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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

September 2009

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

## September Events

- 7..... Labor Day  
9..... **BUSINESS MEETING.**  
7:30 p.m. Our Lady Star  
of the Sea Parish Hall.  
13..... *Due to a conflict with  
Sunday mass there will be  
no Fatima Devotion this  
month.*  
23..... **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,

One of the things that I appreciate most about our local council #971 is the real camaraderie evident in our meetings and socials. The supportive environment between the Knights was one of the original motivations for the founding of the order, and it continues to be a source of inspiration.

Currently we have a small core of active members who contribute their time to putting forth our programs in the local churches and the community. We are trying hard to expand our council's youth programming this year, and if you have suggestions or want to volunteer we would love to hear from you.

Each year, our council undergoes an internal financial audit, and I'd like to personally thank the duo of Ramon Belleza and Rudy Quijance for their help in once again completing this on behalf of the council. The two of them,



along with Larry Rothfuss, have been a big help during the beginning of the Columbian year. Jack Kemerling, our public relations director, has also been

active in getting our events announced in local media. It is really a pleasure to work with all of these gentlemen on your behalf.

Finally, please join me in praying for all family members -- teachers and students -- who are beginning the new school year in these days. May God bless them all and keep them safe during their studies.

Fraternally yours,  
Jason Nielsen  
Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Message

**Christ is Forever**

Christ is to be found in all times. He is past, present and Future. He is the Beginning and the End. He is the Alpha and the Omega, as the Apocalypse describes Him. The Prologue of John's gospel confirms His eternity, his entrance into time and He is always at His Father's side. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was in God's

presence and was there from the beginning. He is light which became flesh and dwelled among us and of His goodness and love we have all received. From all eternity, He was with His Father, He became man, He dwells among us and will come again to judge the living and the dead. Of His Kingdom there will be no

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**Monthly Social**  
**T.B.A.**

Wednesday, Sept. 23  
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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## ...Chaplain

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end. Cardinal Gibbons composed that classic hymn with the words "Faith of fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword ... We will be true to thee till death." St. Paul in the first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 10 verses 1-5 makes this bold statement: "Brothers, I want you to remember this: our fathers were all under the cloud and passed through the sea; by the cloud and the sea all of them were baptized into Moses. All ate the same spiritual food; (All drank from the spiritual rock that was following them, and the rock was Christ), yet we know that God was not pleased with most of them, 'for they were struck down in the desert.'" Through the faith we received in Christ, we now hope in Him that one day we will be with him in perfect life and love.

Christ is, therefore, present in every parcel of our lives. He was present in our joys and sorrows, in our emptiness and fullness, in good times and bad, even though we know it not. He walks with us today, present in our minds and hearts. He is present in our every action and through and through the thick and thin of our lives. Finally He will be with us until the end of time. In the words of Matthew at the end of his gospel: "I will be with our until the end of time."

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ  
Chaplain

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## Social

At the time of going to press, the menu for the September social was not announced, though we're sure it will be very yummy. (The menu will go out via e-mail to those who have provided us with their e-mail addresses.)

Regardless, social hour with appetizers starts at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. 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.

Contact our Grand Knight Jason Nielsen for more information about the social.

## BBQ

Due to the Lockheed Fire, St. Vincent de Paul Church in Davenport rescheduled their annual fundraiser BBQ to the afternoon of Sunday, September 27th. This event is their main source of funding for the year, please consider participating. The phone number for St. Vincent's is 471-1702.



# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

## 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, 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!

A big thank you to Jason and Stephanie Nielsen who hosted and cooked a fantastic meal last month consisting of tasty pork, red potatoes, green beans and zucchini, apple sauce, bread rolls and a green salad, followed by ice cream and strawberries with whipped cream for dessert. Thanks also go to Jack Kemerling who helped, plus Karl Coffield even assisted with the salad. (Special thanks Karl!)

Also a thank you goes to Brother Knight Peter Ehrman who has volunteered to assist with our monthly bulletin by picking it up from the printer, getting postage, folding, taping, labeling and stamping. Peter will be a godsend! Say "thank you" when you see him!

## Supreme Knight

Each Encounter with Those in Need is an Opportunity to Create a Civilization of Love

8/28/2009

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson addresses the annual gathering of Communion and Liberation in Rimini, Italy.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson spoke Aug. 28 at the annual gathering of Communion and Liberation, telling them the story of birth and growth of the Knights of Columbus, emphasizing the group's devotion to charity. "Each encounter with those in need is actually an opportunity to create a civilization of love, one person, one act at a time," Anderson said.

The weeklong "Meeting for Friendship Among the Peoples" in Rimini, Italy, was expected to draw as many as 700,000 people to the city on Italy's northeastern coast, on the Adriatic Sea. A special multi-lingual Web site provides additional detail.

In his address, Anderson also emphasized the personal nature of true charity: "Our members – seeing Christ in their neighbor, and seeking communion with him – are active in what the Pope has emphasized in his most recent encyclical as charity in truth – "an authentic gift of self" that goes beyond the mere social work that can be done by a state."

Communion and Liberation is a lay movement within the Catholic Church, and was born in Italy in 1954. It now has members in more than 80 countries around the world.

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## Fatima

Due do a conflict with Sunday mass, the Fatima devotion for this month will not be observed.

Next month, we will have the last of this year's 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.

## Insurance

Knights of Columbus insurance: once again, highest ratings, stable outlook

Two top financial research and analysis companies recently reaffirmed their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a weak economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$72 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and A.M. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so.