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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

I am at the halfway point of my term as Grand Knight, and I am proud to say that we are well on our way in meeting the goals that we discussed at the start of the year. Our council is amazing in the volunteerism and dedication we have to make things happen.

The two most notable accomplishments so far are the fact that our membership goal is at 150%, and our major project concerning the memorial, which we are now calling "Affirmation of Life", has been approved by the parish council and started.

Other activities the past two months included a Blood Drive, handing out Rosary Cards and Lolli-Pops for Pro-life, Membership Blitz, Ottofest, Wine Tasting, Memorial Service, Krispy Kreme donuts, and Keeping Christ in Christmas card sales. Thanks goes to all of you who made these activities happen.

Speaking of all the effort we as Knights have put forth this past year, The Fraternal Survey inside this bulletin is our way of reporting to the Supreme Council all of the hours that our council spends on charitable activities. Please take the time to fill it out, and send it to me.

Five new Knights have joined our council in the last two months. Stephan Holland, David Holland, Christopher O'Conner, and Raymund Pagua obtained their First Degree status on Nov, 22nd. William Wolfe transferred into our council. I would like to

welcome them again, and encourage them to get involved in the charitable activities that we have coming up.

We also had three brothers become Fourth Degree Knights. Please congratulate SK Michael Connell, SK Roberto Sanchez, and SK John Casapiedra on their advancement within the order.

Now that we have obtained the approval for the memorial, our next big push is raising the funds required. Many of you have received information about the memorial and how to contribute to this effort. I encourage all of you pray and consider giving what ever you can. We want all Knights to have the first opportunity to contribute to this effort. As the first of the year begins our fund raising effort, led by Michael Connell, will be having more events and target more of the entire Catholic Community.

Other major events coming up include our Pancake Breakfast and Free Throw contest in January and our Crab Feed in February. Each of these events will have committees that you can volunteer for. If you have not volunteered for an event yet this fraternal year, we can sure use your help with one of these.

Finally, since it is that time of the year, I would like to say Merry Christmas and May God Bless all my Brothers and their families with a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Mike Cowan

- Coming Events
- General Mtg , Dec 13, 7pm, Knights Hall
- Donut Sunday, Dec 18
- Leadership Mtg Dec 27, 7:30pm, Knights Hall
- General Mtg , Jan 10, 7pm, Knights Hall
- Regional Mtg, Jan 14-15
- Pancake Breakfast, Jan 15, St Marks
- Pro Life March to Olympia Jan 18
- Basketball Free Throw Contest Jan 19-21
- Jan Pro-Life Dinner, Jan 21
- Leadership Mtg Jan 24, 7:30pm, Knights Hall
- Crab Feed, Feb 11, St Marks
- Pro-Life Speaker, Mar 25, after 5pm Mass St Marks

Knight of the Month

Oct—Paul Dorn

Nov — Roberto Sanchez

Family of the Month

Oct—Russ Gammon family

Nov —Richard Garzon & family; wife Roxanne, daughter Alyssa and son Nicholas

Please keep Bro Federico B. Verzosa in your prayers. He is terminally ill with cancer. He is a member of our council and is also the father in law of Bro. Fred Daco



.The following is a copy of the presentation that Tm Lord gave at the memorial service on November 12 for our deceased knights.

Fellow Knights, families of our deceased Knights and all others who join us this evening in remembering and praying for those from our council and community of believers, who have passed on from this material existence, to a future that we have little knowledge of, but great faith in, I share the following brief remarks on the related subjects of Life and Death.

As members of the human condition, we all have given some thought at one time or another to the fact that death will eventually become our fate. Fortunately most of us don't dwell on this reality because we believe that we will live on and that death is not standing in our door ways ready to snuff out our physical existence. For if this were the case living would be morbid and foreboding.

If I were to ask how many of you prayed today or this week that God spare you from death, I would venture to guess that none of you did. But for all of you who have a prayer life, I suspect that you did asked God to help prepare you for death. Now if our belief was, that death is a finality, and not just a stage in our eternal existence, why would we even bother to ask God to help us prepare for death, or even more basic to the question, why even bother to pray. As Catholics or Christians we know the response to this. We have faith that death is not the end, but really the beginning of an eternal life promised to us through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. It is through this faith, that we are able to understand and accept death and to even joyfully look forward to its coming.

The month of November is dedicated by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus as a time to remember our deceased brothers and their families. As the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights, Bishop Thomas Daily shared the following thoughts.

"We are people of faith, hope and love. Our consolation, our union with Jesus Christ, enables us to cope with the discouragement of death and have a well founded hope in eternal life" "Life today is especially fragile because of war and terrorism. It is even more fragile to our young brothers and sisters in the womb. They never see the light of day and die in the millions by abortion around the world - innocent, defenseless, unborn. Indeed life is fragile."

But he continues. "Isn't it wonderful for (we Catholics and Christians) to speculate what heaven will be like? Certainly no more tears, nor more pain, no more death, and the peace of God, his Son and the Holy Spirit." Bishop Daily goes on to remind us that each morning at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, that all deceased Knights, spouses and their families are remembered during the daily mass." What a consolation it should be to know that as Knights or family members of Knights that no day passes when we are not remembered during the celebration of God's greatest gift to us, the Mass.

But Life goes on. Death is an event for the future. We still exist in the world of the living. We have our jobs, our families, mortgages, politics, relationships and a thousand other things that occupy our hearts, our minds and dominate our time. It is our time for living, not a time to be contemplating or preparing for death, or is it? If we truly believe that death, the ending or our mortal life, is really just the beginning of an eternal life, how can we not prepare for it.

The question of how does one prepare for death was posed to theologian, Fr. Ron Rolheiser, by an elderly monk who had spent over 50 years in prayer and meditation. After much reflection on the question, to paraphrase and in some cases quote Fr. Rolheiser, his advise to all of us was: To prepare for death, should not be morbid or something that distances or separates us from life and each other. We don't prepare for death by withdrawing from life. We get ready for death by beginning to live our lives as we should have been living them all along. The best way we can prepare to die is to begin to stretch our hearts to love ever wider and wider, to begin to love in a way that takes us beyond the natural narrowness and discrimination that exists in our hearts because of temperament wound, timidity, ignorance, selfishness, race, gender, religion, circumstances and our place in history. We prepare to die by pushing ourselves to love less narrowly.

"Had this elderly monk cornered Jesus and asked him the same question he asked me, I suspect Jesus might have said: 'prepare for death by living more fully now. Work at loving more deeply, less discriminately, more affectionately and more gratefully. Tell those close to you that you love them and death will never catch you like a thief in the night'"

As we tonight and each day pray for our departed brothers, let us not forget the living. Let our lives be an example of God's love for us, as we follow his commandment to love Him and to love our neighbor as we would love ourselves. In following this commandment we are preparing ourselves for our eventual death and the beginning of Life Eternal.

Life and Death. Easy concepts to understand? Life is with Christ. Death is Life without Christ.

God Bless You

Vivat Jesus

DECEMBER 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 General Mtg	14	15	16	17
18 Donut Sunday	19	20	21	22	23 Sim- bang Gabi St Marks	24
25	26	27 Leader- ship	28	29	30	31

JANUARY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 General Mtg	11	12	13	14 Regional Mtg
15 Reg.mtg Pancake	16	17	18 Pro Life March	19 BB Free Throw	20 BB Free Throw	21B Free Throw Dinner
22	23	24 Leader- ship	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

News and Events

Pro Life Speaker

March 25, 2006 noted pro-life speaker Camille De Blasi will talk after the 5PM mass at St. Marks. This will be in conjunction with another talk she will give at St. Monica's on Mercer Island. We pass the hat afterwards hoping to raise the cost of her appearance, with any extra funds going into our memorial fund.

Miss De Blasi is a nationally renowned speaker and is co-founder and President of Healing the Culture. You can read more about her and her organization at WWW.HEALINGTHECULTURE.COM.

.Pro Life Solicitation

You all should have received a solicitation letter from SK Mike Connell asking for funds for our pro life memorial. To see a full color picture of the proposed mosaic, please visit our web site.

Pro Life Bus

We are sponsoring a bus which will take

marchers to Olympia on January 18th.

Fund Raising Dinner

January 21, 2006, our council will host a dinner with the proceeds going to the pro-life memorial. Contact Mike Connell for details that will be forthcoming.

New Members

Stephan Holland, David Holland, Christopher O'Conner, and Raymund Pagua obtained their First Degree status on Nov, 22nd. William Wolfe transferred into our council. Please introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome.

4th Degree

Mike Connell, Roberto Sanchez, and John Casapiedra have all advanced to the Fourth Degree. Congratulations.

Sunday Donuts

The council is responsible for serving donuts after the Dec 18 morning masses.

We need help. Please contact GK Mike Cowan to volunteer.

Crab Feed—Feb 11, 2006

Reserve the date on your calendar. This is one of our prime fund raisers, and also one of the most enjoyable events we have all year..

Wine Tasting & Dinner

On October 29, our council hosted a wine tasting and spaghetti dinner to support the pro life memorial. Thanks to wine sommelier Joe Sadler, chef Cel Ebilane, and chairman Mike Connell for a great evening.

.Reminder—Yearly Dues

Please remember that the yearly dues are due on January 1, 2006. You will be receiving a reminder notice from the Financial Secretary. Please remit your dues promptly, as they are vital in the charitable work that we do.

FR THEODORE P SULLIVAN COUNCIL NO 11217



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