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Grand Knight's Message



One of the greatest gifts that God has blessed us with is the gift of Family. The Knights of Columbus is encouraging all councils to celebrate our families this month during the week of August 12th-19th. Our council has planned a wonderful event that will take place at the home of Brother Mike Bonelli, on Saturday, August 19, 2000. Our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Marty Thomas, has more information in his report regarding the details of our family picnic.

In this Jubilee year, we have been reminded to make this a year of reconciliation by our Holy Father. As we are celebrating with our families this month, I thought it would be appropriate to spend some time reflecting on reconciliation with an emphasis on your own family. I'd like to encourage every Brother to spend some time (perhaps right now) reflecting on ways that you may be causing pain and hurt within your immediate and extended family.

I have often wondered why family members and relatives stop speaking to one another for seemingly insignificant reasons? Years of closeness and caring just seem to evaporate into thin air as resentment and annoyance comes in to take their place. Brothers are you harboring emotions of resentment in your heart towards a family member? Have you severed ties with a family member over something that happened a long time ago?

Do you have any addictions (whatever they may be) that are interfering with your role as a Catholic father to your family?

Here are several ways for you to focus on improving your family relationships:

1. Better relationships begin with you! Focus on "Building Bridges, Not Walls."
2. Protect yourself mentally. Make a conscious effort mentally to focus on building positive relationships, try not to focus on the negative.
3. Get close to God. If a family member troubles you, they have the power over you. When you are close to God, and live with Him, you will have quietness of mind and understanding.
4. Practice love and kindness. Practice ways to improve your relationships. A simple gesture of love; a kind note sent for no particular reason, helping with a humdrum task.

August 12th will be upon us very shortly. Truly make this Knights of Columbus family week a time that you spend with your family celebrating all the great gifts that God has bestowed on you and your family.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15th! How appropriate that the Assumption of Mary is during the week that we are celebrat-

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ing the gift of family. This is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and the happy departure of Mary from this life. On Sunday, August 15th, spend time with your family in prayer, giving thanks and praise to Mary.

I look forward to spending time with you and your family at the Bonelli's on Saturday, August 19, 2000.

God speed and God bless you and your Family,

Brother Frank Gerloff, Jr., GK

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Although we are only one month into the new Council year, the activity level has been as hot as the weather. CHEERS has been very successful thanks to the many Brothers, their wives and friends who have volunteered their time week after week.

CARITAS week at Redeemer (July 8-15) was an unbelievably moving experience. The gifts of food, supplies and the working hours logged by volunteers were tremendous. Many of our Brothers along with their wives and children worked countless hours to make the week memorable for our special guests. My thanks go out to all of you who lent a helping hand.

Our installation of officers took place on Sunday July 16th at St. Johns in Highland Springs followed by a dinner for all in attendance. Special thanks go out to Brother Eric Tompkins for cooking the turkey and other goodies. In addition, thanks go out to the Sir Knights of the Richmond Assembly for forming the Color Guard for the installation ceremonies.

Looking ahead to August, our activities will continue to buzz. PGK Dave Dehetre's Dinner will take place on Sunday August 13th at Redeemer starting at 5 p.m. Brothers Mike Smith and Eric Tompkins will coordinate the dinner so please call them to volunteer your help. On Saturday August 19th our Council Picnic will take place at the Bonelli home starting at 2 p.m. Our Chaplain- Fr Jim- will celebrate mass there starting at 3 p.m. Please bring family, friends and food for this fun-filled event. Again, volunteer your help by calling Brothers John Keymont and/or Norm Gallagher.

Again, my many thanks go out to all the Committee Chairmen for all of your work and to all who volunteered their time for Council events throughout the month of July.

Fraternally Yours,

Marty Thomas, DGK

FRATERNAL

BIRTHDAYS

BUDDY PAPPAS	8 TH
DEWEY POURCIAU	11 TH
BUBBA CROWE	14 TH
MIKE ROBERTS	14 TH
RICK GILLESPIE	16 TH
PAT REILLY	18 TH
PATRICK HARMON	25 TH
GEORGE M CLOUGHLIN	29 TH



ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & THERESA BRADER	8-12-95
HAPPY 5 TH	
BOB & DIANE BRASINGTON	8-4-73
JOHN & JANE CASTELVECCH	8-26-78
STEPHAN & PAULA HILL	8-6-83
ED & BARBARA LUCAS	8-5-67
STEVE & ROBERTA MARTIN	8-30-86
JIM & KRISTI MC MANUS	8-1-92
MARK & JEAN MOREAU	8-23-74
BILL & LORRAINE MOLNAR	8-1-81
DANA & LEE NELSON	8-11-73
DICK & PEGGY PREZIOSO	8-24-63
RICH & KAREN RHOADES	8-3-68
JOHN & CLAUDIA RYAN	8-10-90
BEST TO YOU ON YOUR 10 TH	
MIKE & PAT SMITH	8-20-88
STEVE & ANGELA SPARAGNA	8-22-95
HAPPY 5 TH	
DAVE & MAGGIE TINNEY	8-21-82

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

LIZ CEOL *****GRACE COX*****LISA LIPPA*****KRISTI MC MANUS*****DANA NELSON

DEWEY POURCIAU*****JEAN SEE*****EVA TAYLOR*****CHUCK TOOMBS

BROTHER OF DAVE WALLO*****NEPHEW OF DICK PREZIOSO

ALSO KEEP LEWIS SMITH AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.
LEWIS'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY IN JULY

Council

The next Directors meeting is August 21st 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 4:00 PM. This is also a Family event so please mark your calendars.

KOVAR

As we start our new fraternal year, it is also time to begin thinking about how to achieve, or better yet exceed, our financial goal for KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assistance for the Retarded). Our primary fund raising will be done through solicitation of contributions at local businesses such as Food Lion, Ukrops, ABC, etc. in the April, May timeframe. This year we will be looking for additional ways to raise funds such as corporate sponsorships, placement of bubble gum machines, etc.

Our Worthy Grand Knight has negotiated an agreement with a bubble gum machine vendor that would allow us to receive 10% of the revenue for each machine we place. Please if you have a business or know of a business that would allow us to place a machine, please give Frank or myself a call.

Since 1972, Virginia Knights have raised over \$5 million for the mentally retarded. I know that this year's fund drive will be successful and I am counting on everyone's support and help.

Dan Riley

Youth

Student Loan Program

In 1971 the Order established a Knights of Columbus Student Loan Program, which already has made a multimillion-dollar commitment to tens of thousands of young people seeking the opportunity to pursue a higher education.

The program is funded by the Knights of

Columbus and guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Under the program eligible student can apply for an annual loan for each full academic year continuing for as many as five years. Everyone eligible for a student loan qualifies for an interest subsidy during the in-school period. Depending on the rate at which the loan is granted, there also is a grace period after completion of studies before repayment begins.

State Free Throw championship will be held in Richmond this year on March 4th. More details will follow as this gets set up.

Roy Theisen

Family

The Family picnic is set for August 19th at the ESTATE of Michael & Joanne Bonelli. A map and details are on the enclosed flyer. There will be a Mass at 3:00. Remember to invite prospective members and their family. Hope to see you there.

Church

Plans are under way for 2 retreats this year. The first in October and the second in the spring. More details will be up coming.

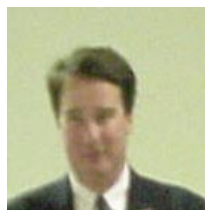
Community

Bingo is still going on at Hanover Health on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Let Bob Kemmler know if you can help out. The residents here really look forward to seeing us there and if you haven't been yet try to make it at least once. You will understand why.

The Haiti mission group is looking for help with moving items for a yard sale in September. If you can help with a good back and a truck it would be greatly appreciated. Details can be gotten from the church office.

Membership

Three new brothers took their first degree last month. Lets welcome them when we see them.



Mike Foley



Bob Birmingham



Pete Booker

Some interesting membership facts: We have 3 candidates waiting to take their first, 40 brothers to take their 2nd and 9 brothers waiting to take their 3rd. With these numbers it can be understood why the Worthy District Deputy is challenging us to start a 2nd degree team. If anyone is interested in learning a part and is a 3rd degree brother please see the Worthy District Warden, Mike Roberts for details.

At our last meeting the Worthy Grand Knight also offered a challenge for all brothers to recruit one new member this year. Lets help the new Membership chair Mike Smith out with this challenge. Mike is in the process of setting up membership drive for the year and will keep us posted.

Other Notes

Brother Ray Santucci has already started planning for the Christmas parades in December and would like to know if anyone has or knows anyone who has an old wooden boat that is no longer sea worthy. If so let Ray know.

If you have an Email address Please see Mike Roberts at the next meeting. The directors wish to add this info to a developing data base for a council directory.

We will have guest speakers at our August & September meetings. Mike from Mikes Gym in August and Brother Lin Diacont on fall lawn care in September.

Remember to bring your loose change for the PKD jar that will be up at the next meeting.

The Scouts are doing a living Rosary in October. Lets support them as we get more info on this.

The traveling Vietnam wall will be at the VFW by Home Depot in September.

Editos Note

I have received many suggestions for the newsletter and plan to use them all as we develop our letter. So if you do not see your suggestions of information articles here trust me they are coming. Thank for all your help and please keep it up. Remember this is our way of expressing what we are and what we do.

As promised in last months letter here are the duties of the remaining council officers:

Recorder

The recorder functions in much the same way that a court reporter or a secretary does. He is responsible for keeping a true record of all the actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council. He should use the "Recorder's Minute Book" to record the minuets of all council meetings.

Financial Secretary

Addressing the 96th annual meeting of the Supreme Council, Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant said, "The financial secretary is an integral part of the structure of the Knights of Columbus, and we intend to keep it that way." His important role is underscored by the fact he is not elected by the membership but is appointed by the supreme knight for a period of three years. His work has a direct effect on council members, his fellow officers, the state council and the Supreme Council.

Basically, the financial secretary's duties revolve around two key areas of council activities: financial records and membership records. The financial secretary collects and receives all moneys that come into the council from any source. He than turns that money over to the treasurer for deposit in the council account.

In accordance with section 130 of the "Charter, Constitution and Laws", each financial secretary, upon appointment by the supreme knight is bonded automatically in the amount of \$2,500. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7.00 per thousand by contacting the office of the supreme secretary.

One main function of the financial secretary is to collect money, in the form of dues from members. He sends out billing notices before the start of the billing period and initiates retention measures to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The compilation of membership records is another of the financial secretary's important roles. He must insure that new members sign the constitutional roll of membership at the time of their First degree. The financial secretary also applies to the Supreme Council office for honorary and honorary life membership cards for qualified members.

Besides these two major responsibilities, the financial secretary has several others. They include: handling supply orders for members with the Supreme Council office; and reporting all membership / insurance transactions to the Supreme Council office in a timely and

Just Info

Anna Quindlen's Villanova Commencement Address

"It's a great honor for me to be the third member of my family to receive an honorary doctorate from this great university. It's an honor to follow my great-uncle Jim, who was a gifted physician, and my Uncle Jack, who is a remarkable businessman. Both of them could have told you something important about their professions, about medicine or commerce.

I have no specialized field of interest or expertise, which puts me at a disadvantage, talking to you today. I'm a novelist. My work is human nature. Real life is all I know.

Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. The second is only part of the first. Don't ever forget what a friend once wrote Senator Paul Tsongas when the senator decided not to run for re-election because he'd been diagnosed with cancer: "No man ever said on his deathbed I wish I had spent more time in the office."

Don't ever forget the words my father sent me on a postcard last year: "If you win the rat race, you're still a rat."

Or what John Lennon wrote before he was gunned down in the driveway of the Dakota: "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

You walk out of here this afternoon with only one thing that no one else has. There will be hundreds of people out there with your same degree; there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person alive who has sole custody of your life. Your particular life. Your entire life. Not just your life at a desk, or your life on a bus, or in a car, or at the computer. Not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart. Not just your bank account, but also your soul.

People don't talk about the soul very much anymore. It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit. But a resume is a cold comfort on a winter night, or when you're sad, or broke, or lonely, or when you've gotten back the test results and they're not so good.

Here is my resume. I am a good mother to three children. I have tried never to let my profession stand in the way of being a good parent. I no longer consider myself the center of the universe. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh.

I am a good friend to my husband. I have tried to make marriage vows mean what they say. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh.

I am a good friend to my friends, and they to me. Without them, there would be nothing to say to you today, because I would be a cardboard cutout. But I call them on the phone, and I meet them for lunch. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh.

I would be rotten, or at best mediocre at my job, if those other things were not true. You cannot be really first rate at your work if your work is all you are. So here's what I wanted to tell you today: get a life. A real life, not a manic pursuit of the next promotion, the bigger paycheck, the larger house. Do you think you'd care so very much about those things if you blew an

aneurysm one afternoon, or found a lump in your breast?

Get a life in which you notice the smell of salt water pushing itself on a breeze over Seaside Heights, a life in which you stop and watch how a red tailed hawk circles over the water gap or the way a baby scowls with concentration when she tries to pick up a cheerio with her thumb and first finger.

Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. And remember that love is not leisure, it is work. Each time you look at your diploma, remember that you are still a student, still learning how to best treasure your connection to others. Pick up the phone. Send e-mail. Write a letter.

Kiss your Mom. Hug your Dad.

Get a life in which you are generous. Look around at the azaleas in the neighborhood where you grew up; look at a full moon hanging silver in a black, black sky on a cold night. And realize that life is the best thing ever, and that you have no business taking it for granted.

Care so deeply about its goodness that you want to spread it around. Take money you would have spent on beers and give it to charity. Work in a soup kitchen. Be a big brother or sister. All of you want to do well. But if you do not do good, too, then doing well will never be enough.

It is so easy to waste our lives: our days, our hours, our minutes. It is so easy to take for granted the color of the azaleas, the sheen of the limestone on Fifth Avenue, the color of our kids eyes, the way the melody in a symphony rises and falls and disappears and rises again.

It is so easy to exist instead of live. I learned to live many years ago. Something really, really bad happened to me, something that changed my life in ways that, if I had my druthers, it would never have been changed at all. And what I learned from it is what, today, seems to be the hardest lesson of all.

I learned to love the journey, not the destination.

I learned that it is not a dress rehearsal, and that today is the only guarantee you get. I learned to look at all the good in the world and to try to give some of it back because I believed in it completely and utterly.

And I tried to do that, in part, by telling others what I had learned. By telling them this:

Consider the lilies of the field. Look at the fuzz on a baby's ear. Read in the backyard with the sun on your face. Learn to be happy. And think of life as a terminal illness because if you do you will live it with joy and passion as it ought to be lived."

More Info

Time Management

One day, an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers he said, “Okay, time for a quiz,” and he pulled out a one gallon, Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. He also produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, “Is this jar full?” Everyone in the class yelled, “Yes!”

The time management expert replied, “Really?” He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

He then asked the group once more, “Is the jar full?” By this time the class was on to him. “Probably not,” one of them answered. “Good!” He replied.

He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

Once more he asked the question, “Is this jar full?” “No!” The class shouted. Again he said, “Good”. Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim.

Then he looked at the class and asked, “What is the point of this illustration?”

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, “The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!”

”No” the speaker replied, “that’s not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is, if you don’t put the big rocks in first, you’ll never get them in at all.

What are the big rocks in your life —time with you loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, your friends, teaching or mentoring others?

Remember to put these big rocks in first or you’ll never get them in at all.”

So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the big rocks in my life?

Then, put those in your jar first.



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

Ron Reger, Webmaster

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Next Business Meeting
Monday August 7th, 2000



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correct manner.

When a financial secretary wishes to retire from his office, he should send a brief statement of resignation to the supreme knight. The statement should designate a final date by which the resignation is to be effective according to the wishes of the financial secretary. It is to be remembered, however, that every financial secretary has been appointed on the condition that he will remain in office, if needed, until the supreme knight has been able to appoint the new financial secretary. Upon receipt of the financial secretary's letter of resignation at the Supreme Council office, the appropriate form for the nomination and appointment of the new financial secretary will be forwarded to the grand knight.

Treasurer

The treasurer is the elected official in charge of handling all council funds. He receives money from the financial secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper council accounts and providing a voucher or certificate of deposit to the grand knight for each transaction.

The treasurer is also responsible for issuing payment to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the council and for all orders of the council.

Finally, the treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the moneys in the general expense fund of the council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the council. He must be able to provide up to date records on these accounts to the grand knight, financial secretary or board of trustees.

In accordance with section 130 of the "Charter, Constitution and Laws", the treasurer is automatically bonded in the amount of \$2,500 upon receipt of the "Report of Officers" at the Supreme Council office. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7.00 per thousand by contacting the office of the supreme secretary.

Lecturer

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide suitable educational and entertaining programs for the council. He is responsible for presenting the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings. The lecturer must be knowledgeable of all aspects of council programming in order to provide members with informative and entertaining programs. If the meetings have been conducted in accordance with the ceremonial and the agenda, there will be ample time at the end of each meeting for the lecturer to present a worthwhile program that will help meeting attendance and provide benefits to the membership that is present.

Advocate

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and should serve as the council's attorney in case of trial and investigation of any matter of interest to the council. The advocate need not be a member of the legal profession; however, he should be thoroughly familiar with

all of the laws of the Order as stated in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws" and with the council by-laws. When a by-law is to be revised, the advocate serves as chairman of the revision committee.

The advocate should always have a working knowledge of "Robert's Rules of Order," and the Supreme Council flyer, "Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting." An understanding of both of these will help keep meetings on track.

Warden

The warden is another officer elected annually by the membership at large. The warden is responsible for supervising and maintaining most council property except that which belongs to the financial secretary.

He sets up the council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplifications. The warden should also oversee the inside and outside guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them.

Inside / Outside Guards

Both of these positions are elected annually. The inside guard attends the inner door of the council chamber, checking on paid up membership cards before allowing entrance. The outside guard tends the outer door of the council home, admitting all visitors to the inner door.

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees consists of the grand knight and three elected by the council. Trustees supervise all financial business of the council. They serve as auditors for the semiannual audits and oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer. The grand knight is the chairman of the board.

Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election only the position of the three-year trustee will be voted upon, and the current three and two year trustee move on to become two and one year trustees, respectively.

I hope this is helpful in addition on the next page is an organizational chart that shows the structure of the order. Again this is for the benefit of all our new brothers.



