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KNIGHTS' TOPICS

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Upcoming Events... *Please Note!*

Thursday, June 10 Council business meeting, 7:30 p.m, in **lunchroom**. **Important meeting because there will be election of officers.**

Thursday, June 24, Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m. This is an open meeting and wives and children are invited to attend.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to ALL THE DADS!

We all know the old joke about fathers always receiving a tie for Father's Day...sometimes the tie was not very attractive. The following is a comment from the bible that is always timely. We send our best wishes for you to enjoy the day and your family.



"Honor your Father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing." And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with discipline and instruction approved by the Lord. Ephesians Chapter 6 verses 2 - 4

THE TERM OF OFFICE IS ENDING ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JUNE 10

As the Columbian Year ends, a new slate of officers is proposed and the election will take place at the June 10th council meeting. Whereas the nominating committee has submitted a slate of nominated names, there can be additional nominations from the floor prior to the voting taking place.

Being an officer is an honor and an opportunity for each member to contribute his leadership attributes to the successes of the council. Each man who is privileged to call himself a Knight of Columbus has a personal talent, one capacity in which he excels to a greater extent than his fellow men. This is true of each member of this council. Each officer has an obligation to attend every meeting (if possible) and fulfill the duties of his office. Keep this in mind as you may consider being an officer.

The nominees for the year 2010-2011 are:

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| Grand Knight.....Dennis Delaney | Outside Guard...Ron Tegler |
| Dpty Grand Knight...Mike McEvoy | Outside Guard...Pat Madigan |
| Chancellor.....Fred Sturgeon | Inside Guard.....Loc Vu |
| Warden.....Manny Henson | Inside Guard. Richard Storms |
| Treasurer.....Rich Wojtowicz | 3 year Trustee....Dan Minarik |
| Recorder.....Dan Waddell | Lecturer*.... Rich Dawidowicz |

Note: Chaplain: Rev. Denis Carneiro, appointed by the Grand Knight. Trustees are elected for a three year term: P.G.K. Mike Bryscan will be serving his second year and P.G.K. Ray Neihengen will be serving his third year as a trustee. *Lecturer's office is a position that is filled by appointment by the Grand Knight. The Financial Secretary is an appointment by the Supreme Council for a three year term. The Grand Knight will recommend Dick VanSpankeren be appointed to this position.

The officers who will be elected shall be installed into their respective positions at the Social Meeting on Thursday, June 24, by the Former District Deputy Thad Steward. It is an opportunity for all council members to attend and show support for them as they start their duties in new positions. We especially invite wives, their children and friends and neighbors to see this ritual. You may also consider that having the guests attend may be an opportunity to show them what we do and ask them to join our Order...The Knights of Columbus.

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Is published monthly to inform the members about the council's activities and events. Comments and suggestions are welcome. The Newsletter is e-mailed or by post office mail. Your up-to-date addresses will assure delivery to all members. P.G.K. Thad Steward, Editor
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Prayers Needed...

As we close our business meeting, we gather to pray for our relatives, friends and others who may be helped. After the May meeting, we prayed for: Kim Kloes, Jamie Dunne, John O'Donnell, Diana Sarlitto, Mel Cea, Meinholtz Family, Mark Sarlitto, Fr. Reszel, Ryan Chrun, Diane Meyer and Sister Maria Paulina.

JUNE IS ALSO A MONTH OF GRADUATIONS



We congratulate all the students that will graduate this month and receive their diplomas and/or

degrees. Many speeches are written and presented at graduations but we feel that the following statement made by The Dalai Lama is very appropriate for this occasion:

It is important to have determination and optimism and patience. If you lack patience even when you face some small obstacle, you lose courage. There is a Tibetan saying, "Even if you have failed at something nine times, you have still given it effort nine times." I think that's important. Use your brain to analyze the situation. Do not rush through it, but think. Once you decide what to do about that obstacle, then there's a possibility that you will achieve your goal.

Graduates: you will leave an environment where you were at the top of your senior group. You will progress now to another area where you will again start at the bottom. We wish you well in your future endeavors.



BROTHER KNIGHTS

This is my final column as Grand Knight. It really doesn't feel like a year has gone since my first newsletter column. You have done so much to make this past year a good one, which I for one am truly thankful. I'll probably long remember the flurry with which the year started, as each year does, with Buffalo

Grove Days with the parade, popcorn booth and Respect Life booth, Bingo; the parish picnic; the MR/LD "Tootsie Roll" Drive and the kick-off the Vocation Raffle. All in the first two months of the year.

This year we have added about 12 new members to our council; we had a successful Youth program with the free throw competition, drug awareness poster contest, spelling bee and essay contest; we helped judge the St. Mary School science fair entries; we raised money for Respect Life and the Women's Center with the baby bottle drive, Christmas wreath sales and Mothers' Day sales; we supported the 40 Days for Life vigil at the Albany abortion center; we contributed to the earthquake relief effort in Haiti; we will be providing supper at the Catholic Charities center in Des Plaines on June 1 to the needy of the area. And I can't forget our two main social events of the year; the PGK dinner and the Christmas party.

All this can't happen without dedication and effort from many people. Let's continue to support our Council with continued effort and possibly from even more members. There are many more opportunities to get involved than we have members to work them. So if you haven't had a chance to work on an event and you'd like to participate, just let any of the officers or chairmen know. Without a doubt, you will be welcomed. And with enough interest, we may be able to accomplish even more in the future.

May God Bless each of you.

Dan Minarik, Grand Knight

NEXT ACTIVITY OF THE COUNCIL

The members of our council will again perform an action of good will when they will serve a meal to members of the community who need some help in these tough economic times.

We have done this before and are glad to repeat it. Ron Tegler is heading a group of at least 10 members who will gather at St. Mary Lunchroom at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1. Arrival at Catholic Charities Center at 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines is estimated at 5:15 p.m. at which time they will set up for the dinner, served at 6 p.m.

As has been said many times, if every one does a little bit, no one has to do a lot. If you are interested in helping out, call Ron at 847/537-6910 or let him know by e-mail: rttegler@comcast.net. He needs to know so there is enough food to feed the guest as well as the servers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY... JUNE

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| Michael McGrady | 4 |
| William Herman | 6 |
| Michael McEvoy | 8 |
| Robert Swanson | 10 |
| Eric Martinez | 11 |
| Robert Kovanda | 19 |
| Joseph Vitale | 24 |
| Rev. M. McMichael | 26 |

Council Newsletter

Brother Knights:

A newsletter of bulletin is an excellent and economical vehicle to inform all the council members about the events that are scheduled, about what plans are being made and often results of activities that already happened.

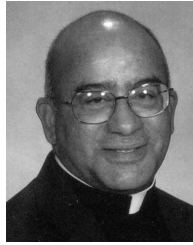
I have written 11 issues of our council Newsletter called KNIGHTS' TOPICS. Hopefully you read them and enjoyed keeping up with the council's doings and successes. I enjoyed doing it but it is time that some one else will step up take over this project.

Certainly, from our 100 plus members, there must be at least one member who must like to write and is interested in keeping council information reaching our membership. Keep in mind that your wives often read it also to keep up with our activities.

THIS IS A PLEA FOR THAT MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER SO THERE WILL BE A CONTINUITY AS WE ENTER ANOTHER COLUMBIAN YEAR!

Please contact either Grand Knight Dan Minarik dbminarik@gmail.com, 847/537-4668 or me, P.G.K. Thad Steward thadstan@att.net, 847/541-3849.

Thank you for the kind words expressed about the newsletter.



From Our Chaplain...

Dear Brother Knights...

It is already June, the 6th month of the year. It is also the end of the academic year and the beginning of the summer holidays for most

families.

While we, the Knights of Columbus, find time and opportunities to enjoy the summer, let us thank the officers and volunteers who helped this year a successful one.

Let us also thank all the teachers and administrators who worked so hard during the academic year. We pray for the students who graduated from this year to the next step in the next year. Let us hope that all of us will have a good summer vacation. Finally, let us remember that there is no vacation from living and practicing our Faith.

Let us remain united in prayer.

Father Denis Carneiro

ANOTHER ACTIVITY SUCCESSFUL

Mike Cahill, chairman of the Mother's Day Flower sale should be proud of the sales generated during this annual event. The Women's Center supplies the flowers and is dependent on Knights of Columbus Councils at various parishes to sell them. Our council has been doing this each year since our council was formed. The profits are used by the Women's Center to help mothers with support, mental and monetary, to care for their children and often helps them establish a home environment for her family.

The gross proceeds from the sale amounted to \$1,872, part of which will be used to cover the cost of the flowers. Congratulations to Mike and thanks to all the men (women) who helped.

HELP! HELP! HELP! There is much more to do and we need your help!

As our grand knight pointed out in his message, there is a rush of activities when the new term starts. Our council boasts of more than 100 members but it is sad that there are many members who do not contribute to the council's successes. The officers and chairman of various committees ask only for some help in some of the activities. As was also pointed out, that if every one does a little bit, no one has to do a lot. In the process of helping, you can meet more of your brother knights and expand the principle of fraternity. If you haven't been at a meeting lately, make it a point to come any second Thursday of the month when the business meetings are held and become an active Knight of Columbus!



FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Seton Assembly No. 2410 will also elect new officers for the 2010-2011 year. The nominations are as follows:

Navigator – John Heydt
 Captain – Dennis Delaney
 Pilot – Ron Matella
 Comptroller – Dean Sordyl
 Purser – Mike McMahon
 Scribe – Don Barrett
 Admiral – Mike Bryscan
 Trustee (3 year term) – Ed Majewski
 Inner Sentinel – Rafal Kowalczyk
 Outer Sentinel – Dennis Gawlik
 Friar (Chaplain) – Rev. Denis Carneiro*

Only one trustee is elected to a three year term each year.

Ed Majewski will be serving his first year; Jim Wrobel his second year and Fred Sharkey his third year.

* The Friar is an appointed office made by the Navigator.

The election was held at the assembly meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 P.M. at Holy Rosary Council Hall. Also at Holy Rosary Council Hall will be a Mass at 6 P.M. on July 20 followed by the installation of officers. Following the installation will be a dinner. All members and wives are welcome to attend.

All new Sir Knights are especially invited to attend the installation and become active in the activities of the assembly.

THIRTEEN FOLDS OF OUR FLAG

FLAG DAY is June 14. It is on that occasion we include this dissertation. It is with his in mind that we present it to you all!!!

Have you ever noticed on TV or at military funerals that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly fold the American Flag 13 times? Did you ever wonder why? BECAUSE....

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans who departed our ranks, who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust". After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

FLY THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY ON FLAG DAY, JUNE 14!



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Mark your calendar...
Plan to attend the council meeting and elections on Thursday, June 10.
Installation of officers on Thursday, June 24.