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10 <i>FALLOUT SOMERVILLE 8:30 A.M.</i>	11 <i>MEETING SOMERVILLE 7:00 P.M.</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>HOLY THURSDAY</i>	22 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	23 <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>
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Our next meeting will be in Somerville, on April 11, at 7:00 P.M.

We will fall out in Somerville on Sunday, April 10. Please be there at 8:30 A.M.

Congratulations to Father Nock Russell of St. Ann's Parish, for becoming a Fourth Degree Knight on Saturday, Apr. 2. He is now a member of our Assembly #2587.

We had another successful Turkey Shoot with net proceeds of \$1900.00. Thanks again to Josiah and Beverly Barrow for the use of their property and cooking the meal for this event. Thanks also to everyone who donated cash to the shoot and to all those who helped put this on. A special thanks to Elroy Peters and his family for their work and for donating the \$60.00 gift card from Kovasovic.

The Moving Vietnam Wall will be at Caldwell Hornet Field, from April 27 to May 1st. Viewing will be from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. There will be a ceremony on April 29 at 10:00 A.M. Please let anyone you think might be interested know about this, as it a rare occasion for this wall to be in our area.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to our Knights who attended the Fallout at St. Monica's Church in Cameron, for their Confirmation on March 20. The church was full, so there were a lot of people to see the Knights in action.

We will be falling out in Somerville this Sunday, Apr. 10, in honor of Father Nock's 4th degree exemplification. Please do your best to attend. We want to show our support and thanks to Father Nock for becoming a Fourth Degree, and becoming a member of our Assembly.

We wish each of you God's blessings on this great feast of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Ruth Hughes, wife of John Hughes, one of our 4th degree knights who passed away a couple of years ago, is recovering from a broken hip, and has found out that she has cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Excerpts of Pope Benedict's address concerning embryonic stem cell research, given in the Plenary Session listed below.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLENARY SESSION
OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

I also ask you, dear friends, to pay special attention to the difficult and complex issues of bioethics. In fact, new biomedical technologies, do not only involve certain specialized doctors and researchers but are disseminated through the modern means of social communication, giving rise to expectations and questions in ever broader sectors of society. The Church's Magisterium certainly cannot and ought not address every scientific innovation, but has the task of reaffirming the important values at stake and of suggesting to the faithful and to all people of good will the ethical and moral principles and guidelines for new and important issues. The two fundamental criteria for moral discernment in this field are: a) unconditional respect for the human being as a person from conception to natural death; b) respect for the originality of the transmission of human life through the acts proper to spouses. After the publication in 1987 of the Instruction *Donum Vitae* which spelled out these criteria, many levelled criticism at the Magisterium of the Church for being an obstacle to science and to the true progress of humanity. However, the new problems associated, for example, with the freezing of human embryos, with embryonic reduction [selective abortion of medically implanted embryos], with pre-implantational diagnosis, with research on embryonic stem cells and with attempts at human cloning, clearly show that with extra-corporeal artificial fertilization, the barrier that served to protect human dignity has been violated. When human beings, in the weakest and most defenceless stage of their lives are selected, abandoned, killed or used as mere "biological material", how can it be denied that they are no longer being treated as "someone" but rather as "something", hence, calling into question the very concept of human dignity?

Of course, the Church appreciates and encourages the progress of the biomedical sciences which open up unprecedented therapeutic prospects until now unknown, for example, through the use of somatic stem cells, or treatment that aims to restore fertility or cure genetic diseases. At the same time, she feels duty-bound to enlighten all consciences to the only authentic progress, namely, that scientific progress truly respect every human being, whose personal dignity must be recognized since he is created in the image of God. The study of these themes, which has involved your Assembly in a special way in these days, will certainly help to encourage the formation of the consciences of a large number of our brethren, in accordance with what the *Second Vatican Council* stated in the Declaration *Dignitatis Humanae*: "In forming their consciences the faithful must pay careful attention to the sacred and certain teaching of the Church. For the Catholic Church is by the will of Christ the teacher of truth. It is her duty to proclaim and teach with authority the truth which is Christ and, at the same time, to declare and confirm by her authority the principles of the moral order which spring from human nature itself" (n. 14).

As I encourage you to persevere in your demanding and important work, on this occasion I also express my spiritual closeness to you and I warmly impart the Apostolic Blessing to you all, as a pledge of affection and gratitude.

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