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Grand Knights Message:

Brothers, There is still time to sign up for the Blood Drive on March 22nd, that we will be hosting from 7:30 AM to 1 PM in Fahey Hall. Neale Baxter is co-chairing this event, so please give him a call and sign up to donate.

I am writing this newsletter before our St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance and our Super 50/50 raffle. I know both will be successful and would like to thank all of you who have sold or bought tickets for our raffle. This is the major fundraiser that assists us to fulfill one of our principles of our order, namely, charity. This is where we get some our funds to help others in our community and the church. Remember, last year we sold 322 tickets, this year we hope to surpass that number. I will report the results of both the dinner and raffle in next month's newsletter.

Father Owen has approached us to consider sponsoring Deacons Marcin and Hubert. As you are aware, we already sponsor Adam. In order to do this, our bylaws require us to publish any expenditure amount over \$ 200.00 which is not in our budget and to let our members know what we are expending funds for. A motion was made at the last meeting to sponsor both Deacon Marcin and Deacon Hubert at the same cost of \$ 500.00 that we are sponsoring Deacon Adam. The cost will be \$ 1,000 or \$ 500.00 each. The motion was then tabled so that it could be it

could be published. We will then have a discussion and vote on the motion at our next meeting, which will be March 23rd.

Another motion was put forward that our Council not spend more than \$500.00 to host a reception in Fahey Hall on May 24th, in celebration of the ordination of the our three deacons. This motion also was tabled and is being published so that we can act upon it at the next meeting as well.

So you see how important our fundraisers are.

Membership Blitz weekend is March 28th and 29th. We need brothers to sign up and solicit new members outside of church after each mass. Please give me a call and tell me what mass you will be at to help.

The Handicapped Citizens Drive will be April 23rd, April 24th, April 25th and April 26th. We are asking that you give us just two (2) hours of your time for this event. Tony Giuliano and Joe Cusano have volunteered to co-chair this year's drive. We have at least six (6) street locations to collect at. Please consider signing up.

The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday May 25th. We will meet at town hall at 9:30 AM and we will have a float for all who would like to ride.

Here is this month's quote:

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." —

Pericles

Fraternally yours in Christ, Ron

FROM THE PULPIT:

Miracle Cells From the pulpit

By Chuck Colson

2/18/2009

Break Point

The Real Success Stories, for adult stem cells.

Many politicians intend to spend taxpayer money on research that destroys human embryos. Before they do, I hope somebody brings to their attention the story I'm about to tell.

A few years ago, a Texas teenager named Laura Dominguez lost control of her car when she hit an oil spill on the road. The accident left Laura paralyzed from the neck down. You'll never walk again, doctors told her.

Laura refused to accept this prognosis. She and her mother met with experts on spinal cord injuries. They learned about an exciting new treatment being performed in Portugal. The procedure is known as olfactory mucosa transplantation. Surgeons take adult stem cells found in the nasal region and transplant them into the injured area.

Laura underwent this treatment and her spinal cord began to heal. She gained upper body agility, and, in time, she learned to walk with the use of braces

and outside help. Laura is determined to walk unassisted by her 21st birthday.

Miracles like this have been repeated many times as researchers bend their attention to the uses of adult stem cells. Writer Bradley Hughes describes many of them in his article Real-World Successes of Adult Stem Cell Treatment.

To date, Hughes writes, these miracle cells are providing hope for patients with Crohn's disease, lupus, heart disease, blindness, Parkinson's and sickle-cell anemia. And according to biotech writer James P. Kelly, umbilical cord blood stem cells are already being used to treat 70 forms of blood and bone marrow cancers.

And just a few days ago, there was a report at Northwestern University. Twenty-one patients with multiple sclerosis were stabilized following treatment with adult stem cells removed from each patient's bone marrow. In some patients, the disease was reversed.

But because much of the mainstream media refuses to report on this, many Americans remain unaware of it. Ignorance about these cures may be driving the public's demand for embryonic stem-cell research, which kills human beings at the embryonic stage.

Americans also seem unaware **that not a single clinical success has resulted from treatments using embryonic stem cells. None!**

So why do researchers and the biotech industry push so hard for public funds for embryo-destructive research? Because science, wants science, for science's sake and, incidentally, -

because they stand to make huge profits through potential patents. It's potentially far more lucrative than research involving adult stem cells.

You and I need to spread the word about the miracle cures being found through the use of adult stem cells. They're a far superior alternative to embryonic stem cells and nobody is killed in the process of retrieving them.

As science demands unfettered research in the future, we need to be encouraging ethically challenged reporters, researchers, and politicians to take a look backwards for a grim reminder of what happens when science is divorced from morality euthanasia, gas chambers, and Nazi experiments on children.

Do we really want to start down that terrible road again?

We hear over and over again that embryonic stem cells do not produce good results yet some continue to push the issue. Obviously adult stem cells are the way to go.

Deacon Bob Lang

Our Field Agent Speaks:

In a previous column I wrote specifically to baby boomers regarding the "r" word: retirement. I presented some dire facts regarding the current state of employer-provided pension plans. That was the bad news. The good news - you can do something about it.

Think of retirement as a three legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you

need all three legs...or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. **Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits.** Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally - the third leg - the one that you can exercise the most control over. The saving you do yourself.

Everyone – everyone – needs this third leg. It consists of the money you yourself set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan. But you do manage your own life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as

little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with piece of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust: you!

I'm at 973-539-0109 or john.stabile@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Birthdays:

Happy Birthday! To all Brother Knights.

Richard	DiFrancisco	3	1
John	DePola	3	2
Graziano	Fabiano	3	4
Edward	Boze	3	4
Eugene	Donofrio	3	9
Joseph	Naples	3	13
Richard	Schroeder	3	14
Frank	Verducci Jr.	3	16
Peter	Napoli	3	16
John	DiGiovachino	3	20
Lawrence A.	Colasurdo	3	22
Louis	DeRiggi Jr.	3	22
Patrick J.	Algieri	3	25
Anthony	De Stefano	3	26
Peter	Esposito	3	30

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Good of the Order:

Prayer does work so please pray for the following that are in need. Prayer does work!

Father Owens, Father – Lives in Ireland, Sister Ann, Past Grand Knight Larry Colasurdo mother Marie, Dolores Angelo Mother of Ron Angelo, Debbie Edson Daughter of Des and Ann Brennan has two babies Kayliegh , 4 Special Intentions, Tom Dougherty Jr. Nancy Stabile, Genny Malgeri, Diana Rickert, Kevin and Joan Gardiner, Jack Citarelli, and Marie Citarelli's daughter Andria Ottaiano, Vivian Baxter Mother of Neal Baxter, Al Lasso, Doris Friedholm, Rick Friedholm Dad, Angie and Charlie Del Fava, PGK. Joe Larena, Henry Smolen, Father of Charlie Napoli, of C&L Towing, Karen Brown, Carmen Malgieri, Irene Holmes, Sheila Gallo and for baby Cara Guerine, Mike Ganinni, Ernie Esposito, Philip Esposito, Balnjina Fernandez, Chris Knapik and Rose Knapik wife of Andy Knapik, R. Barton PGK, Anthony Fiscetti, Linda Miele, Micheal Tria, Terry Pizzano Dorthy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, Special intentions. Barbera Gassner, Joann Musso, Clara Sodowski, Cora a friend of Barry Halloran SA Special Intention, Christopher McTagart, Don Sherman a Friend of the Knights.

In Memorium:

Brother, Thomas P. Ciacciarelli, May the perpetual light of Jesus shine upon him for ever.

Pray for our troops that are in harms and are protecting our way of life in These United States. Pray that God will grant them safe return to their families. Pray for everyone's, "Special Intentions" - **and we mean everyone. God must be Infinite the proof is that he does listen to each and everyone's intentions and then with his unique senses of each individuals need handles all problems in ways we could only hope to understand.**

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