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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

February 2012

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

February Events

- 2..... Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.
- 8..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 7:15 pm.
- 15 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
See below and inside for details.
- 20..... President's Day.
- 22..... Ash Wednesday.
- 26..... First Sunday of Lent.

Future Events

- March 313rd Degree
Exemplification at Ford Ord.
- April 144th Degree
Exemplification in Monterey.
- May 16-20 ..State Convention in Santa Clara.
- Aug. 6-9.....Supreme
Convention held in Anaheim.

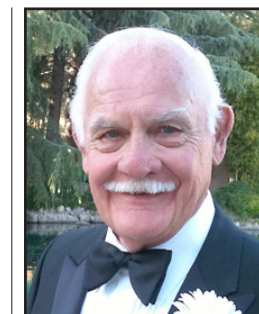
Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families,

The opening month of the New Year has been a very good start. The dinner was a fundraiser for Holy Cross School and we had some winners from Holy Cross in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. My wife Rose was good enough to put on a great Lasagna Dinner and we had a record turnout. Thanks for all the Knights who made it into a great success. Sister Adrian was very pleased and thanked us during the raffle.

Some of the Knights will be here helping serve the Chapter Meeting on Saturday 11th. Don't think that we can slow down as we have the February dinner coming up on the 15th because the Lenten Season starts on February 22 when we would normally have the dinner.

Rudy Quijance will be my representative at the Bishop's Burse Dinner as I will be lit up with both radiation and chemo for much of February and



March. I do expect to make the meetings and dinners but eating is becoming a real problem. I just hope the thought that we have caught this early stays in all

the doctors' reports. Much of the mail now has to do with the upcoming State Convention later in the Spring.

We received a letter from the Bishop of Legazpi in the Phillipines. This was a "Thank You" for our donation of \$1,000.00 the seminarians in his dioceses and reminding all of us that our good works are so needed in these difficult times. Thanks for your support and good works.

Don't miss this pre-Lenten Dinner!
Doug Gallagher, GK

Chaplain's Message

CHANCE FOR CHANGE ~ LENT

Again we come to the season of Lent – We are urgently called to repent and to confess our sins before the Lord. St. Paul urges the Christians of Corinth in Chapter Six that now is "the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation". We must not put it off for another day or hour, for the Lord is near. President Obama ran

on the theme: change which we can believe in, or later, the change that we need. Time is rapidly going by. We must act today, for tomorrow is too late. Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation. We come to the Lord singly and together. We come as individuals and as a society to the Lord. We have all sinned and

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Monthly Social Chicken Teriyaki

Wednesday, Feb. 15
Star of the Sea Parish Hall

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have not measured up. We have not manifested the glory of God, but have caused a dark shadow of sin to obscure the light of His glory within each and every one of us. We have a chance to change, we can return to Him and He will return to us. We come together as the Prophet Joel urges us. We come as ministers of God. We proclaim a fast;



we call the assembly, the elders who dwell in the land. Gather the people, the children and the infants at the breast, the bride and the bridegroom as well.

Let the priest and ministers of the Lord weep and say: "Spare, O Lord your people".

If we really want to change society, our families and ourselves, we must first repent. Repentance must first start with me. Lent, therefore, becomes for me and for others a sign of hope that change is not only possible, but actual. This hope in me becomes a source of encouragement to others who suffer from the same spiritual ailments. What God has done for me He can do for you. For the Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and quick to forgive. If we really want to change ourselves and our society, let us first repent now. Let us get at the root of the problem. Let us become light, as He is light. Let us manifest His glory in repentance and forgiveness. Now is the time. Now is the chance for change. Let us grasp the opportunity. God bless.

Fr. James Catalano, OSJ

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Thank you!

Our January Social was well attended. A big "Thank You!" goes out to those who helped make this event a success:

Hosts: Doug & Rose Gallagher

MC: Jason Nielsen, DGK

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jim Catalano, OSJ, Chaplain

Kitchen: Rose Gallagher, the Chef plus friends Pat and Lonnie Schwartz, Pattie Fickett, Jean Smith, and Bill Heiss.

Servers: Edwin Tonkin plus the kitchen helpers

Appetizers & Dessert: Jack Kemerling

Centerpieces: Virginia Quijance

Door: Jade steck

Bar: Rudy Quijance & Larry Rothfuss
Raffle: Ken Lazier, Sr. Carlos de Lara, and Ken Lazier, Jr.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ron Green, Pastor of Star of the Sea Church

The social benefited Holy Cross School. We had numerous guests including Sr. Adrienne (Principal of Holy Cross School) and Sr. Rita.

Thanks to all!

Membership

Dear Brothers,

If you have attended one of our regular meetings recently, you have noticed that our core of active members is growing. This is contagious! I mean, when we are able to show that our council is a vibrant community, we make our council more attractive to new members. If you know a Catholic gentlemen who is not a Knight, please take the time to invite him to one of our events, where he can meet other council members and learn more about the order. Thank you again for your continued efforts on behalf of the membership.

Jason Nielsen
Membership Director

Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Barry Earl, Doug Gallagher, Francisco Garza, Frank Gaiamo, Timothy Hanifin, Gary Phariss, Robert Walter, Gerald Zieber, Arline D'Sabato, Maryann June, 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.

Social

Due to a conflict with Ash Wednesday, our February social will be held one week earlier than typical, on February 15 (the 3rd Wednesday). This dinner social will be hosted by Jason Nielsen and Edwin Tonkin. The menu will include:

- Appetizers
- Chicken Teriyaki main dish
- Side dish
- Salad
- Dessert

Dinner will be held at Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Table service will be provided. We would sincerely appreciate dona-



tion of raffle prizes. Invite your friends. Any profits from the dinner go to various charitable uses such as our parishes, schools and ministries.

Jason Nielsen, DGK
Program Director

The Knights of Columbus were out in force at the 39th Annual March for Life that was held in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 23. This march commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade.



Insurance

The Knights of Columbus is truly a remarkable, one-of-a-kind organization, and our insurance program continues to show its strength and stability in spite of economic turmoil. In fact, 2011 marked the eleventh consecutive year of growth in many categories. This accomplishment illustrates the faith our members have in the products and services we offer to protect their families.

Consider the following 2011 achievements.

- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$83.5 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2000, we stood at \$40.4 billion.

- The Order introduced a new disability income insurance product in April. Called Income Armor, this addition to our portfolio is designed in the spirit of Father Michael J. McGivney, and can provide a steady stream of income in the event of a long-term injury or illness.

- We finished the year with more field agents serving our members than ever before. Still, as our membership continues to grow, new agent candidates are always in demand across the U.S. and Canada. The ultimate goal is to have all of our members served by a dedicated, full-time agent. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming an agent, please contact us.

- The Order's assets under manage-

ment reached a new high, exceeding \$18 billion.

- During 2011, we celebrated four exceptional months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in May, August, October and November.

- Nearly 20,000 new retirement annuities were issued to our members and their families in 2011.

- Our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed and there continues to be no more highly rated life insurer in North America.

- As the costs of long-term care continue to rise, members and their spouses continue to turn to the Knights of Columbus to help them prepare for this expense. Our agents can show you how this product can protect the assets you've worked so hard to accumulate.

- Our number of associate members becoming insured members continued to grow, showing more of our brothers availed themselves to our products. We hope this trend continues and that more members understand the value of owning our products.

Take pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Remember, today is a great day to meet our agent for Council 971, Anthony Banovac, to discuss coverage or review the policies you already have with the KofC.