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A Message from the Grand Knight

As much as I have been tempted to write an 'April fools' message, the events of the past few weeks have prompted me to write one last patriotic message. With current mass communications technology and vested national interest, it's difficult to avoid seeing or hearing updates about 'Operation Liberate the Iraqi People' throughout the day.

Last Tuesday's one-word, bolded headline of the Post Intelligencer, "War", shocked me into the reality that we were once again in a time of real national crisis. Memories of the television coverage of the first Gulf War in 1991 came flooding back to me. The headline also reminded me of all the famous headlines from WWII, as relived in documentaries and on the History Channel. That war was one that escalated into a major world conflict. Would this war eventually turn into a similar conflict? Those sobering thoughts finally led me to recollect a great quote from Albert Einstein that I had read a few years ago. He was reflecting following the nuclear bombing of Japan; and the quote showed his thorough understanding of the force he helped usher into the world. Einstein said, "I don't know what WWII will be like, but the next war will be fought with bows and arrows".

Working at Westlake in Seattle, I'm at the forefront of just about every anti-war protest and march that takes place in the city. Two weeks ago one of the protests included a segment where there was an "open mike" and anyone who wanted to come forward and address the crowd regarding the war was invited. I walked past the gathering that day, back to my office after lunch. It took all of my willpower not to go up to the podium and make a few remarks of my own.

What I would have said wouldn't have incited a riot with the crowd, but merely added a rational insight to the anti-war sentiment. I would have begged that we don't treat our military personnel who are in Iraq carrying out the orders of our Commander-and-Chief in the same manner the last generation treated the Vietnam veterans returning from another unpopular war.

Regardless of political views, those individuals are still our brothers and sisters who have heeded the call of our government and fulfilled their obligation to serve the United States. The one thing we should all be able to agree upon is the safe and respectful return of our troops.

As Knights and Catholic Gentlemen we need to pray that the war ends as quickly and with as limited a death toll as possible. We also need to pray that the world is a better place afterwards. This is our contribution to the American war effort.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you and our nation!

Vivat Jesus!

Marc Gonick, GK

The Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

By David Myers, DGK

A Good Story for Great Friends

There once was a little girl who had a bad temper. Her mother gave her a bag of nails and told her that every time she lost her temper, she must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the girl had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as she learned to control her anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. She discovered it was easier to hold her temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally, the day came when the girl didn't lose her temper at all. She told her mother about it and the mother suggested that the girl now pull out one nail for each day that she was able to hold her temper. The days passed and the young girl was finally able to tell her mother that all the nails were gone. The mother took her daughter by the hand and led her to the fence. She said, "You have done well, my daughter, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a person and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us."

The Lecturer's Corner

By Joe Clemens, Lecturer

We are very fortunate to have as our guest speaker, for our April 1st meeting, the Principal of St Vincent de Paul School, Mrs. Wanda Stewart. We are blessed to have a first class grade school in our parish and additionally to have Mrs Stewart as its guiding light. Most parishes in our area do not have the luxury of having their grade school children taught by Catholic sponsored teachers. In addition, construction is underway on the grounds to provide our children with the most up to date facilities for their educational benefit. If you haven't been to a meeting for some time, now is the time to join us and at the same time benefit from the information Mrs Stewart has to provide us. A short Rosary will commence at 7:00 p.m., followed immediately by her presentation. Show your support for the Council and to our school by attending this informative short talk.

Vocations

By Juan Lezcano - Vocations Chairman

This month we hear from our youngest Seminarian and a member of our council, Anthony Lezcano. Anthony writes:

Dear Fellow Knights,

My experience here at Mount Angel Seminary has been a rewarding one. I have had the opportunity to gain new friends from several states, grow more intimately in my relationship with Christ, and continue to discern my vocational call to the priesthood. With lifting weights I have been able to not only increase my strength but release stress at the same time. I try to form a proper balance that involves spiritual growth, academic growth, and personal growth. During the week when I'm not studying or cramming for a test, I spend a few moments of quiet reflection with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament. On the weekends, a few of the other seminarians and I get together and order lots of pizza and watch movies. I would like to describe my experience in the seminary so far as an incredible time.

Anthony Lezcano

Recruiting

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Second Year Trustee
Please join me in welcoming Greg Bouknight, John

Agostino, Jerry DeLafontaine and Ted Gimlin as brand new Third Degree Knights! All four went through the 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification at St. Thomas Church in Tukwila Saturday (March 22nd). Also, I'd like to sincerely thank Gerry Duhamel and Bob Pirolo for being at the degree to help me support our new brother Knights. Our Worthy State Deputy, Wayne Hogan, was active in the Degrees and yours truly and Gerald both had supporting roles in the 2nd Degree. It was a fun, yet meaningful and memorable time for all involved.

I'd like to urge all First Degree Knights who could not make the degree this time to be sure and take advantage of the next opportunity in Mount Vernon on Sunday, April 6th or in Bellevue on Sunday, May 4th.

Last Tuesday, Tim Philomeno and I also were honored to be part of a substitute First Degree Team (due to other Knightly/Church commitments of our usual and reliable Degree Team) consisting of Mike Rutland as Grand Knight, Horace Suinn as Chancellor and Joe Ferong as Deputy Grand Knight, where we brought in one new candidate by the name of Scott Dowbiggen (with a surprise appearance of our very worthy immediate PGK Mike Hemmer as a "decoy" new candidate). My hearty welcome to Scott whom you'll all meet at the April st Business meeting.

Further good news!! We have at least 2 more candidates who would like to take their first Degree in May. We are now at about 110% for the Fraternal Year for Recruiting, but let's not rest on our laurels. Let's make this the best year ever for St. Joseph Council!

Vivat Jesus!

1st Degree Team

By Joe Penwell - Degree Team Captain

Remember your 1st degree? Remember how it felt hearing those words for the first time? Why not join us as a Degree Team Member? Please contact me at 941-6339 for further information.

Rosary

Please note that we say the rosary before each General Meeting of the year. This month, we will be starting at 7:00pm, in the Chapel before the General Meeting on April 1st .

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Have you seen your birthday or anniversary in recent issues. If not, please call or email Tim Philomeno with those dates. We like to recognize birthdays and anniversaries of our members and their spouses.

Still looking for email addresses

Please call or email Tim Philomeno with your email address. This is the very best way to keep in contact. We want to send you the Cross and Compass via email and save postage \$\$\$\$.

Welcome New Member

Please join me in welcoming a new 1st Degree Member Scott Dowbiggin. Scott attend the 1st degree exmplication held on March 18th. Scott works as a plumber for Ocean Park Mechanical . Please say hi to Scott when you see him at the next meeting.

Squires Convention is coming to St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Remember to keep April 12th on you calendars. This is the day we will be helping with the 2nd Annual Squires State Convention. We will need some kitchen help, servers, and cleanup for both lunch and dinner. Please let Jeff Markwith or Joe Penwell know if you will be helping. Thanks for support our Squires. They are the future.

Prayers do Help!!

If you have attended any recent meetings you may remember one of our brother knights, Bill Thomas, asking for us to pray for his brother Patrick. Here is a note from Bill about the results:

Brother Knights,

My sincere thanks for your prayers and well wishes. My brother, Patrick, is at home today resting. I credit prayer for his outcome, the artery that was blocked is "near 90% fatal." He spent four days in the cardiac care ICU where he had two stints installed. We are not sure how much damage was done but we pray for the best.

A word of warning. He had an unexplained "stomach ache" in the pit of his stomach for two days. On the third day his wrists and elbows started to ache, at which time he went to the hospital.

Thank You! Bill Thomas

Just for fun

A small town had three churches; Presbyterian, Methodist, and Catholic. All three had a serious problem with squirrels in the church. Each church in its own fashion had a meeting to deal with the problem.

The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that Squirrels be in the church and that they would just have to live with them.

The Methodists decided they should deal with the squirrels lovingly in the style of John Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park at the edge of town. Within 3 days, they were all back in the church.

The Catholics had the best solution. They made the squirrels members. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Help Wanted

Submitted by Kevin Buck

Holy Names Academy, the all-girls Catholic High School in Seattle will be having their annual fund raising auction on Saturday April 12th. They are in need of some assistance with the physical set-up in their gymnasium on Thursday & Friday April 10th & 11th. The work is during the day and they usually provide snacks. If you are available to help either or both days, contact the Auction Coordinator: Margy Pepper - phone# (206) 720-7808 e-mail: mpepper@holynames-sea.org

Fish Frys-Fish Frys-Fish Frys

By Tony Robinson - Event Chairman

Well we are half way through our fish frys for this year and I am sorry to report that our dinner count is down from last year!! Please, talk to your neighbors, talk to your friends, talk to your enemies, and tell them about this great value. We really need the numbers to increase to make our budget goals. Thanks to all who are working really hard to make a success this year. See you Friday night.

Here are some pics from this year's first 3 fish frys.



what are we waiting for...?



mmm.....



Tony warming his hands?



the Fryers are working great and so are the fryers(those that fry)!



Who do we have here?

THE 365 CLUB BY MAIL

Supporting Vocations is simple! All you have to do is join The Pennies For Heaven Crusade. The best way to do this is by becoming a member of The 365 Club. Donate a penny-a-day for a year (\$3.65 or more if you can) and offer a prayer a day for a year for Vocations! Pennies add up quickly and the prayers help. For Brothers who cannot always join us at our meetings, here is your chance to stand up and be counted as a supporter.

CLIP AND MAIL

To: Dave Myers, 365 Chairman

Yes, count me in as a Member of The 365 Club! I want to do my part to support Vocations.

Here is my contribution of \$ _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Mail your check to:

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Happy Birthday!

Date	Birthdays for Apr	Date	Birthdays for Apr
1 st	Marc Gonick	20 th	Dale Dietrich
2 nd	Louis Baker	22 nd	Christopher Miles
3 rd	James Bianchi	23 rd	Mel Frank
5 th	Donald P Miller	29 th	Millard Longley
11 th	Felipe Salazar	29 th	John Agostino
12 th	William Martin	29 th	Kevin Buck
13 th	Glen Knowlton	30 th	Roy Nelson
19 th	Matthew Siverly		
6 th	Vicki Studley	11 th	Theresa Gruber
8 th	Norma Anderson	13 th	Dianna Buss
10 th	Trudy White	21 st	Shirley McArdle
10 th	Pamela Buck		

Happy Anniversary!

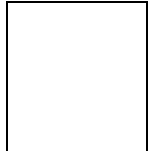
Date	Anniversaries for April
9 th	Matthew and Lisa Siverly
12 th	Juan and Genoveva Favela
14 th	Keith and Stella Hurn
22 nd	Gerald and Marie Wilson
26 th	Ralymond and Mary Garcia

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Calendar of Events		
April 2003		
1 st	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
4 th	Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
11 th	Fish Fry	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
12 th	Squires Convention	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
15 th	Planning Meeting	Room "A" @ 7:30pm
25 th -26 th	A Knight's Night out at the Theater	"The Chalk Garden" at Knudson Family Theater
26 th	Service Sunday	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
May 2003		
6 th	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Narthex @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
11 th	Mother's Day Breakfast	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall after 8:00am and 9:30am Masses
16 th -18 th	State Convention	Doubletree Guest Suits, Tukwila, WA (see Tim Philomeno for more information)
20	Planning Meeting	Room "A" @ 7:30pm
31 st	Spaghetti Dinner	TBA

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