

Pro-Life News

(Extracted from a Supreme Council article titled "State Deputies Meeting Focuses on Membership Growth, New Initiatives" - dated June 6, 2008)

. . . The state deputies concluded their meeting in New Haven Sunday with a Mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson then spoke, stressing the need for the continuing development of the Order – in membership growth, individual faith formation, and overall charitable outreach.

He also mentioned several new initiatives that the Supreme Council has undertaken.

Focusing on the Knights of Columbus as "a people of life and for life," he introduced a new pro-life campaign and related initiatives that will begin immediately. The first of the initiatives is a new pro-life billboard and poster campaign and a complementary Web page to detail the K of C's efforts in support for life, including prayer, volunteer service, public advocacy, educational initiatives, and financial support.

In addition, he outlined a program to provide pro-life pregnancy centers with modern ultrasound equipment. Citing statistics that show more than 75 percent of pregnant women choose life for their child after seeing their babies – and hearing their heartbeats – through ultrasound technology, he explained that the Supreme Council is to partner financially with state councils to equip crisis pregnancy centers with this important technology as a means of saving lives.

Another new initiative announced by the Supreme Knight is a program for Catholic men on fatherhood and family life, called "Fathers for Good: An Initiative for Men by the Knights of Columbus." The project will begin during the upcoming Supreme Convention with the official launching of a new interactive Web site devoted to that topic. The Web site will be of special interest to Knights, their wives and families, but will appeal also to all Catholic husbands and families. In addition to providing resources, information and guidance to men, "Fathers for Good" will be a means of recruiting active young men to the Knights of Columbus.



Notes from the Faithful Navigator, Fr. Sam Tambourin Assembly 2739

Brother Knights, on June 4th, Assembly 2739 held the elections for our 2008-2009 officers. The following is the results:

Wayne Bonde - Faithful Navigator
Fr. Oliver Curran – Faithful Friar
Jeff Scholz - Faithful Admiral
Dennis Kathrein - Faithful Pilot
Richard Cordova -for Inner Sentinel
Ben Leynes - One Year Trustee
Gregorio Rabina - Three Year Trustee.

Jerry Keener - Faithful Comptroller
Cliff Cramer - Faithful Captain
Joseph Simonoski - Faithful Purser
Robert Greer - Faithful Scribe
Thomas Lukas – Outer Sentinel
Roland Encarnacion - Two Year Trustee

The Assembly will be trying to set a date with the District Master for the Installation of Officers sometime in August or September. Details to follow.

In addition, three Sir Knights from Fernley have transferred into our Assembly. They are SK Joseph Simonoski, SK Rudolph Forster, and SK Thomas Zinski. Hopefully, we will be able to acquire more transfers or candidates, until they have an Assembly of their own in Fernley.

This will be my last letter to you as your Faithful Navigator. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, of what I consider to be an outstanding year in service to our church, our military, and our community. I hope each of you will continue your outstanding support to our incoming Faithful Navigator and his officers.

In closing, I wish each of you good health and success in all of your endeavors.

Yours Faithfully,
Edward Kraker, Jr., Faithful Navigator

The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights,

Well it's been a very busy year for the Fallon Knights and I want to thank every one of the Knights in our council who helped out, in any way, with any function we might have had. As your Grand Knight I must tell you it was a very satisfying year for me.

I am humbled that council has shown the faith in me to continue on as your Grand Knight for another year. I would like to take this time to thank all of the officers who served so well last year and congratulate all of the incoming officers! I know each of you will do an outstanding job this year and I hope each of our new officers look forward to meeting each of the challenges as they are presented this coming Columbian year.

The coming year will be highlighted by Fallon hosting the 2009 State Convention during the first weekend in May. This will require a lot of work; however, we have a Convention Committee that has already been at work for

more than six months on this project. During September this year we will be having a yard sale and an Oktoberfest style Bratwurst feed in order to raise money for the State Convention. I hope everyone will help out on these two projects.

This year we will be having our Installation of officer's banquet at the Elks Lodge on July fifteenth and I hope everyone who reads this newsletter will be able to attend and to support our new officers!

I know we will have another tremendous year and I look forward to serving this council to the utmost of my ability, and I look forward to seeing each of my brother Knights,

Bob Greer
Grand Knight