



# PRINCE OF PEACE—COUNCIL 7909 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March, 2006 Newsletter

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## **A Message from the Grand Knight**



Grand Knight  
Brian Miller

I want to begin by encouraging any and all Third Degree members to give thoughtful consideration to joining the Fourth Degree this year. We have the honor of hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification at Prince of Peace in June. I still remember the day I became a Fourth Degree member with great pride. It is not a difficult process and we are fortunate to have Mike Grothoff, of our own Council, chairing this event and available to help you take all the proper steps. Please don't wait— you should start the process now. Call Mike at 780-0208, or you can contact me and I will help

you get started.

Our Lenten Fish Fry seems to be going quite well in Dennis Meehan's capable hands. However, there is always more work to be done. If you can please show up especially at 7PM when the event is closed, the clean up and recovery can be completed much quicker.

The Pro-Life Sausage Sale is in full swing. If you can help with packaging on Wed, or Thurs the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April and also taking orders after Masses for the next two weeks, please contact Harold Colston or Randy Bolz.

Just a reminder that the Council Family and Business Directory are up and running. Click on the link on the website—it is secure so you will need to put in User name: 7909 and Password: miller. Please send your entries to Steve Smith and he will post them for you.

Vivat Jesus,  
Brian D. Miller, Grand Knight

### **Help Wanted:**

- Donut Sunday—stop by after any Sunday mass for cleanup and other things to do.
- Pro-Life Sausage Sales will need help on April 12/13 to bag and weigh the sausage for delivery - call Randy Bolz or Harold Colston for details about times.
- Youth Director Troy Mills is actively organizing our council's first K of C Soccer challenge. Call Troy to help get this program up and running.
- Fish Fry is every Friday evening from through April 7. There's lots to do each week—give Steve Smith or Dennis Meehan a call help out.

## Important Names/Numbers



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Troy and Phyllis  
Mills

## **Congratulations to the Family of the Year for 2005!**

### **The Mills Family**

For the second year in a row, Troy and Phyllis have been elected by the council as Family of the Year. Troy and Phyllis have made great contributions to our youth activities which included organizing a trip for the youth to attend the Right to Life march held at Topeka. As president of the Women's Organization, Phyllis organized several events with Friends of St. Anthony. In addition, the Women's Organization held a Fall Craft Festival that raised money for various church projects.

## **Congratulations to the Knight of the Year for 2005!**

### **David Tout**

After joining the Knights in 2001, David immediately became very involved in our activities. His work on Donut Sundays, Breakfast with Santa and Old Settler's Days truly helped make these events a success. As chairman and co-chairman of numerous events and being an Officer for the council, he has shown his Brother Knights the importance of serving others. As a convert, he has shown us all how to be better Catholics and better Christians. As a Knight, he has shown what it



David Tout

## **Congratulations to the Family of the Month for March The Votypka Family**

The Mike and Margaret Votypka family has been elected family of the month for March. Mike has served our council faithfully for many years—most recently as First Degree Team Captain. Mike and Margaret are both fixtures at parish and council functions and the sacrifices and commitment of the family of an active Brother Knight can never be overstated. Congratulations and Thanks to the Mike and Margaret Votypka Family!

## **Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for March Mike Votypka**

Brother Knight Mike Votypka was elected Knight of the Month for March. Mike recently stepped down as our First Degree Team Captain, a position that he has faithfully executed for nearly ten years. I (Brian Miller) have served on the team for a large part of that time so I know firsthand the sacrifice and commitment this has required. Mike has also played an active role in many of our events during this time—especially our Lenten Fish Fry—as well as a high involvement in the Fourth Degree Assembly. Congratulations, Mike!

# April 2006

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March:  
 General: That young people who are searching for the sense of life may be understood, respected and accompanied with patience and love.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sausage Pick-up 12 - 4 pm  Frank's Pasta House 5:30 & 6:30 pm
2 Donut Sunday 2nd/3rd Degree @ Good Shepherd  Daylight Savings Time begins	3	4	5	6	7  Lenten Fish Fry	8
9 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Donut Sunday Corporate Communion— 7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg—8:30 am—St. Mark's room	10  Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's— 7:30 pm	11	12	13 <u>Holy Thursday</u>	14 <u>Good Friday</u>	15 <u>Holy Saturday</u>
16 <u>Easter Sunday</u>	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 Prince of Peace Confirmation (Honor Guard requested)	27 Prince of Peace Confirmation (Honor Guard requested)	28	29 Kansas State Convention begins
30 Donut Sunday						

# May 2006

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March:  
 Mission: That, throughout the Church, there may grow that shared missionary awareness which favors the collaboration and exchange of those who work in the missions.

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

	1 Kansas State Convention ends	2	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7 Donut Sunday Corporate Communion— 7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg—8:30 am—St. Mark's room	8 Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's— 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 <u>Mother's Day</u> Donut Sunday	15 Rosary—7:00 pm—Teacher's Lounge Bus. Mtg—7:30 pm—St. Mark's room Mini-Poker Tournament	16	17	18	19	20
21 Donut Sunday	22	23	24	25 The Ascension of the Lord	26	27
28	29 <u>Memorial Day</u>	30	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			

## Knights' Scholarship Program

The Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #7909 is pleased to announce our 2006 scholarship program. This program is available to any registered parish member, age 23 or under, attending or planning to attend full-time at a college, university, technical, trade, or vocational school in the summer/fall of 2006.

Up to 5 scholarships, ranging from \$450-\$600 each, will be awarded on May 15th. The recipients will be selected by a Council selection committee with each applicant submission identified by a number only.

The application package and program details are available at [www.kofc7909.org](http://www.kofc7909.org). The submission deadline is 5:00 PM Central on Friday, April 28th. Late submissions will not be accepted. For more info call Steve Smith at 782-2043.

*-Steve Smith*

## Fourth Degree Exemplification

The St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly #2260 will host an exemplification of the Fourth Degree on June 17, 2006 at Prince of Peace Parish in Olathe. In conjunction with the exemplification, the Assembly will make available a Ladies' Luncheon, a banquet and a dance.

Registration of candidates and Sir Knights will begin at 11:00 AM in the hall with activities and ceremonies taking place throughout the afternoon. The banquet begins at 6:30 pm and the dance will immediately follow at 8:30 pm.

If you have any questions regarding this exemplification, please contact Faithful Navigator, Rich Pawlowicz @ 913-780-4764 or Faithful Admiral, Mike Grothoff @ 913-780-0208. **The registration deadline for this event is May 24, 2006** so don't delay—get your Form 4 completed and submitted soon so that you can attend this event.

*-Mike Grothoff*

## Mini-Poker Tournament in May

Interested in some card play with your Brother Knights, then make sure to reserve May 15th on your busy schedule. A mini tournament will be held after the meeting in May—and make sure you bring your lady luck!

## State Convention—Schedule of Events

The state convention will be held in Topeka from April 28 — May 1. There are many activities to keep you and your spouse occupied including the Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, special tours for the Ladies at the Kansas History Museum on Sunday, and banquets to attend on both Saturday and Sunday.

If you want to register for this event, go to [www.topekaconvention.com](http://www.topekaconvention.com) for the registration form (or see GK Brian Miller) and complete/submit it as soon as possible.

*-www.topekaconvention.com*



## Third Degree Emblem Symbolism

The emblem of the Order (shown on the top left corner of the newsletter, page 1) dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formee Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formee Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

*- www.kansas-kofc.org/information*

## Meeting the Highest Standards

For the past several years, the Order has been certified by IMSA – the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association. What does this mean?

IMSA promotes high ethical standards in the marketing, sale and service of individually owned life insurance, long term care insurance and annuity products. The IMSA logo, which we use in our advertising and promotional materials, demonstrates our commitment to ethical market conduct.

To qualify for IMSA, we vow to:

- conduct business according to high standards of honesty and fairness
- provide competent and consumer-focused sales and service

- engage in active and fair competition
- provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content
- provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes
- maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with these Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.

*-Kirby Schmelzle (785) 830-9019*

## Pro-Life Sausage Sale

It's that time of year again for the K of C annual Sausage Sale to benefit Pro-Life. We will be taking sausage orders after most Masses in the gathering area and on Fridays during the Fish Fry. This year, **all orders are pre-pay only**. Also, for every 10 lbs of sausage purchased, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a free cruise!

Please help us in our efforts to support Pro-Life. If you have questions, or would like to sign up to take orders after the Masses, please contact Randy Bolz @ 913-206-6193.

*-Randy Bolz*



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