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Pope John Paul II's Lenten 2005 Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Each year, the Lenten Season is set before us as a good opportunity for the intensification of prayer and penance, opening hearts to the docile welcoming of the divine will. During Lent, a spiritual journey is outlined for us that prepares us to relive the Great Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. This is done primarily by listening to the Word of God more devoutly and by practicing mortification more generously, thanks to which it is possible to render greater assistance to those in need.

This year, dear brothers and sisters, I wish to bring to your attention a theme which is rather current, well-illustrated by the following verse from Deuteronomy: "*Loving the Lord...means life to you, and length of days...*" (30:20). These are the words that Moses directs to the people, inviting them to embrace the Covenant with Yahweh in the country of Moab, "*that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord, your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him.*" (30:19-20). The fidelity to this divine Covenant is for Israel a guarantee of the future: "*that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them.*" (30:20). According to the Biblical understanding, reaching old age is a sign of the Most High's gracious benevolence. Longevity appears, therefore, as a special divine gift.

It is upon this theme that I would like to ask you to reflect during this Lent, in order to deepen the awareness of the role that the elderly are called to play in society and in the Church, and thus to prepare your hearts for the loving welcome that should always be reserved for them. Thanks to the contribution of science and medicine, one sees in society today a lengthening of the human life span and a subsequent increase in the number of elderly. This demands a more specific attention to the world of so-called "old" age, in order to help its members to live their full potential by placing them at the service of the entire community. The care of the elderly, above all when they pass through difficult moments, must be of great concern to all the faithful, especially in the ecclesial communities of Western societies, where the problem is particularly present.

Human life is a precious gift to be loved and defended in each of its stages. The Commandment, "You shall not kill!", always requires respecting and promoting human life, from its beginning to its natural end. It is a command that applies even in the presence of illness and when physical weakness reduces the person's ability to be self-reliant. If growing old, with its inevitable conditions, is accepted serenely in the light of faith, it can become an invaluable opportunity for better comprehending the Mystery of the Cross, which gives full sense to human existence.

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The Grand Knight's Message...

It is hard to believe that February is already here! Lent is just around the corner, with Easter being in March this year. As I look out the window at the snow on the ground, I wonder — can spring be far off? I certainly hope not! With the Lenten season, we Knights spring into full action once again. We have a tradition of serving delicious, simple meals each Friday in Lent, and this year is no different. Please see A.J.'s Program Director's report for all the details of the meals.

There is more big news! Father Weymes has informed me that the new addition to the Multi-Purpose room will be dedicated to Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and named in his honor. This is a very gracious act on Fr. Weymes' part. Plans are underway for the dedication of the room. As soon as we have a date, I will send out the word. While the room will be shared with other Parish and community groups, it will bear the name of our Founder, and be our meeting room.

With the completion of the new room coming soon, I need to ask once again that any Brother who is interested in being part of the First Degree Team to contact me. I have a goal of having a working team by the end of this Columbian year, and we need to get practicing to make that goal a reality! I have heard from a few of you, but need a few more to have all the alternates desired. GK Pat Sharon of St. Veronica Council 12579 is also putting together a team, as the council there is new. He has offered that we could practice together, which I think would be very helpful for both teams. Come join the fun!

The Council will be running a membership drive starting in February. This drive will start with our usual Coffee and Donuts, progress through a tri-fold informational handout, an open house, then a First Degree. Immediately following the degree will be a Council Social meeting on our regular 2nd meeting night to allow the new members and their families to meet the existing members and their families, and be welcomed into the Council. Look around — you know a Catholic man who is not in the Council. Invite him to join! Together we can make this drive a great success!

Finally, I want to thank all of you who have pitched in and helped through the past month. It is your hard work that allows us to do what we do, and opens up the possibilities of even more!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Frazer

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From the Pen of the Worthy Chaplain...



Dear Brother Knights,

This year Lent begins early. Ash Wednesday is on February 9. I pray that it will be a time in which you reflect on your relationship with God. I know that some of you will go on retreat during this time. My prayers will be with you. For those of you that are not able to take some time away from your family or job, I pray that you will be able to spend some extra time with Our Lord, either in Church or in silent meditation.

Last month our president and members of Congress were sworn in for another term of office. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit enlightens them in their duties, to guide our

nation on a path of peace and to enact laws that respect the rights of all individuals, especially the elderly, the disabled, the poor, and the unborn.

The construction of the Fr. McGivney Room is nearly complete. I have spoken with the Grand Knight about a place to store everything you need to conduct your meetings. I trust this will be satisfactory. I am also working with him to speed along your storage shed in the parking lot. I will do the best that I can to help with the project. Please realize that not all things pertaining to matters like this are under my control.

I look forward to the Lenten Meals again this year. I hope to meet many of you and your families.

Fr. Weymes

Program Director's Message

I hope everyone has endured the snow and otherwise cold temperatures so far this winter. Fortunately, we have just the cure for the winter blues, a nice hot bowl of Brunswick stew. Yes, our annual sale begins February 6, starting at 8:30 a.m. Last year, we sold out before the 12:30 p.m. mass, so come early. If you can volunteer your time to help sell, please let me know. Each shift will only require about 30 minutes of your day.

Ash Wednesday is February 9. As always we are offering Lenten meals every Friday during Lent. The following is our Lenten Meal schedule for 2005. Many thanks to the individuals who have volunteered to act as head chef for each meal. But they will need many assistants. We begin cooking all meals at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with clean up should begin to arrive at 5:30 p.m. This is important as many of our volunteers want to be done in time to go to Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are able to help in any way.

2005 Lenten Meal Schedule		
February 11	Grill Cheese Sandwiches	TBD
February 18	Seafood Lasagna	Carl Hebert
February 25	Meatless Pasta	A.J. Zadrozny
March 4	Cheese Ravioli	Peter Reyda
March 11	Macaroni and Cheese	Jim Frazer
March 18	Fish Fry	Tom Trudeau

We will have a Corporate Communion on February 26. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following will be a potluck reception at the home of A.J. and Kathy Zadrozny in Clifton. It is suggested that those with last names beginning A-L bring a dessert, last names M-Z bring a main or side dish. See page 5 for more details.

February 27 will kick off a three-week winter membership drive. Our goal is to recruit at least four new members during this time. We will have an information drive and open house in March. More details will be available later this month.

Vivat Jesus!

A.J. Zadrozny, DGK

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The elderly need to be understood and helped in this perspective. I wish, here, to express my appreciation to those who dedicate themselves to fulfilling these needs, and I also call upon other people of good will to take advantage of Lent for making their own personal contribution. This will allow many elderly not to think of themselves as a burden to the community, and sometimes even to their own families, living in a situation of loneliness that leads to the temptation of isolating themselves or becoming discouraged.

It is necessary to raise the awareness in public opinion that the elderly represent, in any case, a resource to be valued. For this reason, economic support and legislative initiatives, which allow them not to be excluded from social life, must be strengthened. In truth, during the last decade, society has become more attentive to their needs, and medicine has developed palliative cures that, along with an integral approach to the sick person, are particularly beneficial for long-term patients.

The greater amount of free time in this stage of life offers the elderly the opportunity to face the primary issues that perhaps had been previously set aside, due to concerns that were pressing or considered a priority nonetheless. Knowledge of the nearness of the final goal leads the elderly person to focus on that which is essential, giving importance to those things that the passing of years do not destroy.

Precisely because of this condition, the elderly person can carry out his or her role in society. If it is true that man lives upon the heritage of those who preceded him, and that his future depends definitively on how the cultural values of his own people are transmitted to him, then the wisdom and experience of the elderly can illuminate his path on the way of progress toward an ever more complete form of civilization.

How important it is to rediscover this mutual enrichment between different generations! The Lenten Season, with its strong call to conversion and solidarity, leads us this year to focus on these important themes which concern everyone. What would happen if the People of God yielded to a certain current mentality that considers these people, our brothers and sisters, as almost useless when they are reduced in their capacities due to the difficulties of age or sickness? Instead, how different the community would be, if, beginning with the family, it tries always to remain open and welcoming towards them.

Dear brothers and sisters, during Lent, aided by the Word of God, let us reflect upon how important it is that each community accompany with loving understanding those who grow old. Moreover, one must become accustomed to thinking confidently about the mystery of death, so that the definitive encounter with God occur in a climate of interior peace, in the awareness that He “*who knit me in my mother's womb*” (cf. Psalm 139:13b) and who willed us “*in his image and likeness*” (cf. Gen. 1:26) will receive us.

Mary, our guide on the Lenten journey, leads all believers, especially the elderly, to an ever more profound knowledge of Christ dead and risen, who is the ultimate reason for our existence. May she, the faithful servant of her divine Son, together with Saints Ann and Joachim, intercede for each one of us “now and at the hour of our death”.

My Blessing to All!

JOHN PAUL II



February 26 Corporate Communion

Come for an evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship at the home of A.J. and Kathy Zadrozny on Saturday, February 26, 2005. The evening starts with the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Timothy's. All Knights and their families are then invited to the reception at our home. It is suggested that families with last names A-L should bring a dessert; last names M-Z should bring a main course or side dish. Please RSVP by February 23 if you plan to attend.

Directions to our home from St. Tim's: Turn right onto Poplar Tree Rd. Left onto Stringfellow Rd. Cross over Lee Hwy, Stringfellow becomes Clifton Rd. Turn right onto Braddock Rd. Turn left onto Union Mill Rd. Turn right onto Stonefield Dr. Turn right onto Rockland Dr. Turn left onto Stonedale La. Our house is the first on the right, 6500 Stonedale Lane, white house with green shutters. The home phone is 703-502-3061.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for January is a Brother who has made many contributions to our Council over the years. This man has long served the council and the order in many capacities, not the least of which is PGK. He can always be found helping out in the kitchen, providing wisdom, insight, and not to mention labor, to the preparation of many a delicious meal. It is my honor to name **Carl Hebert** Knight of the month!

Family of the Month

The Family of the month is one who is can be found anywhere around the Church and Council. They might be at games or breakfasts, or just about anywhere folks are needed to help out and have some fun. It is my pleasure to name the **Marianne and Brad Allen Family** as Family of the month!

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<i>February 2005</i>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7:30 PM Council Meeting	3	4	5 Brunswick Stew Cooking
6 Brunswick Stew Sale	7	8	9 ASH WEDNESDAY	10 7:30 PM Director's Meeting	11 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	12
13	14	15	16 7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting	17	18 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	26 Corporate Communion
27 Coffee and Donuts After Morning Masses	28					