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Pete Wyzkowski

Message From Our Grand Knight

As most of you know, I attended the 127th Annual Supreme Convention in Phoenix last month and just wanted to tell you a little about it. The opening mass was just awesome—there were 150 color guard members, 66 Bishops and 3 Cardinals in the procession. Mass each day had a special theme, smaller processions, but no less meaningful and impactful. And the festival in honor of our Lady was beyond words—concluding with a live rosary in front of some 20-30,000 people, with the first part of each Hail Mary recited in languages representing the group (17 in all) and the response being said by each in their native tongue. What an experience.

In his keynote address at the States Dinner, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, thanked Knights for their continued commitment to a culture of life and support for priests. “In promoting the goals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism,” he said, “and fostering dedicated Catholic faith, strong family life and active involvement in the community, your witness and service make a tremendous difference in our Church and our world and we are grateful.”

Earlier this summer, Pope Benedict XVI issued the third encyclical of his papacy, entitled *Charity in Truth*. For the Knights of Columbus, whose first principle is charity, the very title of the encyclical is an affirmation that his priorities are our priorities. In fact, the words “charity,” “unity” and “fraternity” are used so often in this new encyclical that one would almost conclude that it was written for us. The Holy Father is very clear: “Charity,” he says, “is at the heart of the Church’s social doctrine.” And “For the Church, instructed by the Gospel, charity is everything.”

There was also a lot of information and emphasis on this being the Year of the Volunteer and that worldwide, our volunteer hours keep growing, from 63.2 million in 2004 to 68.8 million in 2008. At our Council, however, our volunteer hours are not remarkable, compared to other Councils, even here in our immediate area. There are very small Councils who have many more hours than us. I would like to see us do our part and ramp up our service in this, the Year of the Volunteer.

In a report from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, whom I got to meet and shake hands with, he cautioned us, too that the pope, in his encyclical, identified the type of behavior that led directly to the recession that we are experiencing as follow: “Speculative use of financial resources that leads to the temptation of seeking only short-term profit, without regard for the long-term sustainability of the enterprise” and

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September Birthdays

02	Steve Swigonski
03	Tom Thompson
04	Larry Halida
06	Calvin Colburn III
08	Bernie Schwitzgebel
08	Barry Howard
10	Larry Willoughby
15	John Knepler
16	John Schnell Jr.
17	Brian Collins
17	Michael Buser
20	Maurice Oelker
22	Don Colvin
23	Jack Thomas
23	Ronald Henry
24	Don Dobernic
24	Hank Bormann
24	Deacon Bob Imel
29	David Finney
30	John Phelps
30	Calvin Oshefsky

September Anniversaries

01	V.W. & Sally Liles
02	Bill & Cindy Mills
05	Deacon Bob & Barbara Imel
07	Robert Sr. & Francis Fiore
07	Gabriel & Claudine Cabral
09	Jimmy & Veronica Diemer
09	Steven & Imelda Korte
14	Anthony & Rhona Feckter
17	Virgil & Beverly Rakers
19	Bob & Mary Graham
23	Brian & Ivana Walker
24	David & Debby Cherry
25	Richard & Kathy Granger
28	Stephen & Sharon Maloney
29	Robert & Carolyn Panchyshyn
29	Dr. John & Cynthia Korba
30	Robert & Jean Zeller

Council 1315 Calendar of Events

bgkofc.org/calendar/calendar.php

Important Dates

September 2009

01	Officers Meeting
01	Charity Committee Meeting
04	First Friday
08	Council Meeting
17	Fourth Degree
21	October Newsletter articles due
22	Columbus Club
25	Annual Family Picnic

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Bingo is every Monday night at 5:00 p.m.

Message From Our Grand Knight (Continued)

challenged each and every one of us to consider this in all our financial decisions as we participate in household and business decision-making, as well as that as it pertains to our Church and our Councils.

As I said, it was an awesome convention. We met some great people, had some wonderful times, and regret that you missed it. Any Knight is welcome as a non-delegate at these conventions and I encourage each of you to consider making the 2010 conference in Washington, D.C. a part of your travel plans. I believe you will be glad you did.

Vivat Jesus!

Peter Wyzykowski, Grand Knight

Annual Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic with music, games for children, bond fire, Burgers, Brats & Beverages will be held on September 25th. All Members and potential Members are encouraged to attend. Each are asked to bring a desert or side dish.

We will NOT have a First Friday Picnic in September. The Family Picnic will take it's place.

Thanks and God Bless.

Pete Buser

September Speaker

I am pleased to present Roger Murtie as our guest speaker for our September meeting. I have told him many great things about the Knights and our passion for helping others. Let's have a great turnout to learn more about the Center for Courageous Kids.

The Center for Courageous Kids, located in Scottsville, provides children with life-threatening illnesses, chronic conditions, and disabilities traditional camping experiences year-round that are memorable, exciting, fun, build self-esteem, are physically safe and medically sound. The magnificent 168 acre, 18 building, campus includes lodges, a dining hall, equestrian center, bowling alley, indoor pool and gym, and a superb medical center with helipad. The ill children attend one of 9 week long summer camp sessions and the entire family comes to camp during weekends throughout the school year. No child or family pays to attend. The camp is staffed by camping and medical professionals passionate about their service to seriously ill children. The Center for Courageous Kids is a not for profit organization that relies solely on donations to provide its services. The Executive Director is Roger Murtie, a retired Army colonel. Roger served as General H. Norman Schwarzkopf's Aide de Camp during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. General Schwarzkopf selected Murtie to run Camp Boggy Creek in Florida, A Hole in the Wall Camp founded by the General and the actor Paul Newman. Four years later Elizabeth Turner Campbell brought Murtie and his wife to Scottsville to establish The Center for Courageous Kids. Since opening in 2008 the facility has served over 3,300 children and family members from 20 states.

Tim Risher

Tootsie Roll Drive October 23rd & 24th

Please call Pete Buser @ 202-5087
to reserve your Favorite Time & Location.

August Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Pete Wyzykowski at 7:00 p.m.

There was a motion to accept one membership reinstatement for Thomas Dobereck and two new memberships for Anthony Simms and Carlos Roda Pachew. There was a second and the motion passed. There was a first degree ceremony for the two new members and for one member of the Glasgow Council.

Father Ray announced a memorial service for James T. Carney next Saturday. He asked Knights to attend the memorial service which will start at 11:00 a.m.

Roll of the officers was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Grand Knight Report

The Grand Knight reported that he attended the Marion Council and Supreme Convention in Phoenix last week. It lasted five days and was well worth attending. If you ever get a chance to attend, you should go. He also reported that Pete Buser and him went to the state seminar a couple of weeks ago. They learned that the Knights of Columbus in Kentucky gave a combined total of \$944,000 to charity in Kentucky. We also volunteered 469,000 hours of service. 3,000 of us were blood donors. Thank you letters were acknowledged. Certificates were presented to Paul McCavick and Pete Buser for recruiting five new members each.

Financial Secretary Report - We had 321 members on July 31, 2009. 15 members were in arrears on their dues.

Trustee Report - All checks and vouchers were found to be in order.

Service Programs Report

Bingo - The no smoking Bingo started and we had great attendance by players and also had a good turnout of workers.

Family of the Month for August - Dan and Mary Conner

Pro Life - The next Barren River Right to Life prayer service in Nashville will be on Saturday September 5, 2009 from 10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. Call Tom Parrott at 782-6777 for more information.

15 cards for sick and distressed were available for members to sign.

Family Picnic - Scheduled for September 25th

Blood Drive - September 9th here at the hall from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.

Golf Scramble - August 22nd contact Irv Watts for registration forms

1st Friday Picnic - It went well we had over 100 in attendance and Hog Wild BBQ was served.

Matt Keyser thanked the group for selecting his family as family of the month last month. He also thanked us for participating in a car wash to raise money for the Holy Spirit Youth Group. They raised \$326 washing members cars during the meeting. They will also be glad to accept donations to help pay the way for some of the youth to travel to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Their group will be having a picnic at our pavilion this coming Sunday afternoon. If anyone is available to help cook hot dogs, they can use the help. They need us to pray for good weather and pray for youth ministers to be a good source of faith.

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August Membership Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Church Activities - This year there will be Corporate Communion on the following dates, they will all be at 8:00 a.m. masses.

- August 30th at Holy Spirit
- November 29th at St Joseph
- January 31st at Holy Spirit
- May 30th at St Joseph

Old Business

There was a second reading motion to approve a \$250 donation to the Downs Syndrome Support Group in honor of Rose Estes. It was 2nd and passed.

There was a second reading motion to accept the proposed budget for the year. It was 2nd and passed.

The meeting was temporarily closed so a Columbus Club meeting could be held. Dave Chandler opened the Columbus Club meeting. The Columbus Club budgeted was voted on and approved. Three new members to the Columbus Club board were elected. They were Irv Watts, Virgil Albaugh and Gabe Cabral. The Columbus Club meeting was closed.

The Knights of Columbus meeting was reopened.

The Grand Knight talked about budgets. It was suggested that all of us need to work on selling hall rentals to people we know or groups that need a place for large groups. We need to increase income from rentals.

Football Frenzy - Vic Billhartz is leading the football fund raiser again. Anyone who sells a winning ticket this year will receive a \$10 bonus. We have 250 tickets to sell. \$31,200 was raised by Football Fantasy in Kentucky last year.

4th Degree Report - There is a sign up sheet for cooks. This month we will have installation of Officers. The group has about 85 members. 3rd Degree members were invited to join. There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony on September 19th in LaGrange KY. In order to join you must have been a member of Knights of Columbus in Good standing for at least one year.

District Deputy Report - Upcoming dates for 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies was reported. Our council has been assigned a goal of getting 22 new members this year. Gabe also reported on the presentation of jewels to the Glasgow council from our council 1315. The jewels were presented in memory of Steve Metzger.

Good of the Order

Members were invited to work Bingo. The cooks were thanked, Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced. Guest Danny Thompson, brother to Randy Thompson was introduced.

There was a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

September Mass Readings

Sunday, September 6

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7
Second Reading James 2:1-5
Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 13

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9
Second Reading James 2:14-18
Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Sunday, September 20

First Reading Wisdom 2:17-20
Second Reading James 3:16--4:3
Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 27

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29
Second Reading James 5:1-6
Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Community Activities

The Adopt-a-Highway crew from our Council recently participated in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's "Summer Scrub" litter pick-up (07/15/09). Ten bags of trash were gathered by brothers Jim Bowers, Bob Lastufka, Bill Liscomb, Tony Meffert and yours truly. The July trash-gathering covered the entire two miles from Sky Rehab to the KC Hall. In the past year we have not been picking up the portion from Scottsville Rd to the KC hall since this span has been torn up due to road construction. Council members can be very proud of the thorough and efficient work done by all adopt-a-highway volunteers. Our rigorous training program continues to pay dividends.

Del Hayden

Insurance News

Walter's Story

BY THOMAS P. SMITH JR.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (AGENCIES AND MARKETING)

During 2008, one of our general agents from New York, Rich Malek, lost his father, Walter. Many of us at the Supreme Council headquarters in New Haven, Conn., knew Walter from a visit he made to one of our manager meetings in Florida. "Pop," as Walter was affectionately known by his son, was a great guy, and Rich misses him deeply. It was a storybook father-son relationship. While Walter was alive, Rich and he spoke every day — and from spring through fall, the main topic was the New York Mets. Walter was also his son's first client when Rich became a field agent. When Rich joined the Knights of Columbus sales force, he sold his father a life insurance policy that covered his needs and continued to grow in value until his death. A retirement annuity found its way into Walter's portfolio as well. Interestingly, Walter bought the annuity at age 58 as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). He religiously paid the maximum amount into his annuity each year (\$1,500 at the time) for seven years, until he reached the mandatory retirement age of 65. What then? Walter's agent/son recommended that he annuitize the product and let the Knights of Columbus pay him a monthly sum — guaranteed — for the rest of his life. In case something were to happen to his father soon after retirement, Rich made the option that we call a "ten year certain", which means that the monthly income would go to Walter's beneficiary for at least ten years after his death. Well, thanks be to God, Pop lived to the age of 92. So, let's do the math. Walter paid \$10,500 into his annuity during the seven years before he retired. The option he and Rich selected called for the Order to send him \$148 per month for the rest of his life. He got those checks twelve months a year for 26 years. Thus, the return on his \$10,500 investment was \$46,176.

Check your investments and see which ones are going to do that for you. Better yet, call your father and do what Rich did. Suggest he consider a Knights of Columbus annuity. My thanks goes out to Rich for allowing me to share this happy story of a man who made the right decisions and who raised a good son. The Knights of Columbus was there for him, every month, for 26 years. We would like to do the same for you.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

When a loved one dies, many families are faced with financial suffering that may have been avoided with proper life insurance coverage. More than 68 million adult Americans have no life insurance at all, and those with coverage have far less than needed to ensure a secure financial future. Will your family or business be adequately taken care of if something unexpected happens to you?

If you need to purchase life insurance or re-evaluate your existing coverage, call your local field agent, or call me, Daniel Turnwald, General Agent, at 859-331-0249.

Family of the Month

DAN AND MARY CONNER

Dan was born in Alabama and moved to southern California at age 5, was raised there and returned there after service in the Army, where he attained the rank of Captain and served 3 tours in Viet Nam. Mary was born and raised in Oklahoma City, OK.

In 1986, they met on a blind date arranged by a friend of Mary's when they were both living in Anchorage, AK. They were married in October of that year, and will have married 23 years this October.

In 1990, they left Alaska and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Mary went to work for the National Park Service and Dan went to work managing a car dealership. In 1994, Mary received a job offer and promotion to move with the Park Service to El Paso, Texas. In 1998, she received a similar promotion opportunity to move to Mammoth Cave National Park, KY. Dan continued to manage dealerships in El Paso, but was retired due to disability by the time they came to Bowling Green. In total Mary has 32 years of Federal Service, and Dan has 30 years of dealership experience.

Dan was not a Knight of Columbus member before moving here. In fact, he was raised in the Episcopal Church and became a Catholic after moving to Bowling Green. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 2003.

Dan has participated in Bingo, Christmas Baskets, Tootsie Roll Drives, decorating the Hall at Christmas, the Christmas party, Family Picnics, monthly 4th Degree meetings, and the devotions at the Marion Shrine at St. Joseph's. Mary has accompanied him at all these activities. In addition, Dan and Mary organized the Seder Dinner at Holy Spirit for 2 years bringing together the Catholic and Jewish communities in Bowling Green. Dan and Mary's future plans are for Mary to retire from the National Park Service within the next year, and to continue to make their home in Bowling Green.

Dan has one son, Danny, 31 years old, who lives in Oregon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH - DAN AND MARY CONNER

Supreme Knight's Statement on the Death of Eunice Kennedy Shriver

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson issued the following statement on the death of Eunice Kennedy Shriver:

Knights of Columbus everywhere mourn the passing of Eunice Kennedy Shriver. While she made many contributions to society throughout her life, her greatest legacy is the creation of Special Olympics.

Our involvement in, and support of, Special Olympics began 40 years ago, on the day that she and her husband, our brother Knight Sargent Shriver, held the first Special Olympics games in Chicago.

Her personal dedication to transforming society's view of people with intellectual disabilities inspired generations of Knights and their families to volunteer millions of hours of their time to this unique approach to affirming the fundamental human dignity of every person. Her approach to this and all of the causes that she pursued was distinctively Catholic, and the depth of her faith, which she shared with her husband throughout their lives together, has been an inspiration to every Knight. We express our heartfelt condolences to Sargent Shriver and the entire Shriver family.





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