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Knights of Columbus



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Scott Wyatt 746-4497

Trustee 3 Year

Dave DeHetre 746-1645

Trustee 2 Year

Tad Stilwell 730-9640

Trustee 1 Year

Stephen Gerloff 730-0319

District Deputy

Tad Stilwell 730-9640

Grand Knight's Message

Hello Brothers:



Welcome to summer! I wish all a happy, fun, and safe trip should your family Vacation abroad during the coming months!

At the conclusion of our Directors meeting at the home of Brother Ray Santucci's on Monday, June 26th, I asked the Brothers in attendance the following question:

"How have you shown to your family, friends, or co-workers that you are a Child of God over the past ten days?" Anticipating short, one-sentence responses from the thirteen Brothers gathered, I was pleasantly surprised with their responses. What I thought would take just a minute or two, lasted for more than ten minutes. I heard Brothers speak from their heart with conviction and gratitude towards family and friends whereby they have been present in times of death, pain, addictions, and everyday simple struggles that all of us face during the week. It was a powerful conclusion to a long Directors meeting.

Most psychologists would agree that men in general, do not know how to express themselves (from the heart) when in the company of other men. Well guess what? That theory had no application whatsoever with the Brothers gathered at Ray's house on Monday night.

Brothers, we face many daily challenges and pressures everyday of our lives. I'd like you to consider the above question and spend some time reflecting on how you are present as a ***Child of God*** to all the people you come in contact on a daily basis. We are all called to live the Gospel message in our lives. This is one of many ways that you can deepen your faith and show your Christian attitude to all you come in contact with. I challenge you to ask your family members the same question the next time you gather for dinner or a celebration. I guarantee you and yours will benefit immensely from the action. God speed and Good luck!

I want all Brothers to continue praying for Brother Tommy Sties. Tommy's wife, Betty, departed this life on Friday, June 16th. Many Brothers participated in the Rosary, Christian Wake and the mass of the Resurrection for Betty. I know Brother Tommy appreciated the support from all the Brothers and their family members from our council. A special thanks goes to all Brothers that spent the night at Redeemer Sunday night with Betty's body. Your selfless act was greatly appreciated by Tommy and Father Jim.

We will have our Installation of Officers at St. John's in Highland Springs on Sunday, July 16th. **If you are an Officer, please dress in a coat and tie, and be at St. Johns at 2:30.** This is a council and Family activity so please bring your family! I look forward to seeing all Brothers that will be installed on the 16th, **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

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Roy Theisen 264-9393

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I'd like to express my appreciation to all the Brothers that have agreed to serve our council as Director's, Trustees or Committee Chairman, for the upcoming fraternal year. I look forward with much anticipation to working with each and every Brother over the next year. I also look forward to the challenge of continuing to build our council as one of the best group of Catholic Fraternal men in the state of Virginia.

God Bless you and your family,

Frank Gerloff, Jr. G.K. Elect

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

The first order of business that my new duties dictated was the appointment of Committee Chairs for the new fraternal year. I am pleased to announce these chairs as shown on the listing to the left. Let's continue to support these Brothers who have accepted in some cases continued service and the brothers who have taken on a new responsibility of heading up a committee.

For those were not at the last business meeting we had some exciting news from the State, The State Charity cut a check for \$1,500 for Roy Theisen's sister. This in addition to the Council donation of \$250.00 is helping out a family member of a Brother Knight. It was also announced that our scrap book produced by Brother Joe Suarez and beautifully bound by Brother Ray Santucci took first place in State competition.

Shirts, Hats etc. with the council logo are still available for order and pick up at council meetings. See John Pohida or GK Frank Gerloff to place your order.

Congratulations go out to Brothers Lin Diacont and Jack Murray on their election to Pastoral Council. Let's keep them in our prayers as well as the administrative team of Redeemer so they make decisions in their tenure that are faithful and fruitful for our community.

For the 2000-2001 fraternal year our new District Deputy in District #9 is PGK Tad Stilwell, District Warden is FDD, PGK Mike Roberts, PGK Joe Suarez is the Faithful Navigator of the Richmond Assembly of the 4th Degree the new State Deputy is J. P. Mckuster and our FDD, PFN, PGK Steve Gerloff is the new State Recruitment Director.

Again I would like to thank the council for the opportunity to serve the Order and the Council. Please keep me in your prayers as well as all the newly elected officers.

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BIRTHDAYS

Ross Albert	7-1
Dave Allen	7-31
John Castelvechi	7-10
Jeff Decker	7-23
Lin Diacont	7-30
John Emory	7-18
Terry Gay	7-7
Pat Gies	7-23
George Gray	7-7
Jerry Johnson	7-1
Bubba Kauffmann	7-18
Rich Laughlin	7-2
Mark Moreau	7-4
Jack O'Hara	7-20
Al Polson	7-28
Dick Prezioso	7-21
Ron Reger	7-29
Leonard Rich	7-15
Dan Riley	7-15
Dick Ritz	7-15
Jeff Sklarek	7-15
Lewis Smith	7-11

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Mildred Bartos	7-16-66
Dave & Cheryl Buehler	7-30-83
Steve & Barbara Gerloff	7-30-89
Rick & Debbie Gillespie	7-30-77
Vern & Corrie Hall	7-16-88
Walter & Clara Harris	7-28-43
Bubba & Pat Kauffmann	7-30-60
<i>Happy 40 years together</i>	
Joe & Kathy Massino	7-24-76
Clint & Rebecca Norris	7-29-89
Mike & Jenny Panchison	7-22-78
Dick & Joann Ritz	7-5-58
Jeff & Maureen Uerz	7-21-79
Greg & Laura Woodle	7-7-90
<i>Happy 10 years of marriage</i>	
Joe & Bonnie Drust	7-27-74

Please pray for the sick and suffering in our council and their family members.

Grace Cox *** Lisa Lipa *** Dana Nelson *** Sister of John Pohida Mother of Fran Pohida
Dewey Pourciau *** Jean See the daughter of Dick Ritz *** Brother of Dave Wallo ***

It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden death of Betty Sties the loving wife of our brother Tommy Sties on June 15,2000. This won't reach you until about two weeks after her funeral, but keep her and Tommy in your prayers. A card to Tommy would be greatly appreciated.

Council

Instillation of Officers will be held at Redeemer on July 16 at 3:00 PM. Officers please be there by 2:15 PM, Dress will be Coat And Tie for all officers. This is a family event and all are welcome.

The next Directors meeting is July 17th at 7:30 at Ray Santucci's home. Directors meetings are open to any brother who would like to attend all that is asked is that if you are not an officer let Frank know that you are planning to attend so a head count can be taken.

The Past Grand Knights awards dinner is scheduled for August 13th at 5:00 PM. This is also a Family event so please mark your calendars.

Youth & Scouting

Scouts will be busy this summer with events such as caving and of course camping. A huge addition to the Troop and Pack has been made with the donation of a trailer by Mike Bonelli's brother in law. Brother Dave Jackson, a new member, is in charge of the Cubs and is a welcome addition to the council.

Community

Bingo will continue on the 2nd Wednesday's of each month at Hanover Health for the rest of the year. The residents here enjoy this so much we have decided to keep it up for the summer. Anyone that would like to help call Bob Kemmler.

Family

The Family picnic is set for August 19th at the ESTATE of Michael & Joanne Bonelli. Details will be up coming. We are planning a mass and a really great time for all. If you can help with set up cooking and clean up in any way talk to Mike. This is a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to the council as well, so if you have a possible candidate invite him and his family. We will be asking for a count soon in order to insure enough food is there so let Mike know if you plan to come and how many you plan to bring as well.

More details will follow.

Plans are also being made for a Fall Fishing trip.... Details are being worked out.

Church

Caritis a community based organization to help the homeless is underway at the church the week of July 8th to the 15th. If you can help in any way or are interested in how you can help call Marty Thomas. As the saying goes "Except by the grace of God there go I" these families have just run into some bad luck and with caring help they can hopefully get back on there feet. Please reflect and pray on this worth wild effort.

Efforts are underway to set up another retreat in the fall. October 14th is the tentative date with more details to come. The last retreat for brother knights went so well that it is hoped that 2 retreats will become an annual event.

Membership

There will be a First Degree at the business meeting on July 10th.

The State Deputy has also asked that each district have a Second Degree Team in place this fraternal year. Tad has asked that anyone interested contact him or Mike Roberts.

The Rosary: Its History and Development

Legend has it that the Blessed Virgin gave the rosary to St. Dominic (1170-1221), the founder of the Dominican order. Charming legend, not so charming history. The story about St. Dominic serves this purpose: It communicates the truths that the Dominicans have been great promoters of the rosary down through history, and that the rosary is meant to nourish an authentic spirituality; it's not just a pious doo-dad. The idea of using a string of beads to facilitate prayer and meditation is far from exclusive to Catholicism. Buddhists and Hindus use beads for prayer purposes. Indeed. David Burton Bryan, Ph.D., explained in his book, *A Western Way of Meditation: The Rosary Revisited*: "Rosary meditation is really a mix of several ancient techniques...all of which have pre-Christian, even prehistoric antecedents."

The rosary, Bryan says, is rooted in the ancient Near East (where the Bible took shape), particularly in meditative traditions known as *baqqesh* (pronounced "bak-kaysh"). This term includes all the ideas we would make specific with words such as seek, search, await, expect, watch, hope, and petition.

Baqqesh, Bryan wrote, is what Jesus meant by "knocking on the door" (Lk 11:9).

The rosary as we know it today took several centuries to develop, and its route was nothing if not circuitous. The ultimate source of the rosary as a prayer form is the Book of Psalms in the Bible, wrote Dominican Father Frederick M. Jelly, in *Madonna: In the Catholic Tradition*. The psalms have for centuries been at the heart of the Church's daily recitation of the Divine Office. The practice of praying an Our Father instead of a psalm caught on in the early medieval period, and in this practice the rosary began. "In order to keep count of the prayers," Father Jelly writes, "strings of beads were used, and these would gradually become our rosary beads." Toward the end of the 12th century, the first half of the Hail Mary, as we know it, began to take on an importance equal to that of the Our Father and the Creed. These were prayers that all Christians should know.

Soon, to each of the 50 Our Fathers people began to add a short phrase about Jesus and Mary. Then, they substituted brief lives of Jesus and Mary that summarized the Gospel from the annunciation to the resurrection of Jesus and the assumption of Mary.

According to Father Jelly, in the early 15th century a Carthusian monk, Dominic of Prussia, helped to popularize this devotion by linking 50 Hail Marys with

50 phrases about Jesus and Mary "This is the origin of the word *rosary*, since the series of 50 points of meditation was called a *rosarium* (*rose garden*)." The rose, a symbol of joy, referred to Mary, and "rosary" came to refer to the recitation of 50 Hail Marys.

About the same time, another Carthusian, Henry Kalkar, contributed further to the development of the rosary by organizing the Hail Marys into groups of 10 (decades), with an Our Father before each.

By 1480, rosaries of 50 mysteries had been reduced to 15 mysteries, one for each decade. "In 1483," Father Jelly said, "*Our Dear Lady's Psalter*, a rosary book by a Dominican, makes mention of 15 mysteries, all of which are the same as we have today except the final two glorious mysteries." The anonymous Dominican author combined the assumption and coronation of Mary into one mystery and named the Last Judgment as the final glorious mystery.

In 1521, Alberto de Costello, another Dominican, was the first to use the term "mystery" to refer to the meditations for each decade of the rosary, and he attached a mystery to each of the 15 Our Fathers, keeping the 150 mysteries as sub-mysteries for each Hail Mary.

During the 16th century, the 15-decade rosary became quite popular, and in 1470 still another Dominican, Blessed Alan de la Roche, founded the Confraternity of the Psalter of Jesus and Mary, which contributed enormously to the rosary's popularity.

Finally, in 1569, Pope St. Pius V published a papal bull that is often called the *magna carta* of the rosary, *Consueverent Romani Pontifices*. In doing this, Pope St. Pius V established a prayer form that had developed over several centuries. "He made," Father Jelly wrote, "a lasting contribution to the real meaning of the devotion by requiring meditation on the mysteries for gaining the rosary indulgences."

The most significant event in the modern history of the rosary came in 1974 with the publication of the apostolic letter by Pope Paul VI. "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin." In his letter, the pope reminded the Church that the rosary is a "prayer with a clearly Christological orientation."

From *Columbia*, May 1992

Just Info.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War.

Inexpensive Mulch For Tomato Plants

If you relish the taste of homegrown tomatoes, but don't much care for weeding, here's a way to virtually eliminate the chore and spend nothing. The late, great, gardening guru Fred Wiche espoused this mulching technique using only newspapers and a pile of grass clippings. Here's how:

Between your tomato plants, place newspapers, about 10 pages thick. Thoroughly wet the newspapers, then put a couple of inches of grass clippings on top. In addition to reducing weeds, the mulch helps keep the soil warm and moist. Add grass clippings throughout the season as they decompose. The best part about using this mulch is that it's recyclable. Just plow it under at the end of the season.

This mulch works well with any garden crop that has a foot or more of space between the plants.

- Peggy Clements

Editors Note

As the election of officers was last month and the installation is July 16th I thought a brief description of the offices would be an appropriate editorial note this month. I have described 3 offices this letter and will define the others in a follow up. I hope this is helpful.

Duties of the Council Officers

GRAND KNIGHT

The grand knight is responsible for the overall welfare of the council. Elected annually by the council membership, the grand knight must provide thoughtful and inspired leadership to the other council officers, the Service Program directors, chairmen and members of the council.

More specifically, his duties include: presiding over council meetings, acting as an ex officio member on all committees; appointing the membership and program director and working with them on the selection of Service Program activities chairmen and membership recruitment and retention chairmen; convening officers for a monthly meeting; appointing special committees not mandated by the laws of the council; overseeing the proper exemplification of the First Degree; and, finally, making sure all reports and reporting forms required by the state or Supreme Council offices are submitted on time.

Another area of the grand knight's duties is overseeing the important work of the council's admission committee. Immediately after entering upon his term of office, the grand knight must appoint an admissions committee composed of seven members. The grand knight monitors their work and makes their results are in line with the laws governing the actions of the committee.

The grand knight also interacts with the financial secretary and treasurer to insure the council is meeting its financial obligations to the Supreme and state council and others. For instance, the grand knight countersigned all orders drawn and signed by the financial secretary and all checks drawn and signed by the treasurer. He also records the vouchers from the financial secretary of money paid to the treasurer and from the treasurer of all monies deposited in the bank. In essence the Grand Knight checks on the performance of the financial secretary and treasurer, working with them to help the council meet its financial obligations.

The grand knight is a member of the Advisory board charged with the general supervision of the Columbian Squires circle sponsored by his council.

Finally, the grand knight is responsible for recommending a Chaplain and appointing a lecturer.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

The deputy grand knight is the second in command in the local council. He is also elected annually, assists the grand knight in the operation of council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the grand knight. In the absence of the grand knight, the deputy grand knight presides at council meetings and functions as the grand knight would at the meeting. The deputy grand knight is a member of the Advisory board charged with general supervision of the Columbian Squires circle sponsored by his council.

CHANCELLOR

The chancellor is elected annually to serve the council in a variety of ways. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and takes charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both.

With the corporation and support of the grand knight, the chancellor has the important duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities. To that end, he should have in his possession copies of the "Membership Interest Survey" that prospects completed at the time of their admission committee interview. In addition, an awareness and dedication to the support of vocations is a major responsibility and frequent updates to the council of vocational events are required.



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Do you have email?

If you have and use email, please let us know. Simply send an email to admin@kofc11042.org and include (1) your real name (sometimes those clever email addresses can be quite confusing) and (2) Yes or no to the question “Would you like to be notified of council information and news via this email address?” I will respond to your email message once I receive it.

And please visit our web site at <http://kofc11042.org!>

Ron Reger, Webmaster

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Next Business Meeting
Monday July 10th, 2000



