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Today's Knights

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

November 2008

Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall

November Events

- 1..... All Saints Day.
- 2..... All Souls Day. A day to remember and pray for our departed love ones.
- 11 Veterans Day. Fly the flag to demonstrate our thanks and gratitude.
- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING**, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea hall.
- 16..... Mass for deacest members, Holy Dross Church, 11:00 a.m.
- 18..... Blessing of the Basilica for the Apostles, Peter and Paul, Rome.
- 19..... **MONTHLY SOCIAL**, Thanksgiving Dinner. *(See inside fo details.)*
- 21 Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary.
- 23..... Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.
- 27..... **Thanksgiving Day**.
- 30..... First Sunday of Advent.

Grand Knight's Message

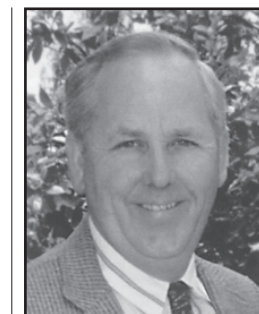
Dear Brother Knights and Families:

The monthly social for October was well attended and an excellent fund raiser for the Wheel Chair Foundation "To help provide those with a wheel chair who are less fortunate."

I would like to express my appreciation and thank you in behalf of the council to Jack Kemerling, Karl Coffield and crew for their efforts of hosting and monthly social.

The monthly socials for November and December are not on the 4th Wednesdays. The November social will be held on November 19th and the December social will be held on December 10th. We hold no business meetings in the month of December. Please see inside for details of events.

As this year nears its end, we all join families and friends to share in the feast of Thanksgiving. It brings to mind the many blessings 'from God' we experienced throughout the past year. I would like to share a quote taken from our News Bulletin by Father James Catalano, OSJ.



"For all the blessings and all the sacrifices, the experiences and joys recalled during the year, for the Lord's patience and love, in good times and bad,

in sickness and in health, for family and friends, for the gatherings and the sharing, for forgiveness and often reconciliations, for the kindnesses and smiles on faces, we gratefully reflect and thank the Lord."

This beautiful quote (from Father James) calls to mind, as this year begins to end, that God's blessings are with us all.

On this special day, Zizi and myself would like to wish the members, families and friends, a very special blessing on this feast day of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Larry Rothfuss
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

The Saints - Sane Realists

This month of November is dedicated to all the saints both in heaven and in purgatory. These individuals were the realists in ages of unreality and sane in ages of insanity. The topsy-turvy world in which we live gives us the impression that all is well and natural. That events and things as we see them now

in upside downness. We see things that are so common in their distorted view so that we conclude that this is the way things should be. The Saints wake us to the realty of how things should and could be if God enters in the picture of life and experience. He who is the most real makes realty of

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Monthly Social Turkey

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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all and without Him all things become figments of the imagination.

So God sends us periodically the saints when we begin to lose our vision and sense of reality to regenerate again the balance between good and evil, love and hate, blindness and vision. We, again in our sight and thoughts, begin to see things upright and not upside down as before.

They seem to be odd and out of step with the times in which we live. And in a sense they are unnatural, that we think is unnaturalness is natural. They tell us by their lives and words how far from the beaten path we have gone. We are off compass and we do not know it. We live in a dream world and are intoxicated with our world without God. We are the blind leading the blind and both falling into the pit as our Lord stated in the Gospels.

This month, the Church presents us with these numberless individuals in every age as models to be imitated and followed. We can follow these lovers of life, or truth and balance who lived in the world, but were not of the world. They themselves were transformed and transfigured from unreality to reality and substance. These are the ones in the liturgical calendar which the Church presents to us as full of love for God and man. They are the same ones in an unbalanced world. And when we wander gradually off, they show us the way back to our true humanity. Only when we become divine, do we become really human. The saints are the sane realists. Let us follow their lead. God bless.

Father James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

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Illness & Prayers

A Happy Thanksgiving wish to all our ill brother Knights as continue to pray for their recovery. Let us include them in our prayers that they can soon join us as we approach the coming of the season of joy and happiness in advent and Christmas. Included in our prayers are those who provide for their care:

Thomas Davis, Frank Giamo, Tony Le Bourveau, Carlos Lopez, Tim Hanifin, Andrew J. Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, and Gerald Zieber. We also include Mary Martin, Christine La Francesca, Joan Phariss and Arlene D'Sabato.

If you know of any changes in the above list, please call your Bulletin Editor. Thanks.

Thanks!

Jack Kemerling and Karl Coffield, co-hosted a very successful Italian dinner social last month in honor of Christopher Columbus. A very appreciative crowd of members, friends and supporters of the council attended and we raised a modest financial reward for their efforts.

The usual volunteer members who helped in our monthly social again participated: Rudy and Virginia Quijance, Gary and Joan Phariss, Jason Nielsen, Larry Rothfuss and others.

At these fundraising events last month members of the Council volunteered their time and efforts:

Holy Cross Parish Fall Festival, Sunday, October 5th. - Larry Roth-

Social

THANKSGIVING DINNER - This annual and traditional event will take place a week before Thanksgiving Day, Wednesday, November 19th at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. The turkeys will be provided by the Council, and members will "potluck" the side dishes, as follows:

A - H — Salad
I - P — Vegetables
O - Z — Dessert

No host bar starts at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Co-hosting this affair and preparing the turkeys are Rudy Quijance and Ramon Belleza.

As usual, we welcome donations of appetizers and prizes for our raffle, which has provided us with much-needed funds for our charitable works and for which we thank you. Table service will be provided.

Join us with your families, invite friends and prospective members, and let us make this a real dinner of giving thanks to God for all the blessings we have received this year.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of our member, BENEDICT MUSICH, who joined our ranks in May of 1988, and was recently called to join our heavenly Father just a couple of weeks ago. We pray for his eternal rest and send our deepest sympathy and condolence to his family and those whom he left behind.

fuss, Jack Kemerling, Jason Nielsen, Hebert Schuchard, Andrew Lenz, Jr. Karl Coffield, and Gary Phariss.

Evening at Siena, Friday, October 10th - Jack Kemerling, Karl Coffield, Jason Nielsen and Doug Gallagher.

Politics

A Letter from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson Dear Brother Knight:

It is probably fair to say that no other single activity has defined the Knights of Columbus over the past half century as much as the pro-life movement.

Following the shock of the Supreme Court's decision to preempt all state and federal laws regulating abortion in Roe v. Wade in 1973, we launched a long-term battle to fight legalized abortion. While achieving the ultimate goal of overturning Roe remains somewhere in the future, we have been able to achieve many small successes along the way:

- the Hyde Amendment, which restricts federal funding for abortions;
- the federal law banning partial birth abortions, which was finally upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in April 2007;
- the "Mexico City Policy," which has barred the use of federal taxpayers' money to pay for abortions in other countries;
- laws in 44 states that preserve a parental role when children under 18 seek abortions;
- laws in 40 states that restrict late-term abortions;
- laws in 46 states that protect the right of conscience for individual health care providers;
- laws in 27 states that protect the right of conscience for institutions;
- laws in 38 states that ban partial birth abortions;
- laws in 33 states that require counseling before having an abortion;
- and laws in 16 states that provide for ultrasounds before an abortion.

All of these restrictions on abortion - all of the progress we've made over the past 35 years in trying to limit and reduce abortions in the United States - would be invalidated with the stroke of a pen if the next Congress passes, and the next president signs, the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA).

We have gathered much additional information about the Freedom of Choice Act, including links to material from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and on life issues generally on a special Knights of Columbus web page:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/activities/culture/index.html>

Remember, all that we've done together since Roe to save the lives of the unborn is at stake.