



KNIGHT LIFE
St. Malachy Council 12540—Knights of Columbus
Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism



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Notes From the Grand Knight: *Gene Barnard*



Worthy Brother Knights,

Our forty day journey of prayer, self-denial, and charity has begun. Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to mould our hearts so that we become as He is, more devout, temperate, and generous. Prayer, penance, and almsgiving will lead us to a greater likeness to Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of conversion for us, a time to turn back to God, to nourish ourselves spiritually and as Jesus said, on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

During Lent there are numerous opportunities for us to make this a reality. Every Sunday we can participate in Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of noon Mass until evening prayer at 6pm. To pray in the presence of the exposed Eucharist is a wonderfully spiritual experience. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30pm and the Stations of the Cross at 4:30pm. The Stations will also be prayed every Friday at 6:30pm.

It is good for us to remember that Lent should be more than a time of fasting from food!

Let us also fast from judging others, from anger, from hostility, from worry and from gossip. Let us focus on love, forgiveness, humility, patience, and charity. Lent prepares our hearts and our souls not only for Easter but for eternal life.

Gene



St. Malachy 4th Degree Knights

LENT ROCKS!™

If you are unaware for whatever reason, please be advised that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 25. Most of our members have heard me use the phrase **LENT ROCKS!™** on occasion, but many of our new members who joined since last Easter may be unfamiliar with this mantra. So please allow me to introduce you to the meaning behind its name.

LENT ROCKS!™ describes the feeling that I have deep within my heart regarding this wonderful, penitential, prayerful and reflective time in the Church year. Lent is truly a gift from the Church to its faithful members, where we have a tremendous opportunity to grow closer to God.

Key reasons why **LENT ROCKS!™** can be described by the following points:

1. The Church would not exist if it were not for the Resurrection. Lent helps us to prepare for this blessed event we celebrate on Easter Sunday.
2. There are no secular distractions taking away from the true meaning of the anticipated Easter holiday. While we are constantly bombarded from before Halloween to December 25 with TV commercials, radio and print ads, parties, home decorating, Christmas greeting cards, jingles, jangles, carols, gifts, etc., there are few if any such distractions before Easter!
3. You can come to St. Malachy Church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on each Lenten Sunday and Holy Thursday evening with a guaranteed place to sit, stand, or kneel.
4. There is time for personal, quiet, and reflective prayer during each Eucharistic Adoration session as well as time for group prayer with the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary.
5. While praying and reflecting silently, there is ample opportunity **LISTEN** to God, who may have something to say to you!

We should take special note of the recent gospel reading that stresses the need to be spiritually prepared. As Knights of Columbus members we **MUST** make an effort to be prepared for Easter.

To help us prepare, I strongly encourage **ALL** K of C members to participate in Eucharistic Adoration regardless of your Degree level. I ask each of you to commit to attending at least ONE Lenten Sunday Eucharistic Adoration for at least ONE HALF HOUR. You may come alone or bring a friend or someone from your family. You may choose to come for either the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, or closing prayers. If you prefer silent time before the Eucharist for individual prayer, you are welcome at any other time during the afternoons.

In addition, our 4th Degree members have a special opportunity to stand guard before the Blessed Sacrament wearing full regalia, swords raised, standing at the base of the altar. Volunteers are needed for each Lenten Sunday and Holy Thursday. If you wish to participate, please contact me by email (directly or through our website) or phone. Let's all put forth a special effort to make this Lent a special spiritual growth experience for us all.

— Sir Knight Richard "Lazarus" Mroz

LOSS OF COMPANY BENEFITS

Many of us count on the benefits that our employer provides to protect those we love. If you are among them, take note: many of these benefits might not be yours to keep. Chances are that you will lose all or part of your company's benefits the day you retire or terminate your employment. And, even if that day is five or ten years away, it may make sense to obtain your own protection now. The longer you wait, the more difficult and expensive it will be to obtain your own protection. Plan now to protect the ones that you love. Obtain protection that is yours to keep, even if you change jobs or retire. Make sure your insurance is portable and will go with you no matter what the circumstances. This also applies to mortgage insurance. Never take it through the carrier. If you sell the house, it cannot go with you to your next home. Let's plan to discuss all your options. I'm here to help!

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Knight Bowl VIII

On Feb. 1 the St. Malachy Council of Knights of Columbus held their annual flag football game. Knight Bowl VIII kicked off at 12 Noon with 11" of snow blanketing the frozen tundra of Shamrock field. The weather was more favorable than in past years as the game time temperature climbed up to a sunny 30 degrees.

Knight Bowl VIII lived up to its billing as the 12 players had a great time. The game moved quickly as the teams divided up into two teams the Mighty Muddbugs and the Angry Beavers! Keeping with tradition, each player had his chance for glory as quarterback. The defenses for both teams proved hard to beat as only a couple of touchdowns were scored during the game.

So finally, as the warm weather moves into Brownsburg, we know that Knight Bowl is over for this year. We look forward to next year as the game will celebrate its 9th season!

To view pictures and more information, visit the Knight Bowl website (www.geocities.com/kcknightbowl) or get there from the council's website KB link!



Our new members Byron Woods, Jeremy Loudon, and Tony Shriner!

Know-it-All Chairman Mike Waters with Bill Barnes and his winning team!



Dale and Janet Ternet at the New Year's Dance

New Years Eve Dance Celebration



Free-Throw Contest Winners



Here are the winners of the free throw contest:

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| Alli O' Leary | Girls 11 |
| Luke Dotson | Boys 11 |
| Paige Price | Girls 11 |
| Steven Fon | Boys 11 |
| Isabella Zoog | Girls 12 |
| Isaac Wynne | Boys 12 |
| Kathryn Zielinski | Girls 13 |
| Danial Fesenmeier | Boys 13 |
| Neil Kippenbrock | Boys 14 |

Congratulations!

March 2008

03/01/09 Eucharistic
Adoration
03/02/09 Council Meeting
03/06/09 Lenten Fish Fry
03/07/09 Membership Blitz
03/08/09 Eucharistic Ad.
03/11/09 Info. Night
03/13/09 Lenten Fish Fry
03/15/09 Eucharistic Ad.
Pancake Breakfast
03/16/09 Council Meeting
03/17/09 St/. Patrick's Day
03/20/09 Lenten Fish Fry
03/22/09 Eucharistic Ad.
03/27/09 Lenten Fish Fry
03/29/09 Eucharistic Ad.

April 2009

04/03/09 Lenten Fish Fry
First Fri. Rosary
04/05/09 Eucharistic Ad.
04/06/09 Council Meeting
04/09/09 Holy Thursday
Eucharistic Ad.
04/10/09 Good Friday
04/20/09 Council Meeting
(Social)

Tootsie Roll Signups after Mass
4/18, 4/19, 4/25, 4/26.

Tootsie Roll Distribution 4-7PM
4/28 - 4/30

May 2009

05/01/09 Tootsie Rolls
05/01/09 First Fri. Rosary
05/02/09 Tootsie Rolls
05/03/09 Tootsie Rolls
05/04/09 Council Meeting
05/10/09 Mother's Day
05/16/09 Tootsie Rolls
05/17/09 Tootsie Rolls
05/18/09 Council Meeting
(Social)



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