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KNIGHTLY NEWS

November 2008

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A Message from the Grand Knight



Grand Knight

Brothers,

The Veterans Day dinner will be on Saturday November 8th after the five o'clock mass, anyone who is interested in helping please contact Pete Negrete, or Tony Martini. Casino Knight is coming up on Saturday November 15th. We are looking for blackjack dealers, roulette spinners, bingo callers, crap table men, kitchen help, etc. Please call Bob

Davis if you can help on this event.

Thanks to Doug Svatos, Rob Couch and everyone who worked at the Taco Fiesta and the Tootsie Roll drive. Both were successful activities. The Fall Craft Market went better than expected.

In December, we will have our Breakfast with Santa (contact Bob Plant) to help. That'll be the last event until Fish Fry. Ed Beck will be sending out membership dues in an effort to get people paid early for the next year, and all that pay their dues before January 1, 2009 will be entered into a drawing, and 4 winners will have their dues paid for the next year 2010. The drawing will be held at the Council Christmas Party on January 10th. Here's your chance to get two years of dues for the price of one! Brothers we need your help.

Where have you been? Our council undertakes about 30 events every fraternal year. There are about 30 or 40 guys that seem to be involved in every activity, frequently as the coordinator for the different events. If you're not one of those 30 or 40 guys, have you forgotten why you joined the Knights - to be part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. I implore you to make a pledge to commit to one or more of the events during the remainder of the fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,
Tommy Negrete, Grand Knight

Honor received by Greg Carlson Family

Reported by Ron Schieffer

Greg and Marianne Carlson, Counsel #7909's family of the month for July, have received the Holy Family Plaque from Supreme. Congratulations Greg and Marianne!

Important Names/Numbers



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Congratulations to Matt Garrard and Chris Leon, 7909's Knights of the month.

From Rich St. Clair, Council Director

Matt Garrard is one of September's Knights of the month. Matt took time away from his wife and 2 children to help at Old Settler's Day by working extra shifts. A Knight for less than six months, Matt understands the call and jumped right in to help. Matt - Thanks for all you do!

Chris Leon is our Knight of the Month for October. A BRAND NEW Knight (see Page 6), Chris spent the evening working at the Taco Fiesta fundraiser, Chris came in early to set up and stayed late to clean up. With this kind of "can do it" attitude, Chris is a real asset to the brotherhood and is our Knight of the Month.

Congratulations to the Bob and Debra Plant Family, 7909's Family of the Month

From Bob Plant, Family Director

Congratulations to Robert and Debra Plant as Family of the Month. The Plant family was a tremendous help during Taco Fiesta. The Plant family also supports other church activities. Debra and Sara sing in the choir; teach at Children's Church and Bob is the commander for Donut Sundays. A big thank you to everyone in the Plant family for all their help.

The F/S Corner

By Ed Beck, Financial Secretary

At the end of each calendar year, each Knight's council is required to create a report for the Supreme Council. This is a report that details our charitable contributions for the year --- both monetary contributions and time contributions.

This is a critical report for two reasons. First, it provides totals for the IRS, which contributes, greatly to us retaining our tax-exempt status. Second, it is a required report for us to qualify for Star Council as well as other national honors.

The financial numbers are the responsibility of the council officers, particularly the financial secretary, the grand knight, the treasurer, and the trustees. The service (time) totals are the responsibility of each member. This is the one that benefits the IRS; therefore, we want each member to contribute his own time and service contributions. Obviously, it is impossible for me to contact each member individually to accumulate these totals. That is why I am asking you to take a few moments and prepare these numbers for me (and the council).

The form is on the inside back cover or this newsletter. I ask you -- no beg you to return the notice with your dues payment -- or bring it to the next meeting. My mailing address is on the form. Thanks, Ed.

Holy Father's intentions for the Month of November:

November 2008

General: That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve.

Mission: That Christian communities in Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may find the most suitable way to announce Him in full fidelity to the Gospel to the peoples of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 - Donut Sunday - Call Gene T. or Bob Plant	3	4- Election Day	5	6	7	8 - Veteran's Day dinner after 5 p.m. mass - call Pete Negrete or Tony Martini to help
9- Donut Sunday - Call Gene T. or Bob Plant- 1st degree @ 1:30 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15 - Casino Night - call Bob Davis to help
16- Donut Sunday - Call Gene T. or Bob Plant- Corporate Communion - 7:30 am - then Business meeting	17 - Regular Monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. - Rosary starts at 7:10 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23- Donut Sunday - Call Gene T. or Bob Plant	24	25	26	27 - Thanksgiving	28	29
30- No Donuts						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

From
Tommy and
the entire
KofC#7909
Family!

11/1	James Fenton	11/15	Thomas Colwell	11/23	John Kern
11/4	Mark Bestgen	11/15	Rich Hagenhoff	11/25	Jerry Hilscher
11/4	Greg Carlson	11/17	Richard Petty	11/26	Bruce Curl
11/4	Bill Grosdidier	11/17	Brad Reynolds	11/26	Nick Johnson
11/5	Joseph Voda	11/18	Dwight Elliott	11/27	Dwight Hoskins
11/7	Matthew Deatherage	11/18	Peter Planco	11/27	David Vallacqua
11/7	Mark Sander	11/19	George Martin	11/28	Danny McKinney
11/9	Duane Hammeke	11/21	Timothy Buchannan	11/28	Brad Wilbur
11/15	Joseph Addington	11/22	Russell Spaulding	11/30	Stan D Silva

Upcoming Events:

Election Day	Nov 4th
Veteran's Dinner	Nov 8th
First Degree	Nov 9th
Casino Knight	Nov 15 th

Pray that we make the right choices.
call Pete Negrete or Tony Martini
Call Brian Miller
Call Tommy Negrete or Bob Davis

What You Missed (at the last meeting)

Compiled by Gene Thomeczek

- ⇒ Ron Berg was presented his Shining Knight Award.
- ⇒ Tommy presented certificates to the Knight and Family of the month.
- ⇒ Next 1st degree at POP will be 1:30 p.m. on 11/9/08 -- all members are urged to attend and welcome these strangers to our ranks.
- ⇒ Upcoming activities discussed including Veteran's dinner on 11/8 (after 5 p.m. mass) and Casino Night 11/15. Help needed for both activities.
- ⇒ Tommy implored the members to keep volunteering for the upcoming K of C events. Bring a friend and/or mentor a new knight to "show them the ropes" and make them feel a part of the council.
- ⇒ Remember our ill members, friends and families!



Attendance/50-50 Pot

From Ed Beck

As most of you know, we have two "contests" each business meeting night. The first is the 50/50 Pot, where you purchase a ticket for a buck, and one lucky ticket is drawn and the holder wins half the money -- hence 50/50).

The remaining half of this pot goes into another pot (pot to pot, so to speak). This second pot is the Attendance Pot. From this pot, a member's name is drawn; and - if that member is at the meeting - he wins the attendance pot, which can be \$100 (when it reaches \$100, we draw names until we have a winner).

So far, so good! Unfortunately, the attendance pot may or may not be accurate because of the addition and removal of members. Therefore, I recommend a better way. I will present this suggestion to the membership for their approval at the December meeting. It has to do with a random numbers generator, a list of members etc. etc. A simple demonstration will illustrate the concept much better than a thousand words. Be there for your chance to win!

The Catholic Church in the United States At A Glance

From <http://www.usccb.org/>

(Figures Represent the U.S. Catholic Church Through 2007 Unless Otherwise Indicated)

Laity

There are **67,117,016** Catholics in the United States¹ (22% of the U.S. population), and **1 billion** Catholics worldwide².

New Church Members³

Infant Baptisms: **902,841**

Adult Baptisms: **49,415**

Received into Full Communion: **87,363**

Priests⁴

There are **41,406** diocesan and religious-order priests in the United States.

28,067 diocesan priests

13,339 religious-order priests (Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, etc.)

Seminarians⁵

There are **5,029** seminarians enrolled in the United States.

3,248 enrolled in diocesan seminaries

Insurance



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Election Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary

Submitted by Ron Schieffer

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,
at this most critical time, we entrust the
United States of America to your loving care.
Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land
for the glory of your Son.
Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation,
we cry to you from the depths of our hearts
and seek refuge in your motherly protection.
Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.
Open our minds to the great worth of human life
and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion
and threaten the sanctity of family life.
Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law
is the foundation on which this nation was founded,
and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights
to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death
and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray.....

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled
to thy protection, implored thy help or sought
thy intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.
To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen

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ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$143.8 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 68 million hours of volunteer community service to aid less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council Office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2008.

1 Number of visits you made during 2008:

Sick - Caring for the sick/nursing homes/ hospitals

Bereaved -- visits of condolence

2 Number of times you served as blood donor during 2008:

3 Est. hours of community volunteer service during 2008:

Church Activities -- service in all church related activities

Community Activities -- service in community related activities:

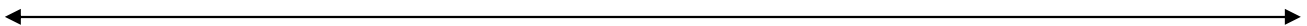
Youth Activities -- service in all youth activities:

Habitat for Humanity -- service in all related projects:

Miscellaneous Activities -- Service in areas not outlined above:

4 Number of hours of fraternal service during 2008:

Sick/disabled members and their families -- household chores,
transportation, tutoring, counseling etc.



Make your best estimate for calendar year 2008 and turn in at the next meeting -- or better yet, mail it along with your \$25.00 dues to Ed Beck, 305 S. Winterbrook, Olathe KS 66062.

Thanks
Ed Beck, Financial Secretary
305 S. Winterbrook
Olathe KS 66062



Good News! We've identified these Five New Knights: Now let's welcome them to the council (and put them to work)!

Back Row L to R

Thomas Ngundo and Kevin McCann

Front Row L to R

Christopher Leon, Paul Ling, and Stephen Seidman



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