center - Booth #126**

Sunday, February 7th vs. Bemidji State - 2:00 p.m.

WIAA State Wrestling - Kohl Center - Booth #126

WIAA State Wrestling - February 25th - 27th

WIAA Boy's & Girl's State Basketball

WIAA Boy's Basketball - Kohl Center - Booth #126
March 18th - 20th

WIAA Girl's Basketball - Kohl Center - Booth #126
March 25th - 27th

Help is needed for all events. For more information, call Paul Bariola @ 273-0369. Thank you!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, give your Church dedicated men and women to serve as priests, sisters, deacons and brothers. Help them spread your Word and show your love, so that all people may know your name. And guide me, Lord, that I may love you more and serve you faithfully all my life.

Amen.



**Time to take control - By Thomas P. Smith, Jr.,
Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing,
Knights of Columbus**

A statistic I find frightening is this: about 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance. We will discuss this number over the next few months as I try to convince you to get out of that group if you are in it. If you aren't among the 50%, maybe I can enlist your help in your council as a spokesman for the value of life insurance.

Note that I said "individually owned life insurance." While the number for those with absolutely no life insurance is just as – if not more – frightening, the 50% does not include those who have some form of group life insurance, usually provided by their employer.

This group life issue, which our agents see and discuss every day, is an interesting security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your company's human resources or benefits department doesn't do needs analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount (\$15,000 seems popular) or a multiple of your salary (somewhere between 1.5 and 2.5 seems popular). Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people – friends, family members, neighbors – who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. And that decision could be made at the worst possible time for you.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true.

Group life insurance is a great benefit and certainly does help, but it must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. We can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so

things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future! Contact your Council's Field Agent today.

Tom Luchi, PGK, FICF, Field Agent
Bus: (608) 214-1140 Email: thomas.luchi@kofc.org

KC LADIES

Ladies, you are all invited to our February meeting on Thursday, February 4th, 11:30 a.m. in the back room of the Clubhouse. This is our cookbook sampler luncheon and meeting! We are using recipes from the new "Cuisine" cookbook recently published by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. Volunteers are preparing different courses for a grand feast. If you have not yet made your reservation, you still have a few days to call Alice at 271-4056 before January 28th. The charge for this unique tasting luncheon will be \$5.00 which can be paid that day. After enjoying a delicious lunch, we will plan our activities for the coming year. We also need to make plans for our Tenth Annual Celebration Luncheon - can you believe we have been together for 10 years! And what fun we have had! So make your reservation for February 4th and bring your ideas as well as your appetite!



Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 4th, for our annual Lenten Mass and lunch. We will attend the 12 noon Mass at the O'Connor Center and then motorcade to a restaurant. No reservations are needed, as we will take a head count at Mass before calling in our reservations.

For the past several years we have attended an outdoor matinee at American Players Theater in September. We can get a 40% discount if we order tickets in February. The date would either be Thursday, September 2, or Thursday, September 16, depending on the show schedule which has not yet been announced. If you are interested in joining us this year, please call Alice at 271-4056 before February 10th.

Remember ladies, you are all a part of the KC Ladies. We have no dues, nor registration. Just come to any of our activities. If you have questions, please call Betty Blumer at 277-9621.

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