

# St. Denis Knights of Columbus

ST. DENIS COUNCIL 11260

July 2009

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

My Brother Knights, this is my first newsletter article as your new Grand Knight. I first want to thank Art Herrera for an absolutely excellent job he did, leading us for 3 years. During his tenure we 'came of age' as a Council and significantly increased the events at which we helped God and our Parish. I want to personally thank Art for all of the assistance he has given me in the past two months preparing for this post. I only hope that I can be 1/10<sup>th</sup> as effective as he has been!

### 2009-2010 Officers

Grand Knight	John Carlson
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Meagher
Chancellor	Raul Galindo
Recorder	Archie Miller
Treasurer	Ron Cox
Advocate	Alton Martin
Warden	Jess Carbajal
Inside Guard	Adolfo Mijares
Outside Guard	Emilio Romero
Trustee (1 yr)	Al Rodriguez
Trustee (2 yr)	John Guillory
Trustee (3yr)	Frank Satullo

We ended the Columbian Year on a huge note. On June 27<sup>th</sup> our Council hosted a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony and our Council had five new Knights initiated into our Order. They are...

Ted Chermis  
Ruben Del Castillo  
Gil Mahoney  
Matthew Romero and  
James Verner

Welcome to our Council, my fellow Brothers!!!

In the last 6-months we have added several other Knights also, including Adolfo and Adam Mijares and Frank Luhan. If I've forgotten anyone, my apologies, and Welcome To All of our new Knights!!

This brings me to the "Theme" of this article. My Brothers, our records show that we have over 100 Knights in our Council. At our meetings (the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month!) we talk about many things we can do for our Parish and our community. Unfortunately, we just don't have the manpower to put on all of the events.

Our nation is undergoing an unprecedented financial crisis and there are many people in deep trouble. As I have read the literature available for Councils, events such as food drives, helping the poor and homeless, helping house-bound people, visiting the hospitalized, etc., etc., etc. are talked about.

### DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree

June 25 at 7 pm at St. Joseph's

Second Degree

To Be Announced

Third Degree

June 7 at 1 pm at Father Maguire

In addition, there are events hosted by the Knights for children including a Free Throw Contest, a Soccer Challenge, a Poster and Essay Contest. We could even host a Columbian Squire "Circle" in our Council. A Squire Circle is composed of at least 10 Catholic young men from 10 to 18.

These are among the many things that we can work on. I know that many Ministries in our Parish are participating in some of these and we obviously don't want to compete with them, but there are many more things that we can accomplish. If any of my Brothers have any outside activities in which they are participating and you need help, please let me know! Also, if any Brother has an idea about something they want to see us do, please let me know.

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I know that everyone is busy trying to make ends meet. I am a self-employed commercial real estate appraiser and my workload is currently off the charts. (That's a good thing, by the way!) However, I have made a commitment to my Brother Knights to represent my Council as Grand Knight and I intend to fulfill the confidence you have given to me in best way I know how.

I would like to ask that all of my Brother Knights take a more active roll in our Council. We could accomplish huge things for our Council and Parish if we had another 20 Knights or so that were willing to commit to only one event per month. Let's make this Columbian Year a HUGE year for our Council!

Vivat Jesus

John Carlson  
Grand Knight

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, Potthoff Hall 7:30 PM. Bring your Columbia Magazine

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Officers meeting, Potthoff Hall 7:30 PM

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Business Meeting, Potthoff Hall 7:30 PM. Bring your Columbia Magazine

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## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus Blood Drive  
June 4<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting (at Art Herrera's House)  
June 18<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting with Msgr. Loughnane  
May 21<sup>st</sup> – Father's Day