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The Knight Light

Grand Knight's Notes



Brothers,

As I write this article the Seminarian Welcome Back Dinner has not happened yet. While I'm encouraged the local seminaries are doing better, I am reminded of the common lament there aren't enough priests and nuns. What can be done to change this? You might be thinking to yourself there isn't much to do except to pray about it. However, there is something all of us can do to that will make a difference. Have you spoken to your children, grandchildren, friend's children, etc. about considering the religious life? If we are going to get more priests and nuns the work must start at home. Every priest and nun is someone's son or daughter. I've heard people say they don't encourage their children to consider being a priest or nun because they want grand children. While grandchildren are a great blessing, wouldn't having your son be a priest or daughter a nun be a greater one? Remember, encouraging your children to consider a religious life isn't the same as guaranteeing they will choose one, but we owe it to the church and to ourselves to at

least try. I hope this will at least be food for thought for you.

Now for something completely different. Efforts to improve council communication and involvement are moving forward, albeit more slowly than I would like. The calling teams are forming and once they get going I'm confident they will produce great results. We need all of our Knights to be active. I'm not looking to get more involvement so we can add more activities. I'm looking to get more involvement so we can make our current activities even better. For those of you who either not active or only minimally active I hope you will consider getting more involved. Hopefully you joined the Knights to make a difference in our community; we have plenty of opportunities for you to do so.

As always, I encourage you to provide feedback, both positive and negative, on how the council is operating. I promise to listen and consider all ideas. Remember, we are trying to continually improve the council. We need your ideas and involvement.

Esto Dignus, Bruce K. Magnuson

Rummage! What a Concept!

Now who would have thought that my clutter, my stuff, my junk would be so important? Brothers, there is treasure in them thar garages, and attics and back rooms and closets and tool sheds and storage units...and we are willing to take it off your hands.

We are attempting a large scale Rummage event that should draw quite a crowd in September. But we need ALL of you to pitch in. Step one, is clean out that garage or attic or where ever that treasure has been stored and collecting dust. Think of the benefits...more space, less clutter, happy wife...room to store more stuff! And don't forget the Council...we have benefits too. Funds to share with our Seminarians, our wonderful Pastor and friend Fr. Kevin, and funds to share with the ministries at St Marks who might need our help. If you really

consider it, there are NO losers here!

So what kind of help do we need??? Your neat junk of course, but just as important...NO, MORE important, we need YOU! Ever worked a garage sale? Ever been to a garage sale? I don't know about ya'll, but I get a kick out of the "deal"...picture this scene..."Yo Mr., how much you want for this wid-

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Upcoming Events

September 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|-----------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 KC General Meeting 7pm | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Squires Meeting 9am | 6 Labor Day | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Membership "Blitz" |
| 12 Membership "Blitz" | 13 | 14 New Member Orientation | 15 | 16 KC Business Meeting 7pm | 17 | 18 Rummage Sale |
| 19 | 20 | 21 1st Degree at Christopher Hall | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge 6pm | 29 | 30 | October 10/3 Squires Meeting 10/7 General Meeting 10/15-17 Squires Retreat 10/19 24 Hour Adoration 10/21 Business Meeting | |

Help Wanted- New Chief Fireman

By: Bruce Magnuson, Grand Knight

Brothers, after 9 years as Chief Fireman for the Chicken BBQ's it's time for me to pass the torch (literally) to someone else. Due to my current duties with the council the October BBQ will be my last as Chief Fireman. The duties are fairly simple and I can easily train someone everything they need to know at the October BBQ. Here's what you would be responsible for:

Get drinks for the workers, water, sodas, etc. Put them in coolers and ice them down.

Be there when the fire is lit to open the

BBQ closet.

Set up tables and chairs for the workers.

When there is a possibility of inclement weather arrange to set up the tent on Saturday afternoon. This is a multi-person job, but there are several Knights who know how to do it. This normally takes 45 minutes to 1 hour to set up.

Communicate regularly with the Chicken BBQ Chairman, Mike Patillo, to plan for upcoming BBQ's.

Ideally we should have two people, a Chief Fireman and an Assistant Chief. So get one of your buddies and give me a call. It's a fun and easy job.



Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge - Sponsored by Council 7613



The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills- the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed fifteen shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Points will be awarded depending upon the area of the scoring

zones through which the ball passes.

The competition will be held on **Tuesday, Sept 28th, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. at the **St Mark's Athletic Fields**. (Bulverde/Wetmore Rd) On-site Registration and warm ups will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

The K of C Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls will participate in their respective age divisions (**age as of September 1st, 2010**).

All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Winners

of each age category will receive a nice New Soccer Ball! Participants may be required to provide proof of age and written parental consent. **For pre-registration or additional information, please contact Chris Huggins at 491-9568.** There is no fee to participate.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN, STEP UP TO THE LINE AND GIVE IT A KICK!

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in the Knights of Columbus

Membership Blitz

A membership drive, commonly referred to as a "blitz" will take place on **September 11th and 12th**. A lot of help will be needed from members after each Mass on that weekend and at the **ORIENTATON** that will take place on **September 14th**. Those who signed up to be **MENTORS** are especially needed to attend the **ORIENTATION**.

Here is what is expected to take place. All male parishioners will have the opportunity to indicate an interest in the Knights during the "blitz" weekend. They will be given a form to complete when entering the sanctuary. After the Eucharist and before the final blessing, a short talk will be made inviting practical Catholics at least 18 years of age to join Council 7613. They will be requested to turn in their form reflecting their interest as they depart after Mass. At the same time they will be reminded of an **ORIENTATION** scheduled on September 14th.

Note the quick "turnaround". Because

our next First Degree is scheduled on **September 21st** and because of the limited availability of Christopher Hall we are driven to conduct the **ORIENTATION** immediately after the weekend "blitz".

The purpose of the **ORIENTATION** is to present information and to answer questions that interested members and their spouses may have.

Brother Ralph Sirois has been signing up members who wish to serve as mentors to new members expected to join our Order. All mentors are requested to attend the **ORIENTATION** and to meet interested men and find one to mentor.

The purpose of the **MENTORSHIP** program is to guide the new member for at least the first six months of membership. This effort will likely make the new member understand that we are interested in his well being and that of

his family. This understanding will surely give him the opportunity to become a good member of our Order.

Thanks in advance to everyone who will be a part of this membership effort.

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Rummage! What a Concept! *(continued)*

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get?” “Oh, I’d take \$5 for it”. “That’s a bit high for this widget, it’s showing some wear...would you take \$3?” “Yeah I guess I would”. There ain’t nothing like a bargain to make you smile like a schoolboy on the first day of summer! SO! Calling all you negotiators out there. We need your help. put in an hour “dealing” then stick around for some browsing of your own...my junk might be YOUR treasure!

Starting Saturday, August 21st...we will have someone at the trailer (behind the Gym) to accept your stuff. Please let us know if it works or not...we

don’t care, but it makes it easier to price without having to try out every appliance or tool. Yes we can provide a tax receipt if requested. Bring your stuff, and stick around to help for a while...we will always need able bodied men to get stuff into the trailer.

The event is September 18, from 7:30 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. We will set this up like a department store...you know...sporting goods, appliances, small electronics, household items, tools and even clothes. It’s gonna be great! We can sell cold drinks, burgers and dogs and maybe popcorn to make a few extra bucks so if you aren’t a negotiator, we still need ya!. I would like to get a boom box set up and play

music for the whole day so if you have a decent portable boom box and LOTS of music, you get to be the DJ!

So Brothers, let’s make this fun, and an all inclusive event! Bring the family for heavens sake! the Squires will be helping and that means Mom is stuck home alone so bring her along...an expert in the clothing section will always be a plus!

As always, if you have questions, please call our Grand Knight, Bruce Magnuson at 889-9237 or Rusty Rummage at 867-1533. If you want to bring something directly to the trailer during the week day, you can call Don Williams or George, the head of mainte-

Short Notes

Chicken BBQ

The BBQ Chicken sales team is looking for more brothers to assist in our sales. This is a great opportunity to help build the scholarship fund and to socialize with your fellow Knights. If you recently joined the Knights it is a good way to meet many of our fellow Knights as well as our parishioners. We staff three locations for the first three Sunday Masses. If interested, please contact Joe Zlotkowski at 219-8120



September Bingo Schedule

Fridays

| | | | |
|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 9/3 | Luis Luis | Alex Deimel | Francisco Valor |
| 9/10 | Chris Huggins | S. Cennamo | Tex Leidtka |
| 9/17 | Robert Leal | Chris Marques | Gary Richmond |
| 9/24 | Matt Delozier | Gerry Zapata | John Dini |

Sundays

| | | | | |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| 9/5 | John Green | Robert Moreno | Jorge Cabello | |
| 9/12 | Willie Boes | Allan Slater | Vincent Papa | |
| 9/19 | Steve Bossaller | Kay Kay Bossaller | Bob Garcia | |
| 9/26 | Zachery Aoki | Jason Hill | Joe Lio | Jim Aycock |

Mondays

| | | | | |
|------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 9/6 | Gregory Wilson | William Clyde | Barry Woitena | |
| 9/13 | Don Williams | Mike Huber | Virginia Huber | Leo Whitely |
| 9/20 | Lloyd Anders | Steven Hluchanek | Roger Mays | Ralph Sirois |
| 9/27 | Mike Pattillo | Joe Velten | Marty Garcia | Leo & Nancy Forget |

Bingo News

By: *Stephen W. Rohrbough*

We completed Bingo operations for the twelve (12) month period July 1, 2009-Jun 30, 2010 closing with:

Gross income - \$1,244,552, down \$21,655 from the same period last year

Cost of Goods Sold - \$966,175, down \$15,087 from the same period last year

Gross Profits -\$278,377 down \$6,568 from the same period last year

Net Profit after expenses - \$86,186 down slightly \$2,365 from the same period last year

Contributions to the Council were \$94,935 versus \$75,850 which is an increase of \$19,085 over the same period last year – all money went to the mortgage and taxes

During the latest quarter, Apr–Jun 2010, we made payments against the mortgage on Christopher Hall of \$22,255, with \$5,000 for quarterly income taxes and the balance \$17,255 going to the mortgage. Our balance on the mortgage is \$108,045 as of July 17, 2010 after a \$2,000 contribution by

CHOC on that date.

The 4th Quarter profit was \$432 per session, down from \$710 per session the last quarter, with 101 players per session compared to 105 players last quarter.

The Bingo Committee met on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 to evaluate bingo operations for the past year. Anticipating the committee's deliberations and considering current cash flow, we may not have any "excess" funds for this quarter because we paid \$5,000 for taxes due on Jun 15, 2010 and we have \$2,610 due for insurance policy renewals.

We continue to reach new markets to draw new players. Thanks to the wonderful work of **Brother John Dini**, we have a marketing campaign called "E-Club" and publish the "Bingo Blast" news-gram each month to tell E-Club Members about KC Bingo promotions and activities, new games, and player Birthday announcements. We have almost 200 players in the database, have added Brother Knights to the marketing campaign. We are advertising in two neighborhood Newspapers – The North Central Herald and Northeast Recorder. Advertising results have been good as demonstrated by increased player attendance at Jackpot Bingo Parlor.



We want to welcome **Brother Leo Whitely** to the Bingo Volunteer family and thank him for graciously giving his time and support. We now have 52 volunteers, but still need to fill the remaining 8 teams with only 3 workers assigned to their teams.

We have a new recruiting effort and a plan, developed by Brother John Dini and a team of new Officers in the Council, to re-engineer how we organize and operate activities in the Council. We hope for renewed life to those Brother Knights who are in the 80% group who pay dues and but do not participate in our Council events and activities. Perhaps, with this new effort, we will fill our Bingo Team vacancies and see other Brother Knights become active in not only the BEST Council in the Archdiocese, but in the State of Texas.

Squires News/Info

August saw some great activities as we really geared up for this year. We installed our new officers and held an end-of-summer pool party.

For September we will hold our monthly meeting on the 5th at 9am (yes - on Labor Day weekend!). In an effort to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our food pantry we ask that members bring a can or two of food to the meetings.

We will also be supporting the KCs



with their Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge on the 28th by either helping or entering the competition.

Finally we're getting ready for our annual HEB Camp retreat over the weekend of October 15-17. Look for more details soon.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact our Chief Squire John Zapata or the Chief Counselor Steve Bauer.

St Mark Knights Needed To Support Habitat for Humanity

The 11th Bishop Flanagan—Knights of Columbus Habitat for Humanity house will be built starting on Friday, September 10th. Knights from St Mark Council 7613 have traditionally worked on the first two days of construction.

This year the first two days are September 10th and 11th. About 30 volunteers are needed each day. It takes seven weekends to complete construction. The last day of construction will take place on November 6th with dedication and house blessing to take place on November 13th. Families are expected to move into their new home before Thanksgiving!

Members of other Councils will also work on September 10th and 11th and throughout the building of the house but will be led by the Council 7613 contingent the first two days. Many of our members have worked the first two days, not only on the Bishop Flanagan house but also on the 15 houses that have been built by St Mark Parish. Habitat for Humanity house leaders are pleased and amazed at the expertise that has accrued over the past 13 years.

Volunteers have been signing up during the last month and will have another chance to do so at our general membership meeting on September 2nd. Mem-

bers wishing to volunteer and who cannot attend this meeting may just show up at 7:00 AM on the 10th or 11th of September at the Church parking lot. A volunteer does not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. **Spouses, friends and neighbors are welcome. Youth working on September 10th and 11th must be at least 16 years of age.**

All food and refreshments are provided. Come and enjoy camaraderie and the joy of helping a family to live in a decent, affordable and well built house.

2010/2011 Officers and Directors

Grand Knight - Bruce Magnuson
Deputy Grand Knight - Rusty League
Chancellor - Joe Velten
Advocate - Ed Garcia
Treasurer - John Payne
Fin. Sec - Art Ramirez
Warden - Gerard Gutierrez
Lecturer - Ysau Flores
Recorder - Marvin Hadish
Inside Guard - Mike Wauters
Outside Guard - Mark (Keith) Davis

1 yr Trustee - Willie Boes
2 yr Trustee - Don Williams
3 yr Trustee - Steve Cennamo



Program Director - Gary Richmond
Council - Chuck Barksdale
Youth - Chris Huggins
Community - Carroll Devore
Church - Ken Macinga
Membership - Sam Szalwinski
Family - Tex Liedetka
Mentorship - Ralph Sirois
Squires Counselor - Steve Bauer

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Erik A Fredmonsky 09-01-1976
James Rasso 09-03-1936
Rene Diaz Jr 09-05-1949 59
Paul D Ellsworth 09-05-1941
Angel L Padilla 09-05-1947
David P Vera 09-05-1948
Jorge M Cabello 09-06-1961
Anton I Gunderson 09-07-1929
Mark A Mayorga 09-07-1931
Chuck A Barksdale 09-08-1960
Matthew L Estrada 09-08-1968
John V White Jr 09-08-1967
Fernando Arellano Jr 09-09-1939
Steven M Bauer 09-09-1967
Bart A Pelton 09-09-1954
Hans B Nadler 09-10-1930
Jason A Luis 09-11-1984
Michael J Finleon 09-12-1943
Jeffrey D Fox 09-12-1985
Dan Verich 09-12-1973

Nieves Gonzalez III 09-14-1941
Luis Luis 09-17-1957
Thomas G Sessi 09-18-1969
Alan B Nelson 09-19-1951
Erik M Luis 09-20-1985
Vincent M Papa 09-20-1949
George J Deshaies 09-21-1954
Mark L Rizzo 09-21-1960
Woodson A Huggins 09-22-1935
Dr Robert M Narvaez 09-22-1952
Michael A Cosgrove 09-24-1981
George W Saxton Jr 09-24-1915
Joseph E Slaven 09-24-1928
James F Wilson 09-24-1935
William B Hogan Sr 09-25-1922
Frank P Holzmann Jr 09-25-1965
Johnny A Villarreal 09-25-1961
William B Boes 09-26-1940
William D Clyde Jr 09-26-1944
Charles G Guerra 09-26-1961
John M Lorenzo 09-26-1958

Kenneth V Mager 09-26-1942
Lloyd L Hefner 09-27-1955
Salvador C Rojas 09-27-1944
John R Adams 09-28-1970
Miguel Perez-Suarez 09-29-1940

Anniversaries

Rodolfo & Susan Torres 09-01
Michael & Alesia Haas 09-02
John & Bernice Gilboux 09-04
Michael & Maurine Pattillo 09-04
John & Kathy Klar 09-05
James & Susan Leavitt 09-08
James & Tracy Uptmore 09-08
Gerald & Judy Gaenslen 09-15
Jose & Yesennia Reyes 09-18
Joe & Minerva Nastasi 09-22
Peter & Cindy Scalise 09-22
Patrick & Darlene Whitley 09-22
Gary & Cheryl Adams 09-27
Thomas & Mary Ann Petray 09-30

The Power of One

When Brother Ben Sanchez, member of Council 6757, at St. Lawrence Parish was informed that his nephew was severely injured in Afghanistan, he knew what needed to be done. Staff Sergeant Dominic Fernandez, USMC, had completed three deployments in Iraq and was serving in Afghanistan when he lost a leg as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device on July 22, 2010. His wife and two children were residing near Camp Pendleton, California, while their husband and father was deployed.

Sergeant Fernandez was evacuated from the battlefield in Afghanistan and soon found himself at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. He asked his wife to be at his bedside. She found someone to care for their children and rushed to be with her husband. His Mother wanted to be with her only son and his Grandmother also wished to be there to share in the care of their wounded warrior. All family members call San Antonio their home.

US Government policy covers cost of travel for only one family member to be with their wounded warrior. Others organizations stepped up to assist his mother and grandmother however this would not be enough to cover other costs they would incur along the way. Even after sacrificing family resources there simply were not enough funds to cover the cost for all the needs for those who needed to be at their wounded warrior's bedside.

ENTER BROTHER BEN SANCHEZ. The discussion for hosting a benefit came up while the Sanchez and Lopez families (Danny Lopez being a Brother Knight) were having lunch after mass,

the Sunday after Dominic's injury. Just then Ben's sister, Patty Sanchez called and said that the family needed to do something. Ben explained that plans were already being made. Ben and his wife, Cindy, organized all of their family members—their children, aunts, uncles, and cousins and developed a plan for a fund raiser. All that they knew to begin with is that funds were needed quickly. It was decided to raise the needed cash by selling BBQ chicken plates. Danny suggested that the best location would be the VFW Post 76. This popular location proved to be the best choice and the VFW Post 76 stepped in and agreed to provide a perfect place located on the recently extended river walk.

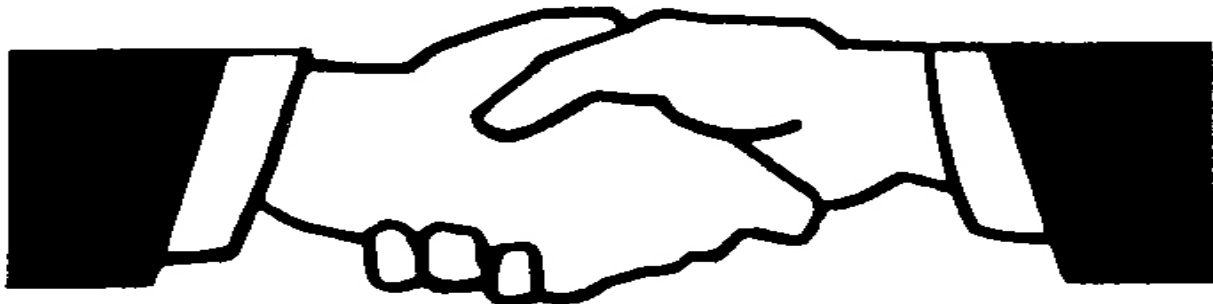
Advertisement promoting the event was made through Catholic Radio, and local television and newspaper. As the word spread, the San Antonio community rallied with the Knights of Columbus taking the lead. Although many member Knights were individually involved, Council 3412 from Seguin, San Antonio Councils 6757-St Lawrence Parish, 7613-St Mark the Evangelist Parish, 7983-Prince of Peace Parish, Council 10940-St Peters Boerne, and Council 14690-St Elizabeth Ann Seaton of Leon Springs were heavily involved.

On August 7, 2010, the day of the event, Brother Ben Sanchez and his entire family were overwhelmed. Ben stated that this was the biggest event that he had ever become involved with. Response from the business community was fantastic according to Ben. When the day came there was more assistance and support than the family ever

dreamed of. Acknowledgement of the following explains why they were overwhelmed. Brothers of the Fallen Heroes conducted the opening ceremony at VFW Post 76. Members of the Guardians Of the Children provided monetary support and baked goods. Hermanos Christianos also provided funds. Ladies Auxiliary, wives of Brother Knights, provided desserts and lots of service. Reverend Blues provided music and DJ Gene Ramos kept things flowing smoothly. Quality Fence and Welding stepped in along with several restaurants. Panchito's Mexican Restaurant on West Avenue prepared eighty pounds of rice and 50 pounds of pinto beans that were donated.

What amazed the family is that 100% of everything was donated. CHARITY, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus extended far beyond our organization. Although the weather was hot at a high of 96 degrees, the spirit of everyone at the event was reflected in their smiles.

A commonly heard expression reflected the genuine spirit of the event. This expression can be summed up by the statement "SERGEANT FERNANDEZ AND ALL OF OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS ARE SACRIFICING A LOT—SOME WITH THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE IN THIS GREAT COUNTRY CAN ENJOY FREEDOM. I WANT TO DO A SMALL PART TO HELP THEM—ESPECIALLY SSGT DOMINIC FERNANDEZ, USMC. THAT IS WHY I AM HERE TODAY."



St. Mark the Evangelist

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