



THE CHRISTOPHER

February 2004

COUNCIL #1847
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GREG FONTANA
GRAND KNIGHT

News and Notes

Brother John J. Cahalane of Norfolk has been awarded "Honorary Membership". Brother Stanley C. Misiuk of Medway has been awarded "Honorary Life Membership". Brothers enjoy your new status. The member response to the early mailing of bills and raffle tickets is a success. Be assured the received monies will be used carry our charitable activities into the year 2004.

This month there is good and bad news. First the good news. At the beginning of December we had three candidates for the first degree. Two of them, Brendan Curran and Herbert Haswell, are no longer candidates. They are Brother Knights. They were both impressed by the lessons of this degree that were presented by our former member, Frank Rezendes.

Brother Ed Vroman has applied for readmission. Welcome back.
PGK Donald Babbin, formerly of Allston Council #555, has transferred to Sacred Heart Council .

Brothers Bob Kirby, Harvy Nasuti, Kevin and Maureen O'Brien are recovering from recent surgery and in the case of the O'Briens serious illnesses.

Someone, as a joke maybe, added the Sacred Heart Council to the Victoria Secret's mailing list. We receive revealing news of her periodic sales.

The not so good news has to do with the passing away of life member, Frank Macri, after a brief illness in a VA Hospital located in Proviso Illinois.

We would like to send out Happy Birthday wishes to wish Frank Todesco (74 on 1/15) and his lovely wife, Viola (75 on 12/18/03). May the good Lord bless you this day and all your days.

This Month's Main Event:

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Well maybe not this month BUT next month on March 27th we will be holding our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. Please see page 2 for details and ticket information.

Lent Communion Breakfast

We hope to build on the success of our Advent Breakfast with our next Communion Breakfast on April 4, Palm Sunday. Please contact Joe Roy for information.

Membership Committee

Brother Knight Roger Gullo is breathing life into our Membership Committee. Roger presented the Committee's 2004 plan and outlined his two main goals:

- (1) Reconnect with existing members and increase overall meeting attendance and activity participation.
- (2) Formalize a sponsor program for new members.

Among his teams key actions for the upcoming year, they will be putting together a member directory, establish a phone campaign committee and create a new members' kit for incoming Knights.

Bingo Gift Certificates

The Bingo committee is now offering Knight of Columbus Bingo Bucks gift certificates for sale. Treat that Bingo fanatic you know to a Monday night out with this convenient and thoughtful gift idea. Available in any denomination. Contact John Macalone or Peter K for details.

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The Knights of Columbus
proudly presents the band

Majic

at their annual

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

on

March 27, 2004

At 7:00 PM at the Council Hall

Irish Step Dancers Traditional Irish Dinner Dancing

Tickets are \$20 per person. Cash bar.

Only 200 tickets will be sold.

For tickets call either

John Macalone 508-520-3396

Or Peter Kohutanycz 508-541-8215



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Chaplain's Message

The Season of Lent in the Church begins Ash Wednesday, February 25.

The early Christians spent the hours from Good Friday to Easter Sunday fasting and praying to mourn Christ's death and to commemorate His hours in the tomb. This brief period of fasting and mourning was soon extended backwards, and came to cover forty days. The meaning of the name "Lent" in Latin is "forty". This word recalls Christ's forty hours in the grave (as they have been calculated) and his forty days of solitary fasting in the desert; Moses had also fasted and prayed for forty days on Mount Horeb, and the Hebrews wandered for forty years in the desert.

The traditions of Lent included fasting, abstinence, increased prayer, and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and each Friday of Lent, all Catholics over 14 years are bound to abstain from meat. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics over 18 years through 59 years of age are bound to fast. To fast means to have only one full meal a day. Two other meatless meals, to maintain strength, may be taken, but together these two meals may not equal another full meal.

In addition to the traditional Lenten practices of fasting and abstinence, perhaps we could increase our prayer lives by attending daily Mass, making a visit each day to the Blessed Sacrament, attending the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening, participating in Eucharistic Adoration each Friday, pray the Rosary each day. And perhaps there is a way for us to be more generous in the giving of our resources to the Church.

Lent is one of the seasons of the Church that can help us to grow closer to God because we change the way we live our lives to please God more. And hopefully, the change becomes permanent. Lent is about our relationship with God. During Lent, what we do, and what we stop doing, we are doing for God.

God Bless You and Your Families,
Fr. David Goodrow
Chaplain

1847 Association Report

Well we finally had our first meeting of "2004". Lots of things were discussed! Some of our goals for this year are to put up a new awning and move the one in the front to the side entrance; re-do the parking lot; re-work the storage closet with new outside door (this will help eliminate the build-up of beer cases in the members lounge); re-work the front entrance so tractor trailers cannot get into our parking lot; clean and paint the hall; buy a ping pong table; add shelves to the kitchen; create a website; and get Friday nights up and running.

As you can see there's lots to do. Some items are not new, however, we are optimistic this year that we can work within our budget and get these items accomplished. I'll keep you updated! I appreciate your continued support.

Thanks,
John

BINGO

**Monday Nights in the Council Hall
COMPLETELY NON-SMOKING
Doors open at 5:30 PM.
Games start at 6:30 PM.**

We will be setting our worker schedule for 2004 in the next two weeks.

Please contact Peter Kohutanycz (541-8215) and donate a few hours, once a month, to support this charitable endeavor in 2004.

The 2003 annual report has been filed with the State and is available to any member upon request any Monday Night!

Events For February, March, April 2004

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Business Meeting	February 4, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Rosary	February 18, 2004	7:30 PM	Members Lounge
Business Meeting	February 18, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Business Meeting	March 3, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Business Meeting	March 17, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
St. Patrick's Day Dance	March 27, 2004	7:00 PM	Council Hall (See feature on Page 2)
Lenten Communion Breakfast	April 4, 2004		Council Hall
Business Meeting	April 7, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Business Meeting	April 24, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge

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