



# *The Knights Scroll*

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brothers,

November, the time for Thanks Giving and family get-togethers. This time has always been one of my family favorites.

On November 18 there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree for all candidates who have yet to take this degree. A 3<sup>rd</sup> degree will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> for everyone needing this degree. Please make yourselves available for these dates if this applies to you. A knight is actually knighted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree to become a full Knight.

The council is currently selling 3 different products and we need everyone to help out. Christmas cards are available and if you can purchase at least 1 box it would help the council. Catholic cards are hard to come by and I am proud we are able to have them available for you at a very reasonable price.

Chocolate bars are available as well. These fund our budget for Right-To-Life including the bus trip to D.C. in January. Your assistance is needed if you can sell/buy some please help out.

The last item is Entertainment books. The sales have been going well so far and we have just a few books left so get your orders in soon. If you can help with any of these call the chairman or myself.

I am looking forward to the Christmas Dance. Frank Gerloff will be coordinating the event and I am confident it will be a first rate. Save the date December 18 and I hope to see you all there with your dance partners.

In closing I just wanted to express my thanks in this month of Thanks Giving. I am thankful for my wife and family, they are a blessing to me. I am thankful for my health and job, when so many people do not have either. I am thankful for so many friends and brother knights who greatly enrich my life. A great big thanks to one and all.

David Dehetre GK

## Deputy Grand Knight's Message

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Kirk McClure 730-7740

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Paul Byrnes 746-1245

Bill Taylor 746-2077

and Frank Gerloff 746-1515

#### Make A Wish

Mike Roberts 730-4121

Ray Santucci 730-2340

#### Newsletter

Bob Miller 559-8117

Ed Ceol 559-7761

Hello Brothers:

My Mother gives me spiritual "motivational" books every year for my birthday. For my report this month, I decided to use the following motivational quotes as my report for November. Please see the monthly calendar for all of activities (and our web page) and feel free to call me (746.1515) if I can be of any service to you regarding our planned activities.

#### God's Little Instruction Book for Dad

There are many ways to measure success; not the least of which is the way your child describes you when talking to a friend.

-Unknown

A young successful attorney said: the greatest gift I ever received was a gift I got one Christmas when my dad gave me a small box. Inside was a note saying, "Son, this year I will give you 365 hours, an hour every day after dinner." My dad not only kept his promise, he said, but every year he renewed it and it's the greatest gift I ever had in my life. I am the result of his time.

-Unknown

How to curb juvenile delinquency: 1. Take time with your children. 2. Set your children a good example. 3. Give your children ideals for living. 4. Have a lot of activities planned. 5. Discipline your children. 6. Teach them about god.

-Billy Graham

"Do you remember your father?" Asked the judge sternly, "That father whom you have disgraced?" The prisoner answered: "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the law of trusts and say, "Run away, boy, I am busy. My father finished his book and here I am."

-T. DeWitt Talmadge

The way each day will look to you all starts with who you're looking to.

-Unknown

The greatest thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

-Josh McDowell

If you want your child to accept your values when he reaches his teen years, then you must be worthy of his respect during his younger days.

-James Dobson

A child is not likely to find a father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.

-Glen Wheeler

A father's words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house.

-Paul Lewis

While I don't minimize the vital role played by a mother, I believe a successful family begins with her husband.

-James Dobson

Happy is the child who happens in upon his parent from time to time to see him on his knees,...or going aside regularly to keep times with the lord.

-Larry Christenson

When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.

-unknown

O Lord...Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

-General Douglas MacArthur

Too much love never spoils children. Children become spoiled when we substitute "Presents" for "Presence."

-Dr. Anthony P. Whitham

Live truth instead of professing it.

-Elbert Hubbard

Impossibilities vanish when a man and his God confront a mountain.

-Robert Schuller

For many little girls life with father is a dress rehearsal for love and marriage.

-David Jeremiah

God Bless,

Frank Gerloff

## **Fraternal**

### **Please pray for the sick and suffering in our community.**

|                |                         |                           |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mildred Bartos | Father of Mike Bonelli  | Father of Mark Borysewicz |
| Walter Harris  | Mother of Jack Mc Neice | Wife of Mike Lippa        |
| Dana Nelson    | Dewy Pourciau           | Jean See                  |
| Phil Smethers  | Arlene Vietmeier        | Jim Mc Manus              |

Also keep the deceased of our council in your prayers.

Dan Baird lost an uncle to death recently. Dick Prezioso's wife Peggy lost her Mother as well. Please keep these families in your prayers.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of all souls, a time when we commemorate all the faithful departed.

#### **Birthdays**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Mark Condon    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Kevin Harvey   | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tom Neidermeir | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Steve Sparagna | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jimmy Suarez   | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tony Vitale    | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Rick Gillespie | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Scott Lysinger | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Phil Smethers  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |

#### **Anniversaries**

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Jim & Linda Bean     | 11-10-84 |
| Robert & Doris Moran | 11-28-46 |

**1999 CHEERS IS HISTORY. THANKS TO MANY PEOPLE FOR THEIR HELP**

**FIRST THANKS TO THE KNIGHTS WHO MADE SO MANY PHONE CALLS TO ASSURE THE NUMBERS THAT WE NEEDED EACH AND EVERY WEEK.**

BOB ROTERMUND AND JEFF SONIAT WHO MADE CALLS IN 1998 AND A FEW WEEKS IN 1999 THE FOLLOWING MADE MANY PHONE CALLS IN 1999. PAUL BYRNES FRANK GERLOFF KIRK MC CLURE JACK MC NEICE JOHN POHIDA TOMMY STIES JOE SUAREZ ROY THEISEN DAVE WALLO.

*THE INDIVIDUAL THAT COMPILED THIS LIST WANTS IT KNOWN THAT THE MARGIN OF ERROR IS 3 TO 5 % ON THE FOLLOWING LIST OF NAMES.*

**THOSE KNIGHTS WHO WORKED 1 TO 3 TIMES ARE:**

JOHN BRADER DAVE BUEHLER ED CADIEUX BRUCE CARROLL JOHN CASTELVECCHI BUBBA CRAWFORD ED CUTRIGHT ANDY DAVIS PETE FLOREY NORM GALLAGHER PAT GIES BOB GUNN KEVIN HARVEY JACK HAYEK JOE JONES WES KECK JOHN KEYMONT JOE LEMON MIKE LIPPA MIKE LOWRY GEORGE MC LOUGHLIN JIM MC MANUS JACK MURRY CLINT NORRIS BUDDY PAPPAS STEVE PHILLIPS DENIS POPP DICK PREZIOSO RON REGER RICH RHOADES JOHN RYAN RAY SANTUCCI TOM SCHNURMAN TONY VITALE MARK VUCCI RICH WHITE JIM WOODS AND MIKE ZACHARIAS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THAT THESE ARE TIMES WORKED AT CHEERS, RIVER CITY BEER FEST, RIR NASCAR RACE, AND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET FESTIVAL AS WELL AS THE TIMES THAT THESE KNIGHTS WORKED FOR THE FOURTH DEGREE. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THESE KNIGHTS HAVE ONLY BEEN IN OUR COUNCIL A FEW SHORT WEEKS.

**THE FOLLOWING KNIGHTS WORKED 4 TO 6 TIMES**

MIKE ASHBY DAN BAIRD JOHN BARTOS MIKE BONELLI MARK BORYSEWICZ MARK CONDON DAVE DEHETRE MIKE ELLIS JOHN FICOR TERRY GAY STEVE GERLOFF VERN HALL BOB HUNRATH BOB KEMMLER RICH LAUGHLIN SCOTT LYSINGER JOE MASSINO KIRK MC CLURE DANA NELSON MIKE PANCHISON JOHN POHIDA AL POLSON PAT QUISENBERRY DAN RILEY BOB ROTERMUND MIKE SMITH JEFF SONIAT TOMMY STIES TAD STILWELL JOE SUAREZ JEFF UERZ AND SCOTT WYATT.

**THESE KNIGHTS GAVE OF THEIR TIME 7 TO 9 TIMES.**

DAVE ALLEN JIM CONNOLLY FRANK GERLOFF RICK GILLESPIE BUBBA KAUFFMANN STEVE MARTIN JACK MC NEICE MARK MOREAU MIKE ROBERTS LEWIS SMITH JERRY STACK MARTY THOMAS ERIC TOMPKINS AND TONY VETRANO.

**LOOK AT THIS 10 TO 19 TIMES!!!**

JOHN BARROW PAUL BYRNES ED CEOL ED LUCAS MIKE MATASSA ROBERT MORAN PAT REILLY ROY THEISEN DAVE WALLO AND DAVE WORLAND.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST 21 TIMES BILL TAYLOR –“UNBELIEVABLE!!!!” GREAT JOB BILL!!! TALK ABOUT DEDICATION. A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO EVA TAYLOR FOR SUPPORTING BILL DURING ALL OF HIS TRIPS TO DOWNTOWN FOR FRIDAY CHEERS.**

**WE WERE ALSO FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE WIVES AND FRIENDS HELP TOO:**

SUSAN ASHBY JOANN BONELLI MAUREEN CONNOLLY PAULA DEHETRE LINDA GAY DEBBIE GILLESPIE BARBARA HAYEK SUE HUNRATH PAT KAUFFMANN CAROL KEYMONT PAT LAUGHLIN MARLENE LEMON DEBBIE LOWRY BARBARA LUCAS GINNY LYSINGER BARBARA MC NEICE DORIS MORAN BOBBIE MURRAY REBECCA NORRIS JENNY PANCHISON FRAN POHIDA VICKI POLSON JUNE QUISENBERRY KAREN RHOADES PENNY ROTERMUND JOANN SCHNURMAN DOLORES SMITH EVA TAYLOR BARBARA THEISEN CINDY TOMPKINS MAUREEN UERZ LYNN WORLAND AND FRED A BYRD.

CHEERS WAS A LONG SEASON AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HELPED DURING THE YEAR AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM:

FOURTH DEGREE SOUTHSIDE FOURTH DEGREE NORTHSIDE MEMBERS OTHER THAN THOSE FROM #11042 COURT OF REDEEMER ANGELS ST. ANNS K OF C ST. JOHNS K OF C ST. PAULS K OF C AND REDEEMERS HAITI COMMITTEE.

DOWNTOWN PRESENTS REQUIRED US TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 628 PEOPLE TO WORK A TOTAL OF 2525 HOURS. WE DID IT!!! AND WITH A FEW EXTRA FOR BREAKS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THIS PROJECT.

## Halloween

The Knights will host a Halloween event @ the Ashland Berry Farm Sunday, October 24.

You can arrive at any time for the pumpkin patch to purchase pumpkins. Hay rides to purchase pumpkins end at 4:30. Between 6:00 and 6:30 we will all meet up front at the store. For a cost of \$7 per person you can go on the Haunted Hay ride through the boogie woods, and the haunted barn, and the snake pit. All three for \$7.

Directions: Go 4 miles on Rt. 1 out of Ashland turn left on old ridge road stay on old ridge road for about 4 miles the Ashland Berry Farm will be on your left. Any other info needed contact Norm 746-4686 or John Keymont 746-3952.

Ron Reger - Administrator of KofC11042.org

## Church Committee.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 8 DUE TO HOLY DAY SERVICES AT 7:00 pm at Redeemer.

**Monthly Rosary Services:** We will be holding our third rosary service at the Bon Secours Chapel on November 8. Mass at 9:30, Rosary at 10. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Mini Retreat:** to be held on Saturday Dec. 4 from 9 am to 1 pm at Ray Santucci's home 6073 Pine Slash Road. Coffee, doughnuts, and lunch will be served. All brother knights are encouraged to attend and experience this spiritual renewal. Contact Jack Murray at 746-7569 by November 20.

## Words of wisdom from children...

1. Never trust a dog to watch your food. - Patrick, age 10
2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. - Michael, 14
3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. -Michael, 14
4. Stay away from prunes. - Randy, 9
5. Never pee on an electric fence. - Robert, 13
6. Don't squat with your spurs on. - Noronha, 13
7. Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. - Emily, 10
8. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. -Taylia, 11
9. Never allow your three-year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. - Traci, 14
10. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. - Mitchell, 12
11. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. - Andrew, 9
12. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. - Kyoyo, 9
13. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. - Armir, 9
14. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. - Kellie, 11
15. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse. - Naomi, 15
16. Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. - Lauren, 9
17. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. - Joel, 10
18. When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. - Alyesha, 13
19. Never try to baptize a cat. - Eileen, 8

## GOD'S GLORY MONTH

October speaks to me of God  
With every phase of Autumn hue,  
In Flaming hills against the blue,  
In waving fields of goldenrod.

No other season can compare  
Or scatter, with such lavish hand,  
This wealth of color o'er the land  
And handiwork of God declare!

By rocky cliffs, the sparkling streams,  
Wending down through wooded hills,  
Or dashing through their narrow rills,  
Reflect the sunlight's fading beams.

All these proclaim to eyes that see,  
That beauty such as this can come  
From GOD alone, Who forms the sum  
Of all created majesty!

## **THOUGHTS TO PONDER**

Funny how a \$20 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the market.

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.

Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how we believe what the newspaper say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or do anything.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

## **K of C's Second Annual All You Can Eat Fish Fry**

The Council will produce its second annual "All you can eat" fish fry on Saturday, November 13, 1999. The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:30 Mass. Children under 12 are admitted for \$4.00. All others are admitted for \$8.00. The menu includes fried whiting (a mild, slightly sweet-tasting fish), cole slaw, baked beans, rolls and butter, cold/hot beverages, and baked fruit pie for dessert. Adults may purchase beer or wine for \$2.00 per drink. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend liturgies on October 31/November 1 and November 7/8.

This year, the directors have determined that the proceeds will go to Haiti to fund a schoolteacher for one year. The more profit we make, the more teachers we will be able to fund. Please support your Council in this event.

If you are able to help set up Genesis Hall or able to help clean up after dinner, please call Tad Stilwell at 730.9640.

## **The Impact of the Roman Empire on Space Shuttle Design**

Wade through this it's worth it, especially you engineeringly-mathematically-technically-challenged people.

A useless fact (with a twist) about technology:

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? The first long distance roads in Europe (and England) were built by Imperial Rome for their legions. The roads have been used ever since. And the ruts? Roman war chariots first made the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels and wagons. Since the chariots were made for, or by Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

Thus, we have the answer to the original question. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches derives from the original specification for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

Specifications and bureaucracies live forever. So, the next time you are handed a specification and wonder which horse's rear came up with it, you may be exactly right. Because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war-horses.

And now, the twist to the story...

There's an interesting extension to the story about railroad gauges and horses' behinds. When we see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. Thiokol makes the SRBs at their factory at Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs might have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory had to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track is about as wide as two horses behinds.

So, the major design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined by the width of a Horse's [rear]!

Think about it!

(Editor's Note: This was forwarded to us in the spirit of Ecumenism by Jenny Burk of Creator Episcopop Church here in Mechanicsville.

## November, 1999

| Sunday   | Monday                             | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                                    | Friday | Saturday  |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------|---|
|  | 1<br>All Saints Day<br>No Meeting  | 2       | 3         | 4   | 5      | 6<br>Special Olympics<br>Squires UofR<br>Football       |
| 7<br>Special Olympics  | 8<br>7:00pm<br>Monthly Meeting     | 9       | 10        | 11<br>Veterans Day                          | 12     | 13<br>Membership Weekend<br>6:30 Fish Fry               |
| 14<br>PKG Joe Suarez Sr.'s<br>Birthday Membership<br>Weekend | 15<br>7:00pm<br>Director's Meeting | 16      | 17        | 18<br>6:30pm<br>2nd Degree<br>Baazaar Setup | 19     | 20<br>4th Degree<br>Williamsburg Mariot<br>Craft Bazaar |
| 21   | 22                                 | 23      | 24        | 25<br>Thanksgiving Day                      | 26     | 27  |
| 28   | 29                                 | 30      |           |   |        |   |

## December, 1999

| Sunday                               | Monday                            | Tuesday | Wednesday           | Thursday                           | Friday | Saturday                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
|                                      |                                   |         | 1                   | 2                                  | 3      | 4<br>9-12 Council<br>Retreat   |
| 5<br>3rd Dregree<br>Christmas Parade | 6<br>7:00pm<br>Monthly Meeting    | 7       | 8                   | 9                                  | 10     | 11                             |
| 12                                   | 13                                | 14      | 15                  | 16                                 | 17     | 18<br>11042<br>Christmas Dance |
| 19                                   | 20<br>7:00pm<br>Directors Meeting | 21      | 22                  | 23                                 | 24     | 25<br>Christmas Day            |
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Ron Reger, Webmaster

# **JOIN US**

Next Business Meeting  
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