



Knight Life

OF THE BLUE SPRINGS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Council #6506

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Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

Congratulations to St. Robert's parish! It is very close to starting a new council down there. Special thanks to Fr. Healy, Ed Columbus, Leo Hirner, Jeremy Radford and Bill Kennedy for their recruitment efforts. I believe this to be a good thing for St. Robert's. They will have a group of men 100% dedicated to the needs of their parish and nothing but good can come from that!

Special thanks to Kim and Joe Hoffman, and all who helped out, for their work on the Mother's Day Carnations! They were able to cover the expense of the carnations plus \$25.

I'd like to thank Bill Kennedy for his tireless work of improving the spiritual life of our council, parish and diocese. Helping out with Men on a Mission, Men of Valor, and Knights of Columbus at St. John's, helping with the recruitment for a new council at St. Robert's and leading the Men on a Mission for the diocese. If you want to be part of the Catholic men's movement that is happening across the nation and in our parish, come and join us every Tuesday morning at 6am in the LaLande room for our men's prayer group! To see the opening of the hearts of the men of our council and parish to the word of God has been exciting and fun, to say the least!! We enjoy each other's contributions and always hear several different perspectives of looking at Church teachings and scriptures.

We are still in the process of planning fundraisers and will continue to do so. Our bowling tournament was postponed due to low ticket sales and our Charity Shoot is still on the boards. The Savers of Life or "Lifesaver Drive" is tentatively set for

May 24th. It's done just like the Tootsie Roll Drive, with the proceeds going to local crisis pregnancy centers. I'm still waiting to hear from the city on getting a permit, so please mark your calendars for May 24th. Be waiting for a phone call as the date gets closer if we are able to move forward with this annual event.

At our March council meeting, Fr. Elliott informed the council about the formation of an advisory Pastoral Council at St. John LaLande. The members are a cross section of the parish ministry leaders. The purpose of forming this Council in our parish is to help bring 'new people' along in their faith. Father considers the Knights very important to our parish and asked that the Grand Knight hold a seat on the council. We had our first monthly meeting on May 1st. I'm very proud to say that out of the 10 members, half are members of our council or a wife of a member of our council: (Fr. Elliott, Amy Davis (school board), Richard Isaacks (youth), Gary Grojean (youth) and myself (KofC). There were five topics that were on the agenda at the first meeting: General, Youth, Community Building/ Welcoming (Greeters), Financial and School Enrollment. If you see one that interests you, I encourage you to get involved and help the parish address a need. Just talk to any of the above or myself to find out how.

Always be ready to give a reason for your hope! Invite a friend or family member to join the Knights of Columbus!!

Vivat Jesus!
Lou Soliz
Grand Knight

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Father Fidelis Albrecht

What have you done to bring in a new Knight?

Since our last newsletter...

We'd like to extend a big welcome to our newest council members:

Transfer:

- **Patrick Woodley from Council 12676, Normandy, MO**

Readmission:

- **John Olson**

**Honorary Members:
(25 years continuous active Knighthood, age 65)**

- **Richard Adriano**
- **Bob Antes**

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Please send Joe Hoffman an email with suggestions for improvements to our website.
stjonlalandeprofile@yahoo.com

Better Communications

When possible, we try to use E-Mail to keep our members better informed of upcoming events, requests for volunteers, or other various notices.

We currently have 112 members on our list. If you would like to be added to the list, please send your email ID to either Connie Soliz soliz2k@yahoo.com or Tom Peters at tpeters@tapinformation.com

If you want to receive Knight's business only on your email, please indicate that to Lou or Tom. We put (*****) next to your name, so others know it is for Knight's business only.

Membership Report

Brother Knights,

Congratulations to our council's newest 4th degree Knights, Gene Belvin, Brad Wood and Gene Wood!! They completed their 4th degree Saturday, April 12th, at the Airport Hilton.

Vivat Jesus!
Lou Soliz
Grand Knight

Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

I sent 2008 dues notices to everyone in January. Currently, 22 members of Council #6506 have still not paid their dues for this year. Would those of you to whom this pertains please send a check for \$30 to me as soon as possible? It costs our Council a lot of money in postage to keep sending out reminders.

If you plan to retain your membership in the Knights of Columbus, which your officers certainly hope that you do, please send your check to me as soon as possible. If you plan to drop your membership, simply send me a note or an Email to burgard@att.net and I will take care of it.

Please be aware that your dues are NOW PAST DUE.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

George Burgard
Financial Secretary
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Church Activities Report

Our second corporate communion of this year was a rousing success. The corporate communion was held at the 10 am Mass and Father John was escorted by four Knights in regalia. After Mass a pancake breakfast was held for the Knights and their families. The next corporate communion will be held June 29th at the noon Mass. All Knights will be invited with their families and there will be potluck luncheon after the Mass in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary. More details at the monthly council meeting.

On Mother's Day weekend, once again our council supported the mothers of our parishes and the rights of the Unborn by providing carnations on Mother's Day with the proceeds going to our Right to Life funds. Thank you to all that helped, especially Kim and Joe Hoffman.

Gordon Hummel - D. G. Knight



Words From Our Program Director

Brother Knights,

Our Council has had two directorships come open that need to be filled: Family and Church.

These are important positions to our council if we are to fulfill our mission to our parish and our Brotherhood. Neither position takes a great deal of time and we have training materials to help you understand the job and plenty of people to help.

Please consider accepting one of these positions and call me at 224-5565 with questions.

Thanks,

Mark Schollmeyer
Program Director

Are Your Tuesdays Boring? Looking for a Good Time, With Some Good People?

Join me for an evening of fellowship and fun. I am trying to revitalize Lector night. It is set up with the Gridiron Tavern in downtown Blue Springs to meet every second Tuesday of the month. The launch date was May 13th at 7pm.

We can bring our cards and poker chips and play to our hearts content as long as there is no money exchanged.

We can also bring in munchies for sustenance. Come one and come all I am looking forward to getting to know you and have some fun.

If you have any questions give me a call at 303/960-5427, which is my cellphone.

Gordon Hummel - D. G. Knight

State Convention Report

Brother Knights,

This year I attended our State convention as our council's delegate. The 107th meeting of the Knights of Columbus state convention convened from April 25th through April 27th in Jefferson City.

The business meeting started promptly at 8 a.m. and ended at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. At the meeting Greg Stratman, our State Secretary, was elected the new State Deputy.

A celebratory Mass was held at 4 p.m. that afternoon and the Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Finn from Kansas City, Bishop Johnston from Cape Girardeau, and Bishop Emeritus Leibrecht.

Saturday evening was the Banquet with lots of awards and at the end of the banquet everyone adjourned to the hospitality rooms.

On Sunday morning a memorial Mass was celebrated in honor of the Knights who had passed away during 2007. Breakfast followed this Mass and then the business meeting convened at 9a.m. and was adjourned at noon.

Gordon Hummel, Jr
Deputy Grand Knight



Ladies Knights Report

Hello Ladies of Knights,

Our group is meeting regularly but going through some growing pains so not much has happened yet. However, with every meeting we're getting closer to setting our goals. Thanks to all who have attended.

We do plan on meeting through the summer - come when you can. We love new ideas and faces!

Our next meeting is May 19th at Bert Brecheisen's at 7 p.m. With each meeting we are sending a care package to a military member in our parish. Please send names if you can't attend the meetings so we can let our military know they are loved and remembered back home.

In the next month or so we will be sponsoring a multi-family garage sale. Location will be determined at the next meeting. Please let us know if you have any donations that you'd like added to the garage sale.

We would like to extend birthday greetings to: Jennifer Radford (4/6), Joan Grojean (5/7), Missy Pemberton (5/18), Kathleen Stark (5/26), Kim Hoffman (5/28), and Natalie Kaibel (6/28). Natalie is also expecting their 2nd child in July so please keep the Kaibels in your prayers for a successful delivery!

As always, please contact Connie Soliz (229.0023; soliz2k@yahoo.com) or Bert Brecheisen (220.0774) if you would like to be added to our mailings or come to the meetings. We welcome any Knights wives/mothers/daughters (18 & older) who would like to be involved with the wives or just share our company. I find these Catholic women inspiring - come see if you don't agree!!

God bless,
Connie Soliz - Vice President



The Insurance Corner

"THINKING ABOUT A VACATION"

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter if we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses must still be paid. So you need a vacation fund.

All of this makes good sense. However, isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each year, but fail to plan our long range vacation - retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you. The only one left is you.... it's time you thought about it.

Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours. After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take.

Call me today and we'll plan it together.

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Council Activities Report

Have you gotten your Knights of Columbus shirt, jacket, and/or hat?

George Burgard has a limited supply of K of C hats for \$ 9.00 each. Please contact George at 229-4540 if interested.

Our Council also is able to get Knights of Columbus shirts, jackets, and other Knights of Columbus clothing that can be individualized with your name. We have many options from which to choose.

If interested you can email or call me with the information at 228-0472.

Thank you, Gary Grojean
E-mail: garygrojean@sbcglobal.net

Council Meeting
June 26, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8 p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center

Council Corporate Communion
June 29, 12 Noon Mass
Potluck Lunch to Follow
St. John LaLande Church

Council Meeting
July 24, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8 p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center

For the Good of the Order

We pray for
...all the unborn and especially the aborted.
...an increase in vocations.
...our brother Knights and their families that are ill or in distress.
...the families of all our fallen brothers.

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Important Dates
Please Mark Your Calendar

Lecture Nights
2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Gridiron Tavern, 7 p.m.

Ladies Knights Meeting
May 19, 7 p.m.
Bert Brecheisen's Home
612 NE Shenandoah Dr.
Blue springs, MO 64014

Council Meeting
May 22, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8 p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center

Lifesaver Drive
May 24, all day

Global Living Rosary
May 25, 3 p.m.
Kauffman Stadium

IMPORTANT!

ELECTION OF NEW
COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR
FRATERNAL YEAR
2008-2009

JUNE 26TH MEETING

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We rarely get a chance to see another country's editorial about the USA . Read this excerpt from a Romanian Newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title 'C'ntarea Americii, meaning 'Ode To America' in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul zilei 'The Daily Event' or 'News of the Day' .

~An Ode to America~

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers.

Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts.

Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.

Instead the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: 'God Bless America!'

I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their history? Their economic Power? Money?

I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace, I thought things over, I reached but only one conclusion... Only freedom can work such miracles.

Cornel Nistorescu