

St. Denis Knights of Columbus

ST. DENIS COUNCIL 11260

October 2008

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

On September 12th, my Mother-in-law, Victoria Platteborze, left us to be with God in Heaven. Carol and I miss her but we know she is at peace and in a better place. At least she doesn't have to be concerned with what we have to deal with day in and day out.

With all the turmoil around us, sometimes I wonder how we can survive these tumultuous times. Pope Benedict XVI second encyclical, *Spe Salvi*, gives us a message, which is centered on the virtue of hope. The consistent message of the Holy Father is clear: "There is every reason for us to have confidence in the present moment and in the future if we have our hearts and minds fixed firmly on Jesus Christ who is our yesterday, our today and our tomorrow."

During the past month, Financial Secretary Frank Satullo, coordinated the practices for our Councils 1st Degree team. Unfortunately, it became necessary to place Frank on the "Disabled List" due to kidney removal surgery. I am happy to report, Frank is recovering nicely. Your prayers are greatly appreciated by Frank and his family. Ron Cox has taken up the slack leading the practices. See Franks message below.

On October 11th, six members of our Council will participate in the 4th Degree Exemplification ceremony at the Irvine Marriott. Those members are Tom Ortiz, Tom Ortiz Jr, Dave Pina, Jess Carbajal, Tom Meagher and Emilio Romero. Ron Cox and I will be there as part of the Fa. Felix J, Penna Assembly Color Corps. It should be a great weekend!

Speaking of Brother Ron Cox, he has taken the lead of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Religious Christmas card campaign. Our Council will begin selling these cards on October 5th.

Our Council is participating in the International Festival. Our responsibility will be selling soft drinks and water. Brother Raul Galindo will be selling his homemade "Breakfast of Champions" menudo. We'll need help staffing the drink stations. The hours of the festival are 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please consider helping in this endeavor.

Vivat Jesus

Art Herrera,
Grand Knight

2007-2008 Officers

Grand Knight	Art Hererra
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DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree

October 18 at 12pm at St. Denis

Second Degree

October 22 at 7 pm at Father Maguire

Third Degree

November 16 at 1 pm at Father Maguire

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This is a reprint of an email that was sent out by Deputy Grand Knight John Carlson.

Last week, Art was busy so I sent out a call for help after the Masses last Sunday (September 14th). Our International Festival is coming up in October and it was the Knights weekend to sell raffle tickets. I was very disappointed that so few of my Brothers bothered to show up for even 15 minutes, especially after the later Masses.

I just started reading what is already an excellent book- *'Dreams and Visions- Pastoral planning for Lifelong Faith Formation'* by Bill Huebsch. He quotes from another book *'Good to Great'* by Jim Collins who states: *'Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons why we have so little that becomes great.'*

Mr. Huebsch goes on to say: "...The Church is filled with 'good' parishes. The liturgies are planned. The educational programs use a nice-looking book. Some of the people take an active role in parish leadership and ministry. The collections pay the bills for the most part. People can get their children baptized without too much hassle. The second-grade students receive their first communions, as they do every year. Couples getting married go through their routine meetings. Lent comes and Easter follows, and sometime around Pentecost, things slow down for the summer. It's a 'good' parish...but can we really afford to keep focusing only on being good?"

So, I guess by all measurements, we have a 'good' parish. That's nice, but I'm not satisfied with being just 'good.' In our various meetings, we have outlined so many things we can do for our Council and our church. But our 'enemy' the 'good parish' prevents us from putting on the vast majority of projects because we just don't have enough participation. Participation = help.

We have NINETY THREE registered Knights in our Council. If we could just get 20% a month (that's 18.6 Brothers/mo.) to help out we could do so much more. By these numbers, that means that with 93 Brothers, divided by 5, one would only have to commit to help once every 5 months.

I know everyone has time issues. I have my own business and my time is precious. But, I want to challenge all of my Brothers to examine their commitment to God, their parish and our Council. LET'S GO FROM 'GOOD' TO 'GREAT!'

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

As most of you already know, I had surgery to remove my right kidney because of a growth on it. The surgery went well and my health continues to improve with each day. I feel very good except for the healing process, which has caused slight discomfort. I hope to be fully functional soon. I want to thank all of you for your concerns and prayers through this ordeal. I believe that is the main reason I came through this operation with such success.

We are planning on better communications through e-mails and phone calls. I ask each member to help in this matter by letting me know if you have an e-mail address, which will help us to better notify you of Council events. Also, please, when you receive a phone call on your answer machine, have the courtesy to answer the messages. The phone committee has taken the time to call and would appreciate your reply.

We have begun the return of our 1st Degree team, but we still have a few vacancies to fill. The main speaking positions have been filled but we would like to have back-up people for these positions. The other positions are those of guards and minor parts. If you are interested in any of these parts, please call me at 909 595 4869. Our Council will host a 1st Degree ceremony set for

Saturday, October 18th, 12:00pm to 4:00pm. If you know of anyone who would like to join our Council please let one of our officers know who that person is. If you would like to sit on the sidelines and observe the ceremony, you are encouraged to do so. You will remember what you may have forgotten about the ceremony you attended when you joined our Council.

If you have had any changes to your current address, phone or e-mail, please let me know.

Frank Satullo

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Are you a true provider or are you just pretending to be? When it comes down to protecting your family and your future, choose the Knights of Columbus. It's a smart choice. Our high-quality fixed annuities can shield your investment portfolio from downturns in the stock market; provide tax advantages; and generate income for the rest of your life.

Our life insurance program protects against dying too soon or living too long; provides mortgage protection; enables your children to get an education; allows you to have money for final expenses and emergencies; and supplements your retirement fund.

Our long-term care insurance program protects your dignity and your legacy from being ravaged by the cost of quality long-term health care expenses; provides the care you need without relying on your children or parents or our government's over-burdened welfare programs; and enables your loved ones to care for you—or for you to care for your loved ones—in manner comfortable for everyone.

The life insurance, long term care insurance, or annuities you purchase today will supply you and your family with the needed money to achieve your dreams.

“But wait, there's more!” By participating in our programs, you also protect and provide for your brother Knights, empower our Order to continue its many charitable works, and thereby continue Father McGivney's legacy and respond to Pope Benedict's call to help build our Church.

Remember, we are Stewards of Providence: our financial resources are God's gift, to be used to provide for others, in a manner pleasing to Him. Don't masquerade as a provider. Be a true provider. Be an insured member.

I'm at 909-606-0262 or gerry.cacnio@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Gerry Cacnio

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5th – Last day to return Veterans Day form to City of Diamond Bar

October 11th – 4th Degree Exemplification, Marriott, Irvine

October 16th – Business meeting, Potthoff Hall, 7:30pm (Bring your Columbia Magazine)

October 18th – 1st Degree ceremony, Potthoff Hall, 12:00pm to 4:00pm

November 14, 15 & 16 - Intellectual Disability Drive

Don't forget to go to www.stdenisknights.org for information about our Council and Parish.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2 - Officer's Meeting

October 16 – Business Meeting with Msgr. Loughnane

November 6 - Officer's Meeting

November 14, 15 & 16 - Intellectual Disability Drive

November 20 - Business Meeting with Msgr. Loughnane