



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

August 2007—Newsletter

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## Officers

### **Grand Knight**

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### **Recorder**

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### **Warden**

*Robert Plant* 791-0102

### **Inside Guards**

*Doug Svatos* 829-9411

*Steve Smith* 782-2043

### **Outside Guards**

*Ron Schieffer* 530-6343

*Troy Mills* 829-9088

### **Trustees**

1: *Tony Martini* 829-8255

2: *Brian Miller* 397-9716

3: *John Kimmi* 768-6840

## A Message from the Grand Knight



**Grand Knight  
Harold Colston**

At our July meeting, the council approved the Operating budget with a few changes. The majority of the budget supports our parish, community and individuals who are in need. I would like to thank Brother Chuck Winter for his many hours spent on getting the Council's budget presented to us at the July meeting for approval.

Our Membership Director is Gary Burnett. Gary has a very important position and he needs all of our help to make this a successful recruitment year. Thanks also to John Kennedy and George Martin for stepping up to assist Gary this year. Our goal is to have all new Brother Knights not only current in his dues but also an active member of the Council. Brother Gary is currently seeking a mentor for each new member to assist them in their Shining Armor Award. Please step up and help these new members. The Shining Armor is an excellent program. It helps us meet and get our new members active in the Council.

Good luck to all you golfers in the Mission From God Golf Tournament. Like every year I am certain that fun will be had by all. Now is the time to get signed up for help at Old Settlers. See or contact Doug Svatos at 829-9411 or svatos@sbcglobal.net.

Rich St. Clair has stepped forward to act as the Council's Lecturer for this year. Thanks Rich for filling that important slot.

I regret to inform you of the death of brother Donald Lanser. Don died of a heart attack on July 24, 2007, while visiting family in Oakland, Md. Don was the publisher of this newsletter and an active member of our council. He will be sorely missed.

Vivat Jesus,  
Harold Colston, Grand Knight

### Help Needed

Youth Director Troy Mills needs volunteers on Thursday, 8/16/2007 (5:30-7:30 pm) to line the football field for the Football Skills Competition that Saturday. He will also need help on Saturday, 8/18/2007 from 10 am until 1 pm.

Contact Troy a [tamill44@hotmail.com](mailto:tamill44@hotmail.com) or 913-828-9088.

## Important Names/Numbers



### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Field Agent**

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*Gary Burnett* 940-9310

#### **Program Director**

*Tommy Negrete* 780-3034

#### **Community Director**

*Shawn Klingele* 244-8285

#### **Pro-Life Director**

*Doug Svatos* 829-9411

#### **Council Director**

*Ron Schieffer* 530-6343

#### **Family Director**

*Robert Plant* 791-0102

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## **Congratulations to the Family of the Month for July Bill and Alma Meyers**

From Bob Plant

No matter the day — nor the time — Bill and Alma always seem to be around the church, helping out in any way they can. Most days, Bill helps open the church and set up for the 6:15 a.m. mass; is a mainstay at nearly all Knights' activities. Thanks to Bill and Alma for being an important part of our church's mission.

## **Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for July Todd Einck**

From Ron Schieffer

Todd works through the hottest months of the year as our lawn mower crew leader. He's got the schedule set up for brother Knights to come out each week and keep the Prince of Peace grass looking sharp. The temp is sometimes extremely warm, but we all know the grass doesn't take care of itself. Thanks Todd - for being a cut above the rest.

## **Vivat Jesus**

The words Vivat Jesus! are much more than a slogan or password for the Knights of Columbus. In these words, "Jesus lives!" we find the foundation, meaning and mission of our Order.

When Pope Benedict XVI spoke in the homily at his installation Mass, he said, "The Church is alive — she is alive because Christ is alive, because he is truly risen." It is this reality of the Risen One that animates the work of the Knights of Columbus and why we greet each other fraternally with "Vivat Jesus!"

From Gary L Burnett Sr

## **EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME Membership Campaign July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008**

Supreme Council recognizes how important recruitment is to our council as well as to the order. As such, Supreme has a program called the "Very Important Proposer" (V.I.P.) Club. The VIP program is EASY to join. All a current member has to do is recruit two (2) new members and then you are a member of the VIP Club. As a New VIP Club Member you are recognized by the receipt of a VIP lapel pin and a VIP Certificate.

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St. Jerome, that wise, old Doctor of the Church, noted that a Catholic who isn't immersed in the Gospels doesn't know Christ.

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5	6	7	8	9	10  8th Annual golf tournament 7:00 am–Prairie Highlands	11
12 Corp. Communion 7:30 am mass. Reg. Mtg. 8:30 am St Marks room	13 4th Degree Mtg. @ St Paul's – 7:30 pm	14	15	16 Help Troy Mills line football field for Football Skill Competition 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call Troy to help today & Sat.	17	18 Taco Prep at Church– 12 noon until finished. Call Doug Svatos Football Skills Comp. 10a–1 p
19	20 Rosary-7:10 pm teachers lounge– Bus. Mtg. 7:30 pm St Marks Room	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Look familiar? How long's it been since you've visited our own website? There's always important stuff there. Sign up to help Brother Doug at Old Settler's — or prepare for that important fundraiser.

See you there!

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2	3	4	5 Food Prep for Old Settlers's – 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.  sign up at <a href="http://kofc7909.org">kofc7909.org</a>	6 Old Settler's 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.—sign up at <a href="http://kofc7909.org">kofc7909.org</a>  Food Prep 2-5 pm	7 Old Settler's 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.—sign up at <a href="http://kofc7909.org">kofc7909.org</a>  Food Prep 2-5 pm	8 Old Settler's 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.—sign up at <a href="http://kofc7909.org">kofc7909.org</a>
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## Insurance

Knights of Columbus insurance has been "Making a Difference for Life" for more than 120 years. Since our founding in 1882, our primary mission has been to protect families against the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. Today we do this, and help families secure their financial futures, through our top-rated portfolio of life insurance, long term care insurance and annuity products.

From Council Director Ron Schieffer

As your Council Director, I recently received the annual "Surge with Service" booklet that all new directors receive at the beginning of each fraternal year. In reading through the information provided, I was especially drawn to the Council Director's responsibility to strengthen the fraternal brotherhood of the council. With this in mind, I would like to promote an ideal that each of us can easily begin to undertake this fraternal year.

### **"Acknowledge Your Brother"**

We all see our Brother Knights in various places throughout the week - in stores, at restaurants, passing on the street and at church. I ask that each of us take a moment to acknowledge your Brother Knight when you see him by saying hello, shaking their hand, "fist-bump", high-five, low-five, wave, nod, whatever - just acknowledge him as your Brother. I'm sure that if other non-Knights in the parish started noticing this fraternal behavior, more than one would want to sign up because of it.

Embarrassed because you know he's a Knight but you don't know his name? Admit it! He probably doesn't know yours either so you probably have that in common anyway. No one knows all 400+ members of our council by name - but I wish I did.

The world we live in can be a lonely place and many men have joined the Knights in an attempt to "belong" to the parish family. Let's strengthen the bond we have as Brother Knights through this small effort.

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### **Help Wanted**

From Doug Svatos

Gentlemen, Old Settler's is fast approaching. Taco prep is Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 12/noon until finished, (hopefully 2 or 3 hours) but so far only 2 Knights have signed up to help.

Old Settlers itself is September 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> and we will need MANY hours of manpower to make this a successful event again this year. Take a look at the schedules on our Knights website, even if the shift you want is full, we'll fit you in.

If you need a seated position we can find that for you too. We would like to see a lot of you gentlemen there. If there's just no way you can work but can make it to the event, make certain you stop by our trailer and purchase a healthy dose of breakfast burritos, tacos or bratwurst.

There are many, many ways we can all contribute.

You can email Doug Svatos at Svatos@sbcglobal.net or phone 829-9411.

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### **A new Newsletter Editor**

Starting with the August Newsletter all information should be forwarded to Gene Thomeczek. E-mail your newsletter inserts to [genot41@comcast.net](mailto:genot41@comcast.net). Thank you for keeping up the deadlines to make each newsletter interesting and please continue working with Gene to make this the best Knights of Columbus newsletter.

In celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order, Supreme Council will send each brother Knight a Recruitment Reward Certificate for a minimum of 1000 points for recruiting one (1) new member. This certificate is a THANK YOU from Supreme. Recruitment Rewards Certificates can be redeemed for Knights of Columbus merchandise from the Supreme Council

**MENTOR’S WANTED**

Each new member of our council needs a mentor to help him learn about the Council and the Order. The primary function of a MENTOR is to encourage and help New Knights achieve the prestigious Shining Armor Award. As a Mentor, you will encourage the new Knight to accomplish the following tasks within the first year of their membership:

1. Worked on three council service programs
2. Attend at least three council business meetings
3. Receive second and third degree
4. Meet with the K of C Insurance Agent.
5. Recruit one new member!

Our council needs Brother Knights to volunteer and step up as a Mentor for a new Brother Knight. Gentlemen, we currently have seven (7) Brother Knights who graciously volunteered to be a Mentor. I appreciate their support. This request is now going out to the Council members at large. If you want to volunteer to become a mentor, to help a new Brother Knight achieve his Shining Armor Award, to get reacquainted with our Councils mission for yourself, then please send me your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

**COUNCIL GOALS**

The goal for our council is to recruit 23 new Brother Knights during this Fraternal Year. The Degree Team is in the process of securing the dates for our Council’s First Degrees. Those dates will be published in a later edition. Please keep those dates in mind when you are recruiting new members. With EVERY-ONE’s help, we can and will achieve this goal.

E-mail Gary at [gary@burnett-sr.net](mailto:gary@burnett-sr.net) or call 940-9310!



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