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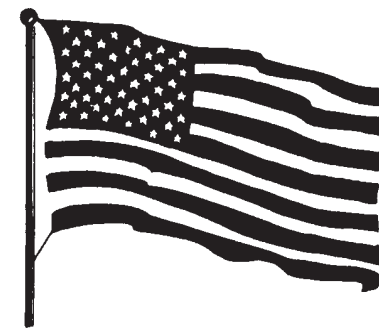
Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

August 2009

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

August Events

- 12..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**
7:30 p.m. Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall.
- 13..... Our Lady of Fatima devotin at the Shrine of St. Joseph's after the 11 a.m. Mass.
- 15..... Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 26 **SOCIAL & DINNER** at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. See inside for details and menu of the dinner.



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,
This Bulletin serves a special purpose in the life of our local Council. In its pages you will find the latest news on our works in the community as well as our fraternal activities. It reminds us that the Knights of Columbus is a "family, fraternal and service organization."

New officers of our Council were installed after a special Mass in July. These men have stepped up to organize and lead the activities for the upcoming year. We were honored to have many local members and Knights from neighboring Councils in attendance. Our July social following the installation of new officers was hosted by outgoing GK Larry Rothfuss with help from many volunteers.

One of my main "new Columbian year resolutions" is to reach out to Brother Knights who may not have attended our monthly meetings recently, for whatever reason. It is never too late to reconnect with the council through the meetings on the second and fourth



Wednesday of each month at the Parish Hall of Our Lady, Star of the Sea. I believe we have the potential to set a new active course for the council,

but I need your help. We will also be participating in membership blitzes at the local parishes once each quarter, with a schedule to be defined.

Finally, I would like to use this space to thank Ramon Belleza for his many years of service to the council as Bulletin Editor. Ramon did a wonderful job of pulling together news on council activities each month, and we are all indebted to him. Andrew Lenz, Jr. begins his term as Editor with this issue. Please join me in giving him your full support.

Fraternally yours,
Jason Nielsen
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Christ and Us

One of the most consoling things about our Faith is that God seeks to have a loving relationship with each one of us. It is true that He loves humanity with all its foibles and imperfections. He loves sinners and associates with them. We may often wonder how it is possible

that He can know and love us all realizing as we do that there are more than seven billion of us and counting. He knows and loves us personally. He knows our weaknesses and our strengths. He really knows us more than we know ourselves. He under-

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Monthly Social Pork Loin

Wednesday, Aug. 26
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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stand us completely even when we do not understand ourselves. There is not shadow or darkness in Him. He is total light, love and life. He really knows and loves me personally and wants a personal relationship with me and with you. He will not be satisfied with anything less. We have been created for love and relationship. He is totally for me and I should be for Him. For us beings, the perfection of our being is a personal love relationship, He with me and I with Him. We are personal loving and loved beings.

Jesus Christ in the Gospel gives many indications of His willingness to form relations with all, His friends as well as His enemies. The parable of the Prodigal Son who is personally loved even far away. He is never absent from his father's heart. The woman caught in adultery and Jesus' forgiveness of her. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, His intimate friends, Zachaeus, at whose home He wished to stay. The disciple John, whom Jesus loves, was allowed to rest his head on the breast of Jesus at the Last Supper. Nicodemus who came to Him in the night. The heart to heart talk with the Samaritan Woman. St. Paul expressed it best when he said that Jesus Christ loved him and gave up His life for him. And for me and you, He did the same.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ
Chaplain

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Social

HOT AUGUST KNIGHTS DINNER and SOCIAL

We will host a "Hot August Knights" dinner and social on Wednesday, August 26th at Star of the Sea Parish Hall. As with all our socials, this will be a fund-raiser to support the many worthy causes and projects to which we are dedicated.

Social hour with appetizers starts at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Main course to include roasted pork loin, summer vegetables and ice cream with strawberries for dessert. The usual, much fun, raffle will conclude the evening. Donation is \$12.

Bring your family and invite prospective members and friends. Table service will be provided. Donations of raffle prizes and appetizers will be greatly appreciated.

Call Jack Kemerling at 688-0977 for more information.

Condolences

Knights Hold Congress on Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Knights of Columbus held the first International Marian Congress on Our Lady of Guadalupe from Aug. 6-8. The congress, which precedes a family-friendly Guadalupe Festival at Jobing.com Arena (outside of Phoenix, AZ) on Aug 8, featured talks by experts from the United States and Latin America on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her image, miraculously left on St. Juan Diego's tilma – or cloak – in 1531, is one of the most recognizable religious images in the world.

Illness & Prayers

Our sick list of brother knights and families has not changed from last month. Let us continue with our prayers for them and their caregivers.

Barry Earl, Frank Giaimo, Anthony LeBourvelau, Carlos Lopez, Timothy Hanifin, Andrew Mekis, Gary Phariss, David Scargill, Robert Walter, Dr. Paul Weiss, Gerald Zieber, Mary Martin, Arlen D'Sabato, Ellen Hanifin, Irene Tracy and Joan Phariss.

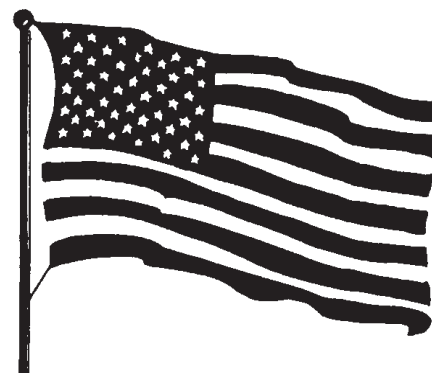
Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

Thanks!

Thank you to all those who attended the installation dinner last month. Thank you to Grand Knight Jason Nielsen and his wife, Stephanie, who brought flowers to decorate the tables and also served as receptionists at the door and sold tickets. Trusty bartenders Rudy Quijance and Gary Phariss kept everyone from getting too thirsty.

K's Catering provided the Tri-Tip Kebab dinner which was very yummy.

Thanks to all!



Health Care

Knights of Columbus: Health Care Reform Must Exclude Abortion Coverage

Delegates to the 127th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus today adopted a resolution declaring opposition to "any health care reform legislation that does not explicitly exclude abortion coverage for any health insurance plan, public or private." The resolution on Defending the Right to Life also called on "legislators everywhere to adopt legislation protecting the religious conscience rights of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals, guaranteeing their right to refuse to participate in abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide or any other practice that is destructive of innocent human life or that conflicts with their sincerely-held religious beliefs."

'Health care reform must be abortion-free,' says Supreme Knight

"A health care system designed to save lives on the one hand must not become a vehicle for taking lives through abortion and euthanasia," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in his annual report at the organization's 127th annual convention today. Referring to health care legislation now being considered in the U.S. Congress, he declared that "Health care reform must be abortion-free." The leader of the 1.78 million member Knights of Columbus told delegates that the inclusion of an abortion mandate and other provisions that would require all health insurance plans to pay for abortions runs contrary to public opinion, which has moved decisively in the opposite direction.

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Fatima

We continue our annual six monthly devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima which we have been observing all these years with a procession around the grounds of the Shrine of St. Joseph.

We hope that members attend these devotional prayers to Our Lady of Fatima, on the 13th day of the months of June through October, after the 11 a.m. mass at the Shrine.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Thanks Ramon!

A note from Andrew Lenz, Jr.:

After about 17 years at the reins of the Council 971 bulletin, Ramon Belleza is stepping down and gets a well-deserved break! A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" goes to Ramon for his tireless and often underappreciated efforts month in and month out for year after year after year. Council 971 is in great debt to Ramon. Ramon will continue on with his work as our Treasurer, another position which he has held for many years.

I'll be stepping up from 10 years of doing the bulletin layout (and editing in errors) to being responsible for the whole deal. I'm looking for an assistant to do the folding, labeling and stamping of the bulletin either each month or even now and then. To be honest, I'm stretched pretty thin already and any help will be greatly appreciated.