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A Message from the Grand Knight

Our Council's fraternal year is off to a very good start. District Deputy Stan Pence installed our Council's officers during a ceremony on August 29. We conducted our Council's first general meeting on Sept. 7, and on Sept. 10 and 11 we had a great turnout to set up equipment at the Fall Festival, cook brauts, hot dogs, and chicken, and serve beer and wine and soft drinks, and to clean up at the end of the day. Prior to our planning meeting on Sept. 21, we brought in two new Knights in our first First Degree exemplification of the fraternal year. Finally, our Knights will be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs for our Faithways program after the Lifeteen Mass on Sept. 26.

This schedule is typical of what our Council does each month: we provide numerous services within our parish while getting together twice each month to plan activities.

During the fraternal year, we do many things as a group of Catholic men, dedicated to building up the body of Christ within our parish and within our community. And in the process of doing what we do, we draw other men to our ranks. They see something in us that they like, and that they want to be part of.

When you see other men at Mass, ask yourself whether you'd like to see them as brother Knights in our Council. If you know they are Knights, but haven't seen them at our meetings recently, encourage them to get involved.

Our Council is at the heart of our parish, and the more men who join us, the more we'll all enjoy doing things together.

Vivat Jesus!

Al Larpenteur, GK

From the Deputy Grand Knight

By Kevin Buck, DGK

Some of you know me and which side of the political fence I stand on. But this isn't about me or my political views. It is a call to action! It is about doing the right thing! It is about researching the candidates and the issues and voting your conscience. Our Church calls it "a call to faithful citizenship". We must each look at the issues that face us and the world, and choose who is the best fit for the direction we want the state, the nation, and the world to go.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in his column in the August issue of KnightLine, quoted Pope John Paul II as saying: "The lay faithful, by their lived witness to the Gospel in daily life, are largely responsible for the future of the Church." The pope called upon all Catholics to let Church teaching guide and shape their actions. And I believe that will mold our world as well as our Church.

There are many important positions to be decided this November and each one will have an effect on the direction of "our" future. We must determine where the candidates stand on important issues such as abortion, euthanasia, cloning and the other facets of "Right to Life." Another important issue to us as Catholic Gentlemen is the sanctity of marriage.

So stand up and be counted. VOTE! And encourage everyone you know to do so also.

The Chancellor's Corner

By Mike Fay, Chancellor

September and service kicked off the formal beginning of our new fraternal year. No sooner did we complete our first general membership meeting; the council committed and served the parish community at the 7th annual fall festival. This took a lot of planning, coordination, and finally excellent execution by the brother knights who volunteered time. Thanks to all of you. Keep track of your hours working at the festival along with the many other activities that are supported each month.

Anticipate receiving an email from me at the last day of each month requesting your service hours for the month.

As you may be aware there are seven areas in which you can be active as a Knight of Columbus. The seven areas are: Membership, Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, and Vocations.

This month I would like to discuss your opportunities to serve the council. The life and vitality of this council requires growth. Growth is accomplished by inviting other Catholic men who have talents, ideas, and desires to serve others. If you know a Catholic gentleman that exemplifies these characteristics, talk with him and offer him an opportunity to learn what the Knights are all about. Recall the time when you first met a Knight and he asked you "Do you know what the Knights of Columbus are about?" Now you have the opportunity to turn that around and search for a Catholic gentleman to recruit.

Our Council Director, Mike White, has the great task of bringing nominations for Knight of the Month to our GK Al Larpenteur. If you know of a brother knight in Council #7528 who has stood out during the month of September in volunteering his time to service, leading a project, our who just likes to be involved, send Mike your suggestion. You can email him at whiteml@hotmail.com.

Look for an upcoming email requesting your service hours for the month of September. The list of activities that will be attached has been expanded.

You can contact me at mwfay@comcast.net.

Recruiting/Membership

By Dave Caton - Recruitment Chair, Third Year Trustee

I'm honored to serve as your Membership chairman for the 4th year!

I'd like to welcome our newest First Degree Knights, Vincent Philomeno (Tim's dad) and Mike McDonald, who each made their First Degree on September 21st. Please come and welcome these two fine new Knights at our October 5th business meeting!

Brother Knights: I want to, again commend you all for your hard work and for the leadership of our officers last year with Dave Myers as our most excellent Past Grand Knight and with our new Grand Knight, Al Larpenteur, who really impresses me with his commitment to our council and attention to detail. It has been a real pleasure to serve you as Membership Chairman these past 3 years. Let's continue the impetus in the next 12 months of the Fraternal Year to ask our fellow brother Catholics to join us!

We will start the new year off by having a Second and Third degree exemplification opportunity right at our doorstep in the next town of Auburn at Holy Family Church on Saturday, October 16th, with candidates checking in before 12 noon. Sponsors and candidates please don't miss this chance to earn these degrees! I promise you, you won't be bored! I'm organizing a carpool to leave St. Vincent's from the North parking lot (near the hall) at 11:15 sharp Saturday morning. All council members are welcome! Let's show our First Degree Members our support. Plan on about 4 hours for both degrees, followed by a light meal. It's a good idea to have a snack before you leave due to the hour the degrees start.

Rosary

Please note that we say the rosary before each General Meeting of the year. This month, we will be starting at 7:00pm in the Chapel before the General Meeting on October 5th, 2004.

Family of the Month

July – The Mike Hemmer Family

August - The Matt Siverly Family

Knight of the Month

July – Jeff Markwith

August - Dave Caton

Blood Drive

By Dave Caton - Blood Drive Chairman

Fellow Knights-please mark your calendars for the next blood drive sponsored by our parish, which will happen Thursday, October 14th from 2:00 to 4:15 and 5:00-8:00 PM at our own parish hall.

Sign-ups will be after all Masses on October 9th and 10th. I could use help hosting the canteen, offering beverages and cookies to donors from 5-8 PM and also with sign-ups after all Masses. Please consider giving this essential gift of life!

Notes From Parish Health Care Ministry

Fellow Knights:

My wife, Mary, and I are coordinators for our monthly parish blood pressure checks, which happen every third Saturday and Sunday after all Masses. Please avail yourselves of this free service in the South Narthex. (I was discovered to have high blood pressure myself through this ministry!)

In addition, please note that we will be offering flu shots after the 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses tentatively scheduled for October 24th (based on availability of the vaccine) for a \$5 donation, to help defray costs.

David and Mary Caton, Parish Health Care Ministry

Pro-Life

by Nestor Fernandez

My name is Nestor Fernandez and I am the new Pro-Life chairman. I have been with the Knights of Columbus for almost a year. I have been married for 14 years and have two daughters. My wife, Nora and I have been parishioners here at St. Vincent de Paul for 5 years. I was born in Havana, Cuba and came to the United States when I was 3 years old. One of the things

I hope to accomplish as Pro-Life chairman is to raise awareness of our cause not only among fellow Knights, but to the entire Parish. To be Pro-Life is not just being against abortion. Pope John Paul II has repeatedly urged us to turn away from the "Culture of Death and embrace a Culture of Life". It is easy for us to

take up the call to protect unborn children or the elderly. However it becomes more difficult when we are asked protect a Death Row inmate or turn away from pornography and all its damaging effects.

I know that these are issues that not only divide our nation, but our homes as well. With your help I hope we can promote a culture that respects life at all stages.

As Jesus told us in **Matthew 19:26 "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."**

SFC Richard Gonzalez received the Purple Heart for his injuries and bravery.



Richard with General Lowenburg (2 star General of the state of Washington)

The PURPLE HEART is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration.

Richard helped wounded people after a rocket exploded 25 feet from where he was standing. He was knocked off of his feet but was able to recover and help those that were more injured. After helping several people move into a building he noticed his hands were covered in blood. He thought it was his own, but after removing his helmet and body armor, he discovered that the blood belonged to a wounded man that he had helped.

Following the incident, Richard reached the company area where the chaplain's assistant, Staff Sgt.

Steve Schmidt stayed close to Richard as the hero recovered his bearings. "I think he was outstanding, especially considering the circumstances, it could have been much worse," said Schmidt. "The lord was watching over him."

When speaking to Richard's wife Tina, she relays that he is experiencing dizzy spells and has been sent to Germany for observation. Presently his injuries are not severe enough to be sent home. Richard will be returning to the states next month for 2 weeks R&R.

Richard has been a member of council #7528 since December 2000.

Proposed 2004-2005 Council Budget

Please Review (We will be voting on this at the October Meeting)

Activity Description	Expense	Income
Member Dues		\$6,000
Columbus Charities	\$25	\$1,200
Pennies for Heaven	\$700	\$700
Crab Dinner	\$5,000	\$10,000
Lenten Fish Frys	\$6,600	\$13,000
Appreciation Dinner	\$1,425	\$1,200
Spaghetti Dinners	\$300	\$800
Mothers' Day Breakfast & Flowers	\$400	\$750
Coffee & Donuts	\$500	\$700
Unborn Child Memorial	\$2,650	\$2,650
Seminarian Support	\$2,500	\$500
Carry-over	\$3,000	\$3,000
Misc. Revenue		\$200
Subtotal	\$23,100	\$40,700
Per Capita Supreme @4.00	\$800	
Catholic Advertising	\$175	
Per Capita State @9.00	\$1,800	
State Exemplification Fund @8.00	\$120	
Insurance	\$450	
Council Supplies	\$800	
Council Welfare & Bereavement	\$450	
Mailing and Postage	\$1,300	
Bank Fees	\$30	
Subtotal	\$5,925	
Defibrillator & Training	\$1,500	
Altar Servers' Appreciation Dinner	\$300	
Community Service	\$100	
Fryer repair/kitchen supplies	\$500	
Freethrow Competition	\$50	
State Golf Tournament	\$0	
Layette Society	\$500	
Mission Trek	\$1,000	
Middle School Mission Trek	\$500	
Mothers & Others Golf		
Tournament	\$100	
Nativity House	\$800	
Priests' Christmas Gifts	\$250	
Deacons' Christmas Gifts	\$100	
Project Rachel	\$200	
Respect Life	\$200	
Scholarships	\$1,500	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$1,500	
State and Summer Conference	\$1,300	
Discretionary Funds	\$1,275	
Subtotal	\$11,675	
Totals	\$40,700	\$40,700

St. Vincent's Fall Festival

Pictures by Glen Martin



yes we manned the beer garden...

St. Vincent's Fall Festival continued...



GK Al and friends...



the Chicken Man...



the Other Chicken Man...

THE 365 CLUB BY MAIL

Supporting Vocations is simple! All you have to do is join The Pennies For Heaven Crusade. The best way to do this is by becoming a member of The 365 Club. Donate a penny-a-day for a year (\$3.65 or more if you can) and offer a prayer a day for a year for Vocations! Pennies add up quickly and the prayers help. For Brothers who cannot always join us at our meetings, here is your chance to stand up and be counted as a supporter.

CLIP AND MAIL

To: Kevin Buck, 365 Chairman

Yes, count me in as a Member of The 365 Club! I want to do my part to support Vocations.

Here is my contribution of \$ _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Mail your check to:

The 365 Club
Knights of Columbus, Council #7528
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Calendar of Events

October 2004

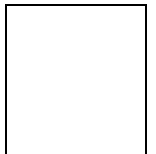
5th	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
14 th	Blood Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
16 th	2 nd & 3 rd Degree	Auburn
19th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00pm sharp!
23 rd	4 th Degree Exemplification	St. Vincent de Paul Parish

November 2004

2nd	General Meeting	St. Vincent de Paul Hall @7:30pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm
7 th	Coffee & Donuts	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
16th	Planning Meeting and 1st Degree	Room "A" at 7:30pm...1st Degree starts at 7:00pm sharp!
21 st	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery	After 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall
25 th	Happy Thanksgiving	

Check out our website at <http://www.kc7528.org> for all of these events and more!

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