



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

November 2006—Newsletter

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## A Message from the Grand Knight



**Grand Knight  
Tony Martini**

Thanksgiving is time to reflect on the blessings we have received and the many opportunities available to each of us as citizen of this land, *one nation under God*. Take the time to gather with family and friends to celebrate what God has given us. Charity being the first principal of our Degree, remember those less fortunate. Happy Thanksgiving.

We had a successful Old Settlers Fund raiser. To the Co-Chairs Doug Svatos and Ray Antes and all of the Brother Knights that gave of their time, thanks for an outstanding job. The final financial report acknowledges the outstanding effort by all.

Our Tootsie Roll Campaign ran from the 13th through the 15th of October and we extended it to include St. Aquinas football game. The total amount of money raised was not known at this time. I will recommend to the Council that the 80% of the net proceeds from the Tootsie Roll funds be donations in equal amounts to (A) Johnson County Mental Health. (B) TLC for Children and Families, and © First Downs for Downs Syndrome. If you know of another organization, which supports Intellectual Disabilities, get in touch with me and I will submit your suggestion to the Council Tootsie Roll Chairmen for consideration. The other 20% will go in support of the State sponsored Special Olympics. To Brother Shawn Klingele and Brother George Martin for Co-chairing the Tootsie Roll Fund raiser and John Kimmi, Thank you for your leadership.

As you know, October was designated Membership Blitz Month. Thanks to Brother Steve Smith, Membership Director, Brother Chuck Dierks, PGK and Brother Mike Grothoff, District Deputy for their support to our recruiting drive. As of November 1st, we are on track in achieving our goal of forty new members. If you can help, contact our Membership Director Steve Smith at 913-762-1749.

### **Remember, you are our best recruiting tool.**

The Council is gearing up for Casino Night on November 4, 2006. We will be looking for dealers and also players. Bring your mad money and try your luck. The challenge will be there, but do not bring more than you can afford to loose. Correction, No more then you are willing to donate to a good cause.

In October, Sir Knight and Brother Frank Stretz, member of our Council, along with four other deceased Sir Knights were honored with their names inscribed on the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Memorial Chalice. St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly gives a Memorial Chalice to a deserving priest each fraternal year in memory of the departed Sir Knights. This year, the Assembly chose Associate Pastor Father Saldanha, Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa. The Memorial Chalice is one of the most honored tradition of the 4th Degree. If you are interested in finding out more about the Memorial Chalice, please contact your 4th Degree Brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus

Tony Martini, Grand Knight

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### **Congratulations to the Family of the Month for October The Robert Davis Family**

Congratulations to Robert Davis and his family for being selected to Family of the Month for Council 7909. Bob is not only the Recorder for the council, but dedicates many additional hours of volunteering with the support of his family. Again congratulations and thank you to the Robert Davis Family.

### **Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for October Ray Antes**

Our nominated Knight of the Month for October is Ray Antes. Ray worked hard once again this year to support our annual Old Settler's Days Brats and Taco stand. Ray seems to often be seen behind the scenes, greasing the wheels and just generally keeping the train on the track. During Lent, you'll see him in the kitchen—cooking and cleaning and you can see him ushering at Mass all year long. Congratulations Ray—and thanks for your support!

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### **Villa St. Francis Help Day**

We have been invited to spend a day or two doing some minor repair work at Villa St. Francis 16600 W 126th Street, Olathe, KS. We will likely pick a Saturday or two in early December to help our friends in need. They need to have some rooms and doorframes painted, some ceiling tiles replaced and refastening some loose drywall. The Villa has all the supplies, except stepladders for painting and drills for reattaching the drywall.

**Bob Plant, 791-0102—[plantcmse@sbcglobal.com](mailto:plantcmse@sbcglobal.com) and Gene Thomeczek 390-8899—[genot41@comcast.net](mailto:genot41@comcast.net)** will be coordinating with the people at the Villa. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting. We encourage everyone to spend two or three hours with us fixing up the place. You're guaranteed to meet some nice people and you'll know that you've helped your fellow man.

Don't do physical labor? The Villa also needs people to read to their clients: visit with those without family in the area, etc. You tell them your talent and they'll find something that you can do.

# November 2006

## Mary, Queen, of The Knights—(Rev. Robert S. Hopkins

Our Lady\* Queen of The Knights\* bless all the activities of our order \* keep us true to the pledge \* to extend the Kingship of Your Divine Son on earth \* Thru Your Intercession \* win for us the grace \* ever to exemplify in our public and private lives \* the virtues which should characterize \* those specially dedicated to the services of the heavenly court. \* Make us always aware that as your Knights \* we are constantly observed \* our faith judged \* and our Order appreciated. \* Accepted O Mary \* this renewed pledge of fidelity and devotions \* of Your servants The Knights of Columbus.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Knights of Columbus casino night</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Veterans Day observed</i>	11 <i>Actual Veterans day</i>
12 <i>Corporate Communion—7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg.-8:30am</i>	13 <i>4th Degree Knights Meeting @ St. Paul's 7:30pm— Columbus Day Observed</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Rosary-7:00pm Teachers Lounge— Bus. Mtg. 7:30pm St. Marks Room</i>	21	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# December 2006

“Lord of time; he is its beginning and its end; every year, every day and every moment are embraced by his Incarnation and resurrection, and thus become part of the ‘fullness of time’.” Tertrio Millennio Advente

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Drawing for Religious Ed. Fund Prizes</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Corporate communion—7:30 am</i>	11 <i>4th degree meeting St. Paul's 7:30 pm.</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Deadline for Tootsie Roll Report &amp; Check to State Treasurer</i>	16
17	18 <i>Rosary—7:00 pm Teachers Lounge Bus. Mtg. 7:30 pm St Mark's room</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	28	30
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A wise man once told me that time surely flies in the life insurance business. Without doubt, time flies for you, our fraternal leaders, as well. Even though our fraternal year is not yet half over, June 30 will be here before we know it. Since we all have our sights set on the Star Council Award, now is the time to work towards that goal. The purpose of my column in this issue is to remind you of the wonderful opportunity we have to help our Order grow, and to offer a couple of suggestions on how we can best do that.

The month of October brought the Order wide membership “blitz” recruitment campaign. Now is the time to follow through with all the interested prospective members we spoke with during October. Let’s make them members during November.

I can help, not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of joining the Order. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership “sale” yourselves.

In an earlier column, I asked you to “give me a seat at the table” when laying out the council agenda for the fraternal year. I reiterate that plea here. Call me today. I’ll help in any way that he can.

*-Knight of Columbus Field Agent  
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### Help Wanted

- There are three important Sundays coming up that the Knights need to pay close attention too. Donuts will be served every Sunday thru Nov 19th, Dec. 3rd and Dec. 17th which additional Knights are required to handle donuts. We are looking for volunteers to help at least one Sunday a month. Shifts start at 6 am and ends at noon. If you can only help with the first three hours or the last three hours, it will be appreciated. Please contact Bob Plant at [plantcmse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plantcmse@sbcglobal.net) or call 913-791-0102



Several members of the First Degree Team received their credentials at the October business meeting.

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### Friends of St. Anthony

The Friends of St. Anthony will be hosting a Veterans Day celebration with dinner after the 5:00 pm Mass November 11, 2006. Council 7909 is assisting by furnishing the meat for the dinner. Come join the Friends of St. Anthony for this celebration to honor all our veterans

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## New Brother Knights of Columbus Council 7907

Council 7909 would like to welcome all the new members receiving there first degree in October 2006

Mike Fornataro, Rick Vanderslice, Alfredo Diaz, Jeff Bauer, Mark Brinkman, Richard Eberhardt, Bryn Kenny, Stephen Ventura, Bill Schoep, Rich St. Clair, Tim Buchanan, and Antony Alphonse

Again welcome aboard Council 7909 and look forward to seeing you all at our meeting and events.

Note: remember Brothers that we need sponsors for these new brothers

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Family prayer is one of the most fruitful and unifying practices we can participate in. Every time a family prays together Christ is present. This wonderful and powerful opportunity should be an everyday occurrence in our homes.

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## How Can You Help?

This is your Knights newsletter and the printed articles are information received from the members. Please forward your articles to Don Lanser at [dlanser1@comcast.net](mailto:dlanser1@comcast.net). We need calendar information also. Your fine help will be greatly appreciated.

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