Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

We all know that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, eat a lot, and watch football. It is also the unofficial start of the Christmas season although with retailers that has moved back to Halloween or even the 4th of July! But Thanksgiving is a time of reflection on our Catholic Values. Some of the important values we can associate with Thanksgiving are humility and simplicity.

At this time of year we must reflect on our humility. But the danger is that if we think we are humble then we are not! Our culture does not value humility. From the time we are very young we are encouraged to get ahead, climb the ladder, become a success. We are judged by the car we drive, the home we buy, and the clothes we wear.

There are t-shirts that say “The one who dies with the most toys wins”. But dead people don’t need toys. Humility means we don’t run the world, we don’t have all the answers and we know our limits. People are advised that they have unlimited potential and untapped resources. But, only God has unlimited potential. One of the problems is we have too many choices. We have so many choices that we do none of them well. In the Bible there are many examples with Jesus, the apostles, and in the Old Testament, David and Noah who were faced with one choice that they did it extremely well.

The lack of simplicity in our lives leads to frustration. Our contentment is defined by how many of our needs are met. However unless you can say “I have enough”, you can never be satisfied. The Lottery is based on the slogan “All you need is a dollar and a dream”. Most people say I need just one more dollar, if I only had that job, etc. We stay frustrated when we ought to be happy. Jesus said, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” He is saying that Faith is childlike in its simplicity. We need to put our confidence in God and that God has the answers we will never understand especially in this conflicted world.

Usually at Thanksgiving we say what we are thankful for and that list usually starts with material things. It is better to be thankful for what God has taken away from you even through hardship and suffering that has made your faith stronger. It is those things that you thought you could not live without but now you know those things don’t matter. In other words it is “God has shown me that I don’t have to have that in order to be happy.”

The Knights of Columbus and our Trinity Council demonstrate these important values. Our members and Ladies give their talents and support to a lot of community organizations. The values of humility and simplicity are reflected in our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

I would like to personally thank the committees that have run our Fall events. The Religious Appreciation Dinner was another great success where we exhibit our gratefulness to the religious community. The Deceased Member Mass and Breakfast is a great honor to members of the council and ladies auxiliary who have passed. Both of these events were extremely well run.

Vivat Jesus
Steve Tedesco
Trinity Council Musings

Bravo, Bravo! The Editor’s performance at the Deceased Members’ Mass was so moving that he was asked to do an encore performance the next day before Bishop Salvatore Matano at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the Finger Lake Chapter’s Memorial Mass. The Editor was also given the opportunity to speak about seminarians at Trinity Council’s Religious Appreciation Dinner.

A painstaking decorating job by Beth and Dave McClellan and crew added a seasonal aura to the Fall 200 Club Dinner on October 4th… On his way out the door a picture of Dean Hamingson finally adorned the back cover of the October Compass. (The front cover would have cost him more…). The October General Membership Meeting was over by 8:22 p.m. And that was even with Chancellor Dan Scalzo’s infomercial about the Cross of Christ being available for $5.00 (contact him for more details) and the heated discussion about the leftover Knucklehead Ale…The Bishop James E. Kearney Fourth Degree Assembly has its monthly Dinner Meetings at Valencia’s. Now who wouldn’t want to have dinner at a place called “Valencia’s?”

Whew, No Flashing Lights. It’s a good thing the Webster police officer who was at the Post Office as we mailed the October Compass didn’t see the daredevil Brother Knight going full throttle on the riding mower across the street at the WCC. The Brother Knight with the push mower, well, he was going 3 MPH. Having reached the end of the mowing season we thank all of the Lawn Rangers and their Down To Earth Commander, Mike Donovan, for giving the WCC grounds we can all be proud of.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Compass is an article about the council members who participated in the Sisters of Mercy’s Field of Honor fundraiser. We’re not sure who the brave ones were, i.e., those holding the stakes while the others flailed away with the sledgehammers. One would think they would have taken turns, but who knows?

Mea Culpa. Apologies to Warden Tony Gilbert whom we mistakenly retired as a Council officer in the October Musings column. You may infer from the absence of this column in the November Compass that the Editor imposed a fitting punishment - but only, of course, after first absolving himself of any responsibility for the snafu… A warm Trinity Council welcome to new Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent, Justin Peltier (585) 900-1634. He was circulating at the November General Membership Meeting. Please give him your support and cooperation.

Don’t Feed The Geese! It has come to our attention (how could you miss them?) that the geese that have resided in the area of the retention ponds at the Holt Road Wegmans over the years have migrated to Barrett Drive. Not sure why, unless some Brother Knights have been feeding them. Not sure with what, as there has hardly been much leftover popcorn after Bingo lately. Worse yet, they have multiplied in numbers. Please allow extra time in your travels to and from the WCC. Otherwise, you could end up with roadkill on your car. And incur the wrath of PETA.

Summer of ’15 Picnic You asked for it, and here it is: The Picnic was made possible by the following crewmembers working with Chancellor Dan Scalzo: Set-up: Joe Bradbury, Ron Meagher, Rich Brunken, Dave and Evelyn Powe, Bob Leschhorn, Joanne Fisher and Dave Wirley; Cooking: Joe Dilal, Bob Leschhorn and Dave McCoy; Serving: Joe Rizzo; Cleanup: Dave Gilfoy, Dave Samuelson, Ron Meagher, Pat Iulianello, Andy Weidman, PGK, Dave McCoy and Joanne Fisher; Bounce House: Bud Shura (an inspired choice); and WCC liaisons: Dave Uerz, and Art Manning. Thank you, one and all.

That Holiday Season. That annual period of madness on earth, stretching from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day, is upon us. Too much to do, too little time. Yet the activities of Trinity Council do not come to a screeching halt. No, they do not. Somehow, Council volunteers come forward to deliver poinsettias to widows, set up and take down Keep Christ In Christmas signs, distribute winter coats to the needy, give blood at the Council Blood Drive, assist residents at Hill Haven Nursing Home so they can attend Christmas Eve Mass and put on Bingo on New Year’s Day (not to mention the weekly Bingo workers, men and women). Please help out by assisting at one of these activities. If you do, we bet your holiday stuff still gets done. The Lord will see to it. Peace and goodwill to all of you, especially those Council members and their families who reside a ways away. You are not forgotten by the Compass staff. Ever. You are what keeps us going.
Remembrances Of The Religious Appreciation Dinner

We seem to have, um, misplaced, our notes from the Religious Appreciation Dinner held on Sunday, October 18, 2015. Here is what we remember, more or less:

1. Chairman John O’Connor and his crew (Marc Nelson, David Powe, Walt Kowalski and Dick Wagner, PGK) put on a real good show.
2. The Boy Scouts from St. Rita’s ably assisted.
3. The Jazz Ensemble from McQuaid Jesuit High did their thing.
4. Fr. Richard Shatzel from St. Rita’s said the opening prayer (grace?)
5. The buffet was tasty.
6. MC Dave McCoy took a short poll, something to do with the length of that day’s gospel reading.
7. GK Steve Tedesco and Tom Freundschuh, PGK both need help with their jokes.
8. There were plenty of deacons, priests and sisters there.
9. The concluding prayer was given by our Council Chaplain, Fr. Paul Gitau.

Thursday, December 3rd

Dinner Meeting

Lasagna and Trimmings

$15.00

Reservations are a must by November 1st
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Key Dates for upcoming activities

12/3 Thursday, Monthly Dinner Meeting, WCC 6:00PM
12/5 Saturday, Annual Poinsettia Delivery, WCC 9:00AM
12/7 Monday, FLDDO Christmas Party, WCC 6:00PM
12/16 Wednesday, Red Cross Blood Drive, WCC 1:00PM
12/24 Christmas Eve Mass at Hill Haven, 2:00PM
1/1 New Year’s Day Bingo, WCC 2:00PM, doors open at 12:30PM
1/7 Thursday, Monthly Dinner Meeting, WCC 6:00PM

TRINITY COUNCIL NAMES IN THE NEWS

Some familiar Trinity Council last names were spotted in the Webster Herald recently. One was Kowalski (as in “Walt Kowalski”). Grandson Chris Kowalski’s Eagle Scout project at St. Rita’s Boy Scout Troup 163 involved repair of the bridge leading from the parking lot to the Red Trail at the Gosnell Big Woods Preserve that was damaged by a fallen tree. (The Preserve is home to some really big trees.) Assisting Chris were his father, Matt, and brother, Joshua. Also assisting was Chris Stazak. Check out the results by walking the Red Trail at the Gosnell Big Woods Preserve, one of Webster’s priceless jewels, located at the intersection of Vosburg and Drumm Roads.

The other Council name in the news was Garbach. Deacon Ray and his wife, Kathy, did something absolutely amazing, although no one who knows them should be surprised. Following the death of their daughter Megan last year they formed a Foundation to help “those who struggle with mental health issues” in her memory. The Foundation held its first ever “Meg’s Gift Golf Tournament” this past August. Through the generosity of golfers and non-golfers alike the Tournament raised enough money to enable the Foundation to present a check for $60,000.00 to Rochester’s St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center, an organization which provides “medical and mental health care to those in need.” We also spotted another familiar Trinity Council last name in the Webster Herald article: Scalzo, as in Chancellor Scalzo. The Executive Director of the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center is Katie Garbach Scalzo.
For our Veterans, that we always remember those who have given their lives for our freedom and that we support our troops as they return home.

Prayer for our troops: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN

For our Seminarians, that the Lord gives these men the strength to remain committed to answering God’s call to serve Him and His people in a special way.

For the Repose of Soul and Family of Alan Montante
For the Repose of Soul and family of Thomas P. Sweeney, PGK

Our Council Brethren and family members and who are ill, under treatment or recovering.

Marilyn Bowman
Peter & Jackie Breidt
Stewart Coon (father of Stew)
Albert Curtis (father of Bob)
Bob Dominik
Deacon Stan Douglas & Joanne
Susan Douglas-Doyle (daughter of Deacon Stan)
Donald Fisher
Joe Frate
Catherine Fremut (twin sister of Peter Breidt)
Lori Freundschuh (sister of Tom Freundschuh)
Marina Griffin (wife of John)
Richard Habes
Carolyn Hafner
Cindy Hoage (daughter of Bill & Carol Van Slyke)
Gladys Hickey
Ron Hosenfeld (Brother of Mike Hosenfeld)
Helen Kester
Walt Kowalski
Jack Kuebel
Lana Leschhorn
Larry Lochner
Donna Martin (daughter of Jean Chappell)
Debbie LaTempa-Barth (Sister-In-Law of Jim Waver)
Chris Mauro (son of Dave Mauro)
Ron McNinch
Joe Nagel
Bev Neumann
Family of Gary Nicastro
Richard O’Connor (father of John)
Michael Pellittiere
Mary Przysinda (sister of John Stebler)
Michael Quinlan
Ann Rohnke
Family of Tim Runyan
Tammy Serio-Miller (daughter of Vic)
Art & Rita Schuth
Jim Senecal (brother of Don)
John and Bernadette Stebler
Karl Steigerwald
Gertrude Swol
James Thurston
Ann Tiberio

Father of goodness & love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our council, their families and friends, and for all those who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole, and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

With Mary, we ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.
Meeting Date:
December 14, 2015  
6:30 pm at WCC  
Christmas Party  
Secret Cookie Exchange

November Donations:
St. Rita Youth Group NCYC  
St. Mary’s of the Lake Christmas Sharing  
Holy Trinity Star Program  
Willow Domestic Violence Ctr.  
Holy Childhood  
Weekend Backpack Program  
Wayne County Hope Ministry  
Pete’s Place – Michael Miller

Prayers/Intentions:
Family of Mary Hyatt and family of Syd Webster, Judy McHale, Don Fisher, Tom Sweeney, Marina Griffin, Lisa Syed, Anita Belle’s cousin Muriel, Clifford Imes, Elaine Sutherland

December Birthdays:
9th  Kathy Connelly  
11th  Patty Janiak  
29th  Millie Schillaci  
31st  Linda Kozelsky

Monthly Offering:
We will be collecting items for Hope House.

Calendars:
Please bring in any 2016 calendars for Ronnie Zawacki for the Prison Ministry. No spiral bindings please!!

Reminder:
Christmas Party Secret Cookie Exchange. Bring 2 dozen cookies in Christmas wrapping and please include the recipe! A light meal will be served.  **Time is 6:30 pm.**

President Notes:
I am so honored to be part of this incredible group. Your generosity and thoughtfulness make this an outstanding organization! Again, I want to thank Gale Jones for organizing the Fashion Show! Thank you to the models, the Knights who served us, Jason Deleo for the food, TJ Maxx for the fashions and to HOPE Ministry for their assistance with raffle prizes! We couldn’t have done it without you. The Fashion Show raffle proceeds for HOPE Ministry totaled $1080 which we increased to $1200. Our Craft Show/Baked Food Sale was also a huge success! A big Thank You to Kathy Uerz for all of her hard work putting this together and making it so successful! Thank you to the bakers and sellers who donated their time and talent, the men who made and sold lunch for us and the talented crafters. What a wonderful group of people!  
In Prayer,  
Linda

Passings:
We lost 2 more long time members recently – Mary Hyatt and Syd Webster. They will be truly missed. Special prayers to their families.

Mentors:  Would you be willing to be a mentor or “Big Sister” to a new member of the Auxiliary?  
If you are interested, please contact Linda.

Bingo: New set-up and/or workers are always a welcome addition to the volunteers who staff the concessions for weekly Bingo.  
The commitment is once every 5-6 weeks. Please contact Kathy Uerz if you are interested in helping out.

Sunshine Requests:
Do you know of an Auxiliary member who may need some cheering up, is ill or in the hospital, has become a new parent or grandparent, is moving to a new home? Please contact Donna McNinch at 265-1526.

Donation Requests:
Please submit donation requests in writing to any Auxiliary Board Member before the next Board
A REMARKABLE COUNCIL
Joe Kozelsky, PGK

One of the things I noticed when I first walked into the WCC were the two huge New York State Outstanding Council trophies on the north wall. I thought, “Hmm, That’s great, but what happened? Why haven’t they gotten any more?

It was a while before I felt comfortable enough to ask someone and that’s when I learned we only received two awards because no other council could come close to competing with 4618 and it was decided to discontinue the award after the second year. That was my first indication that 4618 could be a remarkable council. But I didn’t know because I didn’t have a perspective. I’d never seen any other councils before.

Another indication came from a conversation with long-time member Don Senecal, who has said he was struck by the attention he received when attending a state K of C meeting from men from other councils. They wanted to introduce themselves just so they could compliment him on the fact that he was from 4618. Don also has told me he had been a member of a huge council in Chicago or Detroit I’ve forgotten which, and which had an opulent council hall, but did not do a smattering of the things that 4618 does. Don’s comments were reinforced the other day by Mike Moser, a recent transferee, who indicated he was impressed with 4618 because of our many different programs and projects, and extensive member involvement. Outside perspectives can be enlightening because sometimes when you see things up close it is easy to overlook the big picture.

A third indication came about as a result of my current involvement with the WCC board of directors and the nominations committee. At the last WCC board meeting it was mentioned that we needed more help with set-up so we sent out an email blast in an appeal for on-call set up help. Within four days seven people volunteered. We have even more now. Then after my conversation with Mike Moser, I reflected on something I said to him. Just taking a guess, I said we had 24 active committees. When I had a chance, I checked the roster of committee chairs and co-chairs and saw we actually have an impressive 29 active committees. This led me to wonder then how many total members we have in some level of responsibility.

We have 29 committee chairs and about 27 co-chairs, because not all committees have co-chairs. Then there are our 18 officers and the 12 WCC board members. That adds up to at least a whopping 86 lead positions. And this doesn’t even include the various committee members - or those council and WCC activities that the nominations committee doesn’t see or our wonderful auxiliary and their committees and projects.

I would imagine there are few, if any, other councils in New York that have as many committees, officers and board members, active committee members and auxiliary members. We don’t know how 4618 compares on the national level, but one thing we know for sure - this is a truly remarkable council.

Joe Kozelsky, PGK, Member WCC Capital Fund Committee

WCC Board Elections

The Webster Columbus Center Board of Directors will be electing 4 Board members for a three year term at the December 3rd Council Meeting. Currently the 4 Council Members that have agreed to run are: Art Manning, Gary Staszak, Dick Jester, Dave Stein. If anyone else is interested in running and being added to the ballot, please contact Mike Donovan, 585-738-7883.

200 club update

The bi-annual 200 Club dinner is scheduled for May 7 at the Columbus Center. A 200 Club Membership is $35 per ticket and entitles the holder to a dinner on the night of the Jackpot Drawing. There are 20 weekly drawings for $35, $20 and $10 prior to the Jackpot. On the evening of the Jackpot Drawing, the following prizes are drawn: $500, $250, $150, $100, $75, $50, $25., 200 Club runs every 6 months.

Enjoy the evening and win some money. Contact fellow Knight Dave McLellan, Dave Samuelson or Mike Donovan to join.

We are also in need of two volunteers to help us pull numbers for the weekly drawings at the monthly Council Meetings, let us know if you can help!
Time Flies

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2005 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you’re like most people, you’ve made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I’d like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it’s nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down.

Second, visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The “insurance check-up” that I’ll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family’s life insurance program. And you’ll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that’s – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

Please give me a call.

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NEW MEMBER UPDATE

Thanks to the efforts of Chancellor-Membership Director Dan Scalzo Trinity Council has added a bunch of new members over the last six months. They are: Giulio Bosco from St. Rita’s sponsored by Dean Hammgson; Kevin Brogan from Holy Trinity sponsored by Bob Curtis; John Guider from St. Paul’s sponsored by Jim Mateer; Ronald Meagher, our new dinner contact person, from St. Rita’s sponsored by John O’Connor; Norman O’Dell from St. Maximilian Kolbe sponsored by Bob Leschhorn; and Kevin Florack from Holy Trinity sponsored by Dave Uerz. Transferring all the way from Tupelio, Mississippi was St. John of Rochester parishioner Myron Suchanick. He is a Fourth Degree Knight. Al Flagherty of Holy Trinity also transferred in. He was recruited by Mike Mosher. Please make a point of personally welcoming our new members the first chance you get.

Chancellor Scalzo encourages anyone who has a candidate for the next Degree Night, Thursday, December 10th, to let him know. Ditto prospects to attend our monthly dinner the previous Thursday. Do it today; those dates will be here before you know it.

Bring In A New Member Today!
TRINITY COUNCIL ONCE AGAIN REMEMBERS LOVED ONES

On Sunday, November 1st, the Council took its annual time out to remember those who have gone before us at the Deceased Members Mass. During a beautifully celebrated Mass presided over by Fr. Richard Shatzel, PGK Tom Freundschuh recited the names of 157 members of our fraternity, while Auxiliary President Linda Kozelzky versed 30 names from the Auxiliary. The widows present expressed their appreciation for the council remembrance. Council Recorder Gerald Bennett did a masterful job as lector.

Following Mass, Council family and guests were once again treated to another St. Rita’s style Breakfast Club Buffet after a reservation desk check-in with Ron Meagher. Filling the food pans this year were: Dave McCoy, Dave Samuelson, Joe Janiak, Dan Scalzo, De. Rick Rall, John and Martha O’Connor and PGK Jeff Kaiser. Once again, the rock steady scouts from Troop 163 at St. Rita’s assisted with serving and clean up.

At the helm of this year’s remembrance were co-chairmen Art Manning and Tony Gilbert.

A happy and holy holiday season to you and yours.

From Grand Knight Stephen Tedesco and the officers of Trinity Council No. 4618

FLDDSO Christmas Party
Monday, December 7th
6:00 PM
Come warm your hearts with the residents of the Monroe County Group Homes. Call PGK Joe Dilal if you want to assist. (585) 482-2097

Say NO to Football
And YES to BINGO

Doors open at 12:30 P.M.
Games begin at 2:00 P.M.
Call Dave Uerz at (585) 645-2351 if you would like to assist.
Mercy Bridges Field of Honor

On September 11 - 13, hundreds of American flags decorated the lawn of Mercy Center to pay tribute to veterans, active members of the military, and first responders, such as police officers, fire fighters, and emergency responders. Flags bared the name of the honored individual, as well as the individual’s rank, branch of service, war/campaign served, or organization.

In the end, 200 flags were sold, all of them resting on 3-foot rebar stakes driven in by our Popeyes. They managed to do it in about an hour and a half. As a result the good Sisters raised around $10,000 for the Mercy Bridges Reading Program.

We salute PGK Dave Uerz and the Field of Honor Volunteers from Trinity Council who assisted Dave in some way: Dean Hamingson, Joe Dilal, PGK, Tom Schoenwetter, PGK, Tom and Helen Traub, Karl Steigerwald, Joe Bradbury, Dave Samuelson, Dan Scalzo and Art Manning. We’re not sure who the brave ones were, i.e., those holding the stakes. One would think they took turns, but who knows?

What We Do

Mercy Bridges is a non-profit organization that teaches people how to read and write in the English language. We currently have 65 Rochester-area learners who come from all over the world receiving our services.
20th Annual Poinsettia Delivery

Saturday, December 5th, 2015