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"The Biggest Little Council on L.I."

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

On November 20th, at their Annual Vianney Ball, Cure of Ars Parish officially welcomed Fr. Charles Mangano and honored our Council for our charitable work. As a Council we are justifiably proud of our many charitable works for our church, our community and throughout our Order. Special thanks go to Brian Fontanella for organizing our participation in the Vianney Ball.

At our October Social meeting, we honored all our Past Grand Knights for their many contributions over the years. Nineteen PGKs were able to attend. Thanks to all the brothers who helped out that night particularly PGK Larry Pio who typed up all the Certificates, and my mother Elena Hancock and her husband John for preparing the delicious repast. I hope all you PGK will participate more. We need your experience!

Congratulation goes to Former Master Walter Shorak and 4th Degree Chairman Joseph Kiefer who were honored by Padre Pio Assembly for their distinguished service to the 4th Degree. My thanks to Joe Kiefer and his committee for organizing the 4th Degree Meeting at Fr. Reilly Council.

Thanksgiving is a special time at Reilly Council. First, we had another great Turkey Shoot thanks to PGK Tom Seery and Brother Brian Fontanella. There were no errant arrows and everyone survived except, of course, for the turkeys. Gobble, gobble. All the "kids" (large and small) that participated had a great time! Thanks also to PGK George Castine for guiding this year's Holiday Basket Drive. Finally results are not in yet but families in both parishes will be served by your generosity.

Special Thanks goes to Chancellor Neil Franzese, DGK Steve McGuire, the Ladies Auxiliary and all who participated in our Council's beautiful Memorial Mass for our departed brothers and sisters.

On December 12th, Council families with children will attend Mass in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a wrapped Christmas present and mark the age and the sex. These presents will go to needy Cure and Sacred Heart families. Following Mass, all are invited down to the Council for a Christmas Party with food, games and, of course, Santa Clause.

Christmas is a time to be with family and friends. As Catholic Christians let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. That Jesus Christ was born into this world as our Savior for the forgiveness of sins. He invites all us to allow Him to enter our lives. Finally, from my family to

yours, a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! God Bless. *Rich*

WASHINGTON MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 24, 2005

The 32nd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005. The march annually commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Thousands of Knights will turn up with tens of thousands of others who will be on hand for two reasons: to show their support of family life, and to practice their rights to assemble and protest inhuman acts to the unborn.

The fight to save our unborn children has been one of more than three decades of fighting. With the recent signing of a bill that outlaws the practice of partial birth abortion we see hope for our cause. It's important to keep our efforts strong by promoting family life in taking part in the 32nd March for Life.

The time for action is now, and with your dedication and support at the rally our voices can be heard.



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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

My dear Brother Knights:

Remember "The Hills are Alive" from THE SOUND OF MUSIC. A beautiful song and an even more beautiful thought! Well, December is awash with Christmas. The decorations, the lights, the songs, the smells.....Christmas is in the air. Even Advent doesn't stand a chance!

Let's use this early and constant month-long immersion into Christmas as a opportunity to be constantly reminded that the reason for the season is that we put on the mind of Christ and walk in His Spirit. In this way, rather than bemoan the commercialism of the season, we can convert it into an evangelization tool to get us to focus on the essence of what this celebration is all about! Merry Christmas!

Fr. G

Thanks to your generous support of our 2004 Thanksgiving Basket Drive we were able to assist the Cure and Sacred Heart needy families. Editor

**Free Throw Contest Time Again!**

The sounds of bouncing basketballs and rippling cords will once again resound through the gym at the Birch School as Fr. Jeremiah J. Reilly Council sponsors the local competition in the 2005 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Contest. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the competition for the contest, which will be held on Saturday, January 22nd at 10 AM at the Birch School.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. Our young sharpshooters have been a source of pride for our Council and community in recent years, with many victories and a State Champion! This year we will add a new feature: CYO teams from Curé and Sacred Heart will be invited to have contests during their practices, with winners going on to compete at the event on the 22nd.

The competition is exciting, with winners receiving Free Throw Champion tee shirts and all participants receiving certificates. All participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Entry forms will be available at the event. Brother Knights are needed to help out at the event.

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LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES

As usual, we all had a lovely evening at our November meeting. We enjoyed a very productive exchange of ideas and a meeting of the minds (great minds I might add!) on several subjects. We will bring unwrapped gifts to our December meeting for needy kids at Christmas. Some brought gifts to the November meeting. Not to worry though as you may please bring them to the December meeting. Thanks. Our December 14th meeting (Annual Christmas Party) will be at 8:00 PM in the School cafeteria. Some things are already spoken for including wine, ice, soda, chips, Pretzels, dip and cake. Please bring just a little of each - others can take it from there.

Dues can be sent to Millie Balisartura, 1492 Midian Street, North Merrick 11566, or bring a check to the December meeting. See the *Sacred Heart Sunday Bulletin* and *Merrick Life* for places to bring things to be sent to our men and women in Iraq and Afganistan. No matter how one feels about the war, the fact is they are there and deserve our support. Pray like crazy for their protection God help them and keep them safe. Thanksgiving is over, but giving thanks for all should be an everyday occurrence. And here comes Christmas. Dear Lady, queen of Peace and Saint Joseph, our protector, watch over us all as you did your little boy. God Bless!
Love, *Mary*



Traveling Back to Bethlehem

We travel back to Bethlehem
Come every Christmas time,
Envisioning the newborn Babe
In manger bed, straw-lined.
In mind we hear the cattle bray
Midst Mary's Lullaby
And see the rays on stable shed
From Christmas star on high
We view the shepherds kneeling there
Before the holy Child
And hear the blessed angels sing
Upon the Christmastide.
We hear of the Wise Men traveling far
To worship Christ the King,
Bringing Gold, myrrh, frankincense
As offerings to Him.
We travel back to Bethlehem
Remembering Jesus' birth,
But we worship now the risen Christ
The Lord of Heaven and earth.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz



REILLY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Dec 02 (Thu)	Officers Meeting	Jan 06 (Thu)	Officer's Meeting	Feb 03 (Thu)	Officer's Meeting
Dec 09 (Tue)	Business Meeting	Jan 11 (Tue)	Ladies Aux. Meets	Feb 08 (Tue)	Ladies Aux. Meets
Dec 12 (Sun)	Kid's Christmas Party	Jan 13 (Thu)	Business Meeting	Feb 09 (Wed)	Ash Wednesday
Dec 14 (Tue)	Ladies Aux. Meets	Jan 17 (Mon)	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	Feb 10 (Thu)	Business Meeting
Dec 22 (Wed)	Padre Pio Meets	Jan 22 (Sat)	<i>Free Throw Competition</i>	Feb 21 (Mon)	<i>President's Day</i>
Dec 23 (Thu)	Social Meeting	Jan 24 Mon)	<i>MARCH FOR LIFE</i>	Feb 23 (Wed)	Padre Pio Meets
Dec 25 (Sat)	<i>Merry Christmas</i>	Jan 26 (Wed)	Padre Pio Meets	Feb 24 (Thu)	Social Meeting
		Jan 27 (Thu)	Social Meeting	.	

What do you think?

- I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?
- What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
- Two can live a cheaply as one, for half as long.
- If swimming is good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
- Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

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