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A Message from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

We have just completed our second successful event for the Fraternal year - the Old Settlers Days Braco Stand. I would like to thank the chairman of this event and all of you who volunteered your time to work the stand as well as preparing the tacos and burritos in advance.

Just a note on the Mission From God Golf Tournament - at our September meeting, the golf tournament committee reported proceeds that have exceeded our projected budget by \$3000!!!! A wonderful job by the committee and they are to be commended.

The next major item on our calendar is the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the mentally handicapped. I would like to thank PGK John Kimmi for stepping up and volunteering to chair this event. Joe Kramer has chaired it for four years and I thank him for all his work in that time. John is still looking for a newer member to train for next year. It isn't that difficult and it is a great way for someone to gain leadership experience within the council and meet a lot of great people.

Finally as many of you know, one of our adopted seminarians, Matt Molnar, was tragically killed in an auto accident on September 16th in Illinois. Matt was from St. Ann Parish in Prairie Village KS and was a proud 4th Degree Member of our Assembly, St. Philippine Duchesne. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please remember our departed brother as well as his family in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus

Brian D. Miller, Grand Knight



Congratulations to the Family of the Month for September The David Sandberg Family

The David and Mary Jo Sandberg family was awarded Family of the Month for September. David's participation in the Old Settler's Days fundraiser helps to make the event successful each year. David and Mary Jo also played a large part in the food preparation for this year's golf tournament. We appreciate the Sandberg family's continued support of our events.

Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for September Allen Schulfer

Allen has been very involved since joining the council. He has attended many meetings and has lent a hand whenever he has been asked - which seems like everyday. Congratulations to you, Allen, and keep up the good work.

Casino Knight 2005 : Hey guys, it's that time of the year to dust off those cards, shuffle up and deal, break out the dice and roll them, and spin that wheel. That's right - it's Casino Knight. This year we are looking for dealers, roulette spinners, craps generals, and pit bosses...? Just kidding—that job is already taken. If you know how to play any of these games, and got a little time to spare, then please contact Tommy Negrete @ 488-0370 or by email: el_loco_tio@sbcglobal.net. And even if you don't know how to play and still want to sign up, please do. The event is set for Saturday, November 5th. There will be two shifts for the casino, one for cleanup crew, plus a kitchen staff. Hope to see you all there.

-Tommy Negrete

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A Life Lost in a Tragic Accident

St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 4th Degree Color Corps was privileged in providing the Honor Guard for Seminarian Matty Molnar. Matty was the Youth Director at Ascension and St. Paul's parishes and member of St. Philippine Assembly. As reported, Matty was killed in an automobile accident while attending seminarian school in Chicago. Brother and Sir Knight Matty was supported by our Council 7909 and he will be greatly missed. His influence on the young people was greatly evidenced at his wake and funeral mass. At the wake and funeral mass, many of the seminarians came up to me and expressed their thanks for the support and prayers provided by the Knights of Columbus. I, personally, had six seminarians express this personally to me. Other members of the Honor Guard had the same experience.

So, from Brother and Sir Knight Matty's seminarian friends—thank you for your support. It does not go unappreciated.

-Tony Martini, Deputy Grand Knight



Matty Molnar

Charity is a Duty

"The main principle of our Order is Charity. The greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life." All Knights learn this early when they join the Order. Our Council has learned this lesson well. Over the years we have given generously of our time and treasure. The 2004 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity shows officially that we contributed over \$30,000 and 15,600 man hours to various charities.

Year after year we have responded in time of need. Whether it is helping with various parish capital projects, the Scholarship Program, the Tootsie Roll Drive to help the handicapped or in our response four years ago to help the victims of the terrorist attack on New York and Washington DC, our Council can be very proud of our record.

Duty calls again as we are asked to help those affected so dramatically by Hurricane Katrina. The Supreme Council has pledged \$2.5M to relief efforts and has asked each council to consider an additional contribution equal to \$1 per member. Our council has already exceeded that request and will no doubt offer additional help. I'm also confident that individual Knight's will respond according to

their means. I know of one Knight who has offered a rental property to house a family displaced by the hurricane.

Not all Knights are in a position to offer housing to displaced victims but each of us can respond in our way. These acts of charity are our duty as Knights and as Christians and we will do our duty.

-Mike Grothoff, Council Lecturer

October is Pro-Life Month

When you think of pro-life, what comes to mind? The Genocide in Sudan? Abortion? Capital Punishment?

Unfortunately, society has recently turned the Church's Pro-Life stance into an Abortion stance instead of what it was intended to stand for, "the inviolability of human life from conception to natural death" (*The Guardian*). Recently, Pope Benedict has declared he will follow this stance as Pope John Paul II did. We believe, as Catholics, that it is our responsibility to protect life in every stage, every situation. But what do we as American Catholics believe?

Instead of taking what the Church believes in full, we have become "Cafeteria Catholics" when it comes to our Pro-Life stance. Yes, it is our job to protect the unborn and fight

the fight they cannot fight themselves. But it is also our job to take that fight for everyone to their "natural death". Every day someone is killed unjustly, whether they are murdered in the streets of Chicago or are killed in the Genocide in Sudan. It is our challenge this month, being that it is Pro-Life month, to take a new approach and encourage our peers to do the same. It is up to us to start practicing what the Church believes instead of acting on only part of it.

This is our chance to make a difference in the world, whether it be to stand in a protest, learn more about the situation in Darfur and teach those around us about it, or learn more about Capital Punishment; we all need to take advantage of the gifts God has given us. We are fortunate enough to be able to defend our lives and live them in a world of luxury. But what about those who cannot defend their lives as people chase them and their families through their village and those who are wrongly convicted of murder?

We are all God's children and all deserve a life that lasts "from conception to natural death". That is what it means to be Pro-Life.

-Katy Bolz, daughter of Pro-Life Director Randy Bolz

October 2005

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September:

General—For Governors and Governments: May they always respect the fundamental right to religious freedom of every person.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Donut Sunday First Degree—1:30 pm—St. Mark's room	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Donut Sunday Corporate Communion—7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg—8:30 am— St. Mark's room	10 <u>Columbus Day</u> Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14 <u>Tootsie Roll Drive</u> 1 to 8 pm	15 <u>Tootsie Roll Drive</u> 8 am to 8 pm
16 <u>Tootsie Roll Drive</u> After all masses <i>Craft's Cont.</i>	17 Rosary—7:00 pm— Teacher's Lounge Bus. Mtg—7:30 pm— St. Mark's room	18	19	20	21	22
23 Donut Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Donut Sunday	31 <u>Halloween</u>					

November 2005

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September:

Mission—For Young Churches: May they proclaim the Christian message so it may penetrate and enrich all local cultures.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Council 7909 Casino Night
6 Donut Sunday First Degree—1:30 pm—St. Mark's room	7	8	9	10	11 <u>Veteran's Day</u>	12
13 Donut Sunday Corporate Communion—7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg—8:30 am— St. Mark's room	14 Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Donut Sunday	21 Rosary—7:00 pm— Teacher's Lounge Bus. Mtg—7:30 pm— St. Mark's room	22	23	24 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Tootsie Roll Drive Request

The Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Fund drive is Oct. 14th, 15th, and 16th. The Knights in Kansas started this program to raise funds for mentally retarded men and women in our communities.

Knights across the state stand out in front of churches, malls, stores and banks collecting donations for this incredibly worthy cause. 80% of the donations are returned to the local charities that help intellectually disabled men and women. The remaining 20% is put into a fund to sponsor the Special Olympics Basketball tournament in Hays, KS.

And so, we need your help to get donations as you are handing out tootsie rolls. We have shifts in front of Dillons at 151st & Murlen, the HyVee at Brougham & 135th St and Wal-Mart on 135th. The shifts are only 1 hour long, so I am sure many of you will make time to help. Think of it this way - we all have to go shopping at least once a week. Why not go to the store, do a shift (or two) and then knock out your shopping? This is a great time for your kids to work with you and receive some community hours. It's also a great time to share with them the life lesson of "giving back". Thank you, Brother Knights, for

helping the intellectually disabled. Thanks in advance and I look forward to your call or email.

*John Kimmi, PGK
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The Advantages of Children's Policies

It's quiet at home, now that the kids have gone back to school. If you and your spouse have sufficient life insurance for yourselves (I can help you to determine whether or not you do), you may want to investigate policies for your children.

There are a variety of reasons why the Knights of Columbus encourages members to consider purchasing policies for their children. The most important one is that someday, your children will go off to college, start careers, buy homes, get married, and have families of their own. By starting low-cost children's policies now, you can help them meet this future need.

A guaranteed purchase option rider gives your child the option to purchase additional coverage on six future occasions without evidence of insurability. Exercising a GPO option will cost much less than if they have to purchase their own policies as

adults.

Moreover, if your child develops a medical condition later on, you've basically "guaranteed her insurability," and any medical condition won't be an obstacle to obtaining additional coverage at standard rates.

Last, but not insignificantly, the cash value of a permanent life insurance policy is one more source of funds for meeting your child's future financial needs. What's more, the cash value increases over time and any dividends declared will increase these values.

Helping to secure a more financially stable adulthood tomorrow for a member's child today is a worthwhile endeavor for a fraternal benefit society such as the Knights of Columbus. It's also a logical extension of our Order's mission to "Make a Difference for Life." Talk to me to find out more.

-Kirby Schmelzle 785-830-9019

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