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Grand Knight's Report

Jack McLaughlin

Brother Knights & Columbiettes,

Judy and myself hope that you and your loved ones are having a great summer! We are leaving shortly on a trip to visit family in Baltimore, MD and Harrisburg, PA, to spend a week with the grandchildren at the beach in Ocean City, MD, then out to OH to visit friends for a week, then finally to Myrtle Beach to play in a week-long golf tournament. Feel free to leave phone or Email messages as I can remotely access the phone, and will have my laptop with me. If you need to talk to me, you can reach my cell (937) 477-9227.



Thanks to those of you that attended the July 14th Business meeting. Those in attendance already know that the Council Hall and property have been sold to the Diocese of Venice (read St. Catherine's); about the District Meeting and Training Seminar for Council Officers, Program Directors, and any interested Knight (see separate article in this newsletter); and many other items that were covered in the meeting. In order to become active as a council we need more Brother Knights to attend meetings and to step up and chair or co-chair our Church, Family, Youth, Community and Council programs. Like any other organization, we need volunteers! There are several members of the council that have lead each of these program areas, so if you'd like to give it a try, call me at 471-3295 and we can talk.

By a unanimous vote the members present at the meeting, the August Business Meeting has been cancelled. Our next business meeting will be September 8th. The 1st Degree team also cancelled the August 12th Initiation Degree, with the next ceremony scheduled for September 9th.

Please send me an Email (jack.mclaughlin@embarqmail.com) so we have your Email address.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and consider sharing some of your time to re-invigorate our Council!

Jack

Deacon's Corner

Rev. Mr. James McGarry

Our Worthy Associate Chaplain is still on vacation at press time so we have no article this month. Tune in next month, same time, same place, and keep Deacon Jim in your prayers.



Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers and thoughts Jim Curtis, Rudy Cecere, John O'Shea, Rufus Boniface, Raymond Whitlatch, and Jack Earhart.

Remember our Brother Knights, Columbiettes and their spouses in need of prayers and our military men and women who are serving in harms way protecting your freedom.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 4th - 4th Deg - no meeting
- Aug 8th - Council Clean-up (9 AM) **Volunteers needed**
- Aug 11th - Council Mtg - cancelled
- Aug 12th - 1st Degree - cancelled
- Aug 25th - Novena for Life Mass - St. Catherine Church (12 Noon)
- Columbiettes - no summer mtgs



Send your Email address to the GK in a message with your name and address

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The newsletter editor is Jack McLaughlin, who can be reached at jack.mclaughlin@embarqmail.com or by phone at 471-3295. Any Knight, whether from Council 5441 or another council, may submit articles for publication. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

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August Birthdays

Kevin Dillon	03	Walter Green	17
Kathleen Fitzgerald	06	Charles Rooney	20
Ray Goers	06	Joseph Stuckel	20
Gerard Valvo	09	Rufus Bonifas	21
Marlene Von Merveldt	09	Edgar Cronin	22
Benjamin Schiappa	11	George Kircher	23
Carlos Solivan	13	Paul Reiter	23
Nancy Colclasure	13	Raymond Whitlach	24
James Laird	15	Gladys Severe	28
Dr. William Manint	16	Thomas Dunn	29
Steven Di Sano	17		

August Anniversary's

Kevin & Nancy Dillon	August 3, 1933
Charles & Marilyn Rooney	August 20, 1934

District Training Meeting

There will be a District Meeting & training seminar held in Lake Placid on July 27th beginning at 7:00 PM. This meeting is for Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretary's, Council Officers, Program Directors, and any member who would consider taking a council office. Some of the information that will be covered includes: GK responsibilities, council officers responsibilities, financial procedures and reporting, budget planning, membership blitz planning, membership recruitment, how to conduct a meeting, membership retention, By-Laws, Supreme's FS program, communication, council reports, council programs, Supreme's on-line system, and how to file reports and State Internet system. ***A lot of information that may be of interest to anyone that would consider taking a council office or program lead now or in the future!***

We will meet in the council parking lot and car pool, departing at 6:15 PM. Be there if you are interested!

Election of Officers

As is evident in the list at the left, the office of Chancellor and Warden are both vacant. We also need to elect an Advocate, as you cannot hold two elected offices simultaneously. The election will take place at the September Business meeting. If you are interested, contact the GK.

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Vacant

Family

Vacant

Youth

Vacant

Membership

Vacant

Retention

Vacant

Ed Cronin, (Pro Life Chairman)

The following is taken from a wonderful, small publication entitled "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Pro-Life Movement" by Rev. Frank A. Pavone.

On December 9, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a Christian convert named Juan Diego. At that time, the Aztecs practiced a form of infanticide in their religious ceremonies. She spoke to him in his native language and asked him to inform the bishop of Mexico that she wanted a temple constructed on the hill of Tepeyac and an end to the infanticide. The bishop did not believe Juan Diego and asked for proof the apparition was authentic.



Our Lady re-appeared to Juan and instructed him to gather flowers at the top of the hillside, in the dead of winter. His faith was rewarded when he found beautiful Castilian roses. He gathered them in his cloak and brought them to the bishop. This was miracle enough but, in addition there was an image of the Lady from heaven on the inside of his cloak.

In appearing to Juan Diego, Our Lady addressed him as "Juanito," (which means the smallest member of the family) and as "Son". She spoke of herself as both his "Mother" and the "Mother of the One, True living God." Today, she addresses us with the same words she addressed to Juan Diego:

"Hear and let it penetrate your hearts, my dear little ones. Let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you; let nothing alter your heart or your countenance. Do not fear vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here, your Mother? Are you not here in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Is there any thing else you need?"

What does the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe say to us?

First, she is pregnant: she carries God within her womb. The God of the universe has become a human being. God will not destroy us; He has become our brother. He shares our own flesh and blood and is as close to the human family as an unborn child to his mother.

In his encyclical, "The Gospel of Life", Pope John Paul II writes, " by his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every person. Rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ."

That is the essence of Our Lady's message at Guadalupe, Stop killing the babies.

Ed

Insurance Corner

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization with insurance programs only available to members!

IRA's - Are you planning on leaving your IRA/401k to your spouse/loved ones? If yes, that's a big tax mistake. I can show you how to leave much more.



Pension - Does your pension and social security die when you die? Is your spouse expected to live longer than you? Where will the income come from?

Investments - Are you tired of losing money or hardly making any money with the banks?

Does your Life Insurance Expire? - Not sure, better make the call. Call your current life insurance company (if it's not the KofC) and ask them to send you're a 2008 to 2027 printout showing premium, cash value, and death benefit. Then give me a call.

IRA ROLLOVER - What about a LIFE INSURANCE ROLLOVER?

Actually it's called a 1035 exchange and it has helped many people get more coverage and sometimes even eliminate the bill.

3.75% GET YOUR ATTENTION Risk free even better. No fees, expenses or commissions. It doesn't get better than the K of C. Are you getting your share? It's only offered to members for a reason.

LTC - Are you prepared to pay \$50,000 a year for long term care expenses? Does \$1,500 a year sound better? Call for details.

Financial planning isn't just for the young. Retirees need to plan to. For over 10 years I've served as the K of C advisor. I work exclusively for you. Utilize my expertise.

If you don't have a plan, the government has a plan for you. My plan is better.

Make an appointment with field agent and MDRT member - - - - -

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Navigator's Report

Dick Carlson, Faithful Navigator

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held at the Grande Beach Resort Hotel in Naples, on August 28 and 29, 2009. I know we have one candidate from Council 14717 in Avon Park, hopefully, there will be others. The Exemplification will take place Saturday, August 28 at 10:00 am in the main ballroom. It would be nice to have many Sir Knights there to support all of the candidates.

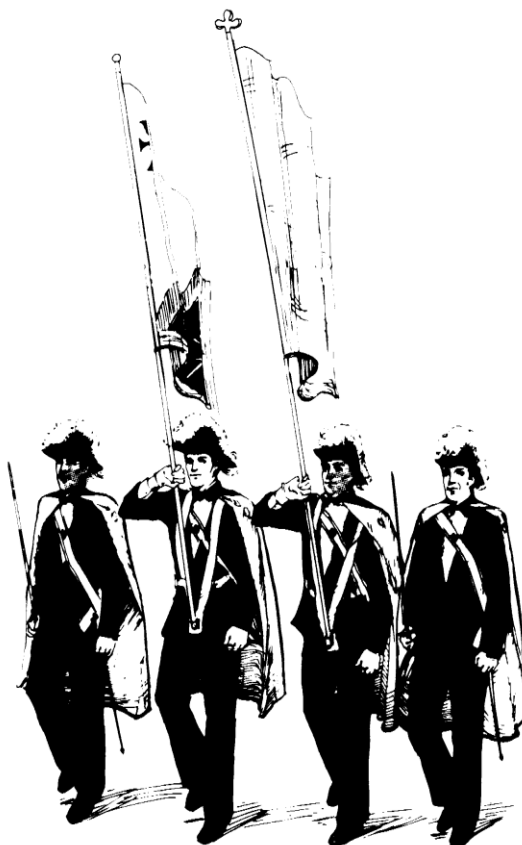
A very special thank you to PFN Jack McLaughlin and all of the officers who served the Assembly so well during the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year. Hopefully, your knowledge and expertise will trickle down to me and the other new officers. I am looking for a PFN to fill the position of Admiral which is vacant.

Our next meeting will be held at 1520 Prospect Drive, Sebring (the house behind Council 5441 Hall) on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 pm.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, be safe and well.

God Bless,

Dick



Supreme Website

Knights of Columbus Launch News and Information Site for Catholics

The Knights of Columbus has launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere – Headline Bistro. The new Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is headlinebistro.com.

What Catholics Should Know About Islam

Dr. Sandra T. Keating authored What Catholics Should Know About Islam (#317). The purpose of this booklet is to give non-Muslims a basic overview of the origins of the religion of Islam and its early history, as well as some of the central beliefs and practices of Muslims. In addition, several recent statements made by the Roman Catholic Church concerning its relationship to Muslims are presented here. This pamphlet makes no attempt to cover every aspect of Islamic beliefs, or of Catholic doctrine on other religions. Rather, it is intended to be an introduction to what every Catholic should know about Islam in order to more fully live Church teaching and to understand events occurring in the world today.

New Section for Military Councils

Knights interested in military councils and how the Order supports armed forces personnel and their families may be interested in our new Military Councils section. You can also reach the Web page using www.kofc.org/military.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

As Knights, it is our obligation to fight for the Church; it is of paramount importance to strengthen the foundation of Catholic principles and teachings in the hearts and minds of the youth. The Order encourages all councils and assemblies to sponsor the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest at Catholic schools in their communities. The essay contest is a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is a great way to provide entertainment and enjoyment for the young people in your community. To sponsor a competition, all your council needs is the Free Throw Championship Kit, a couple of basketballs, a hoop and a bunch of kids. It is a great way to get out into the public and introduce the Order to your community — while providing youths with a rewarding activity that yields a chance for local, state or provincial, and international recognition.

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Each year, councils throughout our Order participate in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest to help make young people in their communities aware of the dangers of the abuse of drugs and alcohol, to give a positive outlook for children to embrace, and to help carry them through the peer pressure to use alcohol and drugs. The posters' thought-provoking visuals and slogans send the message that drugs and alcohol are not the way to go.

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