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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT
William Wright, Grand Knight

Brothers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for showing your confidence in me and the rest of the slate of candidates for the 2008 - 2009 Columbian year. I promise you that I will make every effort to move the Council forward. My priorities for the next year are enhancement of our image at St. Martha's through cooperation with other established Church groups, recruitment, degrees, smooth operation of existing programs, and the introduction of new programs.

I want to thank all of you who made our June breakfast, and our flea market, huge successes. I know that attending these affairs takes time out of your week, but remember, our Order stands for Charity, among other things, and these programs yield a significant amount of money that we may use to carry out Mark's Gospel, "What so ever you do to the least of My people, you do unto Me.

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Council Meetings
8p.m. Thursday
July 10, 2008
August 14, 2008
September 11, 2008

Grand Knights Message (continued)

I would like to change the way we lead the Council by having those Officers who can attend, come to leadership meetings which will be held on the 4th Thursday of the first month of each quarter. We will set goals, examine attainments, and set new directions. It is essential that you attend the first one on July 24th, (normally our social meeting) because we need to work on a plan for calendar year 2009. This plan, with appropriate dates, will then be discussed with Father Mike when the Church develops its annual plan.

Some new programs that I would like to start are the K of C Golden Shield program where we seek outstanding First Responders as selected by their local Police Chiefs. Carl Apgar has volunteered to Chair this program. This program is done with our Insurance representative. Another program is a Scholarship program at Ocean County College for an unwed mother who has decided to keep her baby and pursue an education. This would be an ongoing program. I believe this program should be an essential part of our Right-to-Life program. Ronald Bond has agreed to Chair this program. If any of you have ideas for a program you would like to start, please discuss them with me.

I also want to increase attendance at our meetings. To do this, I will ask the Council, as with all of my ideas, to consider giving away two bottles of wine. The Brothers would be randomly selected through a drawing and must be attendance. I am very much looking forward to working with you to serve the Lord, our God in the new program year.

Vivat Jesus
William Wright, G.K.

Past Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brothers,

In this, my last official message written as Grand Knight, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of St. Martha's Council for your support during my tenure as Grand Knight. I am privileged to have worked with such a fine group of Catholic gentlemen.

I congratulate the new officers of the Council and offer my best wishes to my successor, Brother Bill Wright. His passion for the Knights of Columbus and his commitment to our Lord will serve the Council well in the coming year.

As many of you know, I spent most of June down in Peru with my Reserve unit participating in a humanitarian mission to build a school and a clinic for the people of Yanamilla, an impoverished village in the Andes Mountains. Even being there I still cannot comprehend the depth of poverty that these people – fellow Catholics and Christians - are living in: no indoor plumbing, no sewage system, no garbage collection, rudimentary homes constructed of mud bricks, etc.

Yet even in the midst of this heartbreaking poverty there is hope, and not just because my squadron is building a school and a clinic down there. At the same time I was there, a mission trip from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia, was helping the people of that region. The Archdiocese of that region (Ayacucho) is celebrating its 400th Anniversary next year. We know that our Lord holds the poor in a very special place in his Sacred Heart and it is from his Sacred Heart that hope for a better future springs forth for the people of Yanamilla.

So in closing I ask you to remember the poor in your prayers, especially the people of Peru.

Vivat Jesus!
Bryan Dickerson, P.G.K.

District Deputy Comments

Brothers,

Another Columbian year has come and gone, and a new one has begun. We start this year with a clean slate; new members, new Officers, new ideas, new beginnings.

We need to bring some new members into our Council, which will bring new ideas into it also. This Council has lost some members recently, some through death, some through illness, some through apathy. Others are thinking of going to other places. We need to bring these Brothers back into the fold, making them want to be members of this Council. Let's make them remember what this Council can do and be. This Council does some great things, and has some excellent members in it, guys that I am proud to call "Brother". Let's get that back!

The Parish picnic is July 27th, at Windward Beach, weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, it will be back at the Parish Hall. No matter where it is, we need help. This is a day where the Knights can really shine, showing the Parishioners what we can do, what we are about. Yes it's a long day! Yes, it's a lot of work! But when you see the looks on the faces of the children and seniors, it will be worth it. Father Mike foots the bill for this picnic, and we supply the man power. This is just one of the many things we accomplish every year, but also one that many of you don't enjoy with us. Come out and lend a hand, even for a short time.

In August, I have the pleasure of representing the Trenton Diocese, the Ocean County Chapter, St. Martha Council and Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly at the Supreme Convention. I have attended every Convention since I went to the one in Anaheim, Ca. This year the Quebec State Council has the honor of hosting the Convention. It is always an enjoyable week. You get to see some friends you met at previous conventions. I have been invited to many affairs in other State Councils, through meeting people at these meetings. The Banquet was on television (EWTN) last year, and we will see if it is this year. I look forward to representing the Council at the meetings.

In closing, let me say I am proud to be a member of St. Martha Council, and will work to bring us to the place where I believe we should be, the best Council in the Chapter, Diocese, and State (we can work on being the best in the Order next year).

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Birthday Boys

The following Brother Knights are celebrating birthdays in the upcoming months.

July

John J. Fitzpatrick	7/1/1932
Rev. Patrick F. Magee	7/1/1941
Richard W. Stanton	7/2/1952
Douglas K. Perkins	7/3/1963
Robert Morris, PGK	7/9/1969
Matthew J. Maguire	7/15/1918
Thomas J. Bolcar	7/15/1954
Angelo La Malfa	7/19/1925
Robert L. Coda	7/23/1958
George Rusciano	7/30/1925

August

Rev. Gerald A. Marchand	8/3/1928
Joseph Scalabrini	8/3/1947
Jaime Berrios	8/4/1949
Robert W. Kehoe	8/7/1959
John J. Ryan	8/12/1949
Paul A. Mucho	8/16/1948
Anthony M. De Luca	8/21/1923
John A. Oppici	8/22/1935
James P. McCabe	8/23/1964
Anthony De Cresci	8/29/1941

September

Thomas S. McConnell	9/10/1957
Harry Tweed	9/11/1946
Matthew G. Kuhn	9/13/1944
John A. Rentschler	9/13/1967
Eugene De Jong	9/15/1953
Rocco A. Summa	9/16/1942
Nicholas Coratti, PGK	9/18/1925
Albert E. Etzel	9/18/1972
Joseph C. Gorka	9/19/1924
John J. Backes	9/22/1949
Theodore W. Kelly	9/23/1948
John A. De Lucia	9/27/1927
Walter M. Meehan	9/30/1925

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Jul 1	2	3	4 Fourth of July	5
6	7 8pm Assembly 2143 Meeting	8 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	9	10 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina ----- Council 7926 Meeting	11	12
13	14 Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ #12940, Lakehurst	15	16	17	18	19
20 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	21	22	23	24 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal ----- Council 7926 Social Meeting	25	26
27 Parish Picnic @ Windward Beach 1 - 6 p.m.	28	29	30	31		

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Aug 1	2
3	4 8 pm Assembly 2143 Meeting	5 Supreme	6 Supreme	7 Supreme	8	9
		Convention	Convention	Convention		
10 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	11 Ocean County Chapter – Installation @7926 8 pm	12	13	14 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Trump Marina Council 7926 Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	29	30
31	Sep 1 Labor Day					