

Knights of Columbus
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Newsletter

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank this council for the opportunity of preparing our monthly newsletter. It is a delight to be of some small service to my brother Knight's.

As this is my first ever newsletter, one of the first things I did was to contact Supreme and request permission to reproduce, off of the Internet, messages from our Supreme Knight. I have not received a reply from them as yet; hence that part of the newsletter has been left out for now.

I will include in the newsletter a section called meditation. The works are taken from Catholic publications and are not my words (see acknowledgements). This section is intended to give us something to think about and apply to our everyday lives.

The newsletter this time around promises to be a little thin. The only member as of the 04 November to submit anything for inclusion in the newsletter was Brother Lorange Pasiachnyk.

Brother Pasiachnyk is looking for a fourth player on the curling team (no experience necessary). Curling is Saturday mornings from 9am to 11am at the ARC Curling Club. Curling has already started (mid October) and will run to early March. The opposition is 9 other rinks from other councils. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship. If you should win a game or two along the way...well that's nice but not a priority. Anyone interested in joining our team, please call Lorange at 256-5020.

I would like to thank Brother Rod Sieben for his assistance in helping me to get started with the newsletter.

Respectfully;

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MEDITATION

Matthew 13:53-58

And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

Routines can be helpful in our daily lives, At home; we establish routines for caring for our families, for preparing and sharing meals, for the cleaning and upkeep of our houses. At work or school, routines help us accomplish our goals more reliably and efficiently. In a healthy sense, we develop routines in our relationships with God and our Christian brothers and sisters – patterns of personal prayer, attendance at church services, Christian fellowship. It is possible in our routines however, to become so accustomed to the commonplace (to what “usually happens”) that we close ourselves off to the possibility of new and different things.

This is perhaps what happened to the townspeople of Nazareth who demonstrated an inability to rise above their ordinary, mundane impressions of Jesus. He had lived among them, spoken with them, eaten with them, worked with them. They knew his family, his parents and relatives. He had become apart of the comfortable routine of life.

But the routine was broken when Jesus demonstrated wisdom and miraculous powers among them (Matthew 13:54). So, despite their knowledge of Jesus, “they took offense at him” and found him altogether too much for them (13:57). As a result, they were unable to recognize that he was the Son of God and closed themselves to his power at work among them. Their own opinions, formed over many years, weighed more heavily in their thinking than the power they had seen at work among them. And so, Jesus “did not work many mighty works there because of their unbelief” (13:58).

Sometimes we develop similar attitudes that limit the work of God among us. We are used to a Christianity in which healings do not occur, people do not hear God speak, and we do not expect God’s comfort. And so, we doubt that Jesus will heal us, speak to us and comfort us, despite what we see in scripture or through the testimony of countless saints. Such attitudes are in opposition to faith in Jesus. Faith calls us to put aside our prejudices, preconceptions, and the like, and to look expectantly toward God, As we do this, we will see God work in power among us.

“Lord Jesus, help me to approach each day with an expectant heart, to believe that you will work among us. Help me to expect even the unexpected, that you might speak to

me, comfort me and heal me. Let not my routines and beliefs stand in the way of your work among us."

20 Church Bulletin Bloopers

- 1) Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- 2) Thursday night - Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- 3) Remember in prayers many who are sick of our church and community.
- 4) For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- 5) The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.
- 6) This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- 7) On Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- 8) Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who is preparing for the girth of their first child.
- 9) This Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- 10) The prayer service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- 11) Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.
- 12) The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- 13) A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- 14) At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- 15) Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- 16) The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.
- 17) Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Signs on Church Property

"No Lord -- No Peace. Know Lord -- Know Peace."

"Trip to heaven. Details Inside!"

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"

"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons -- come hear one!"

"People are like tea bags -- you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

"The Lord so loved the world that He did not send a committee."
"Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"
"When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right."
"Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday."
"Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily."
"How will you spend eternity -- Smoking or Non-smoking?"
"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"
"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."
"Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."
"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."
"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."
"This is a ch_ _ ch. What is missing?" -----> (U R)
"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."
"In the dark? Follow the Son."
"Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up."

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