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## Second Annual St. Patrick's Parish Christmas Dinner

On December 20th, St. Patrick's Catholic Parish hosted the second annual parish-wide Christmas Dinner at the Churchill County Convention Center. Similar to last year, the parish provided the main course of turkey and the parish members provided various pot luck dishes. The Knights of Columbus Council 4828 provided the beverages and helped cut up the meat.

The Parish Ladies' Guild and other parish groups provided various support, as well. Jane Moon, from the Ladies' Guild, served as the Master of Ceremonies and also coordinated the flow of people to the two serving lines.

Entertainment was provided by several children from the CCD class, who sang several Christmas carols. The kids were led by Mary Thomas and accompanied by Tom Fleming. The highlight of the evening for the younger children was a surprise visit from Santa Claus. (It turns out that he is a very close friend of Br. Bob Greer)

Overall, dinner was very successful. There was plenty of food for all, with leftovers to spare, and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who helped make it all happen and especially to Father Oliver for supporting the idea, once again, this year.

## Pro-Life News

### **U.S. Knights Urged to Oppose Abortion**

(1/5/10) Both the House and the Senate approved versions of health care reform legislation before leaving Washington for a Christmas break. A House-Senate conference committee will negotiate a single version of the bill upon their return this month (the House returns on January 12 and the Senate returns on January 19).

Knights and their families are strongly urged to contact their Senators and Congressmen during the recess, and ask that they support the House language authored by Representative (and brother Knight) Bart Stupak (D-MI), which retains the long-standing policy against federal funding of abortion. Stupak's language was approved by a strong bipartisan majority in the House.

The Senate version of the health care reform bill does not ban abortion funding, and the American Catholic bishops oppose it: under the Senate version, "federal funds will help subsidize, and in some cases a federal agency will facilitate and promote, health plans that cover elective abortions," the bishops said.

Contacting Senators and Representatives at their home district offices during the recess is an especially effective way of making them aware of your views on the abortion funding and conscience protection issues. This guide provides useful information about contacting your Congressional representatives.

### **Knights Prepare for 37th March for Life**

The 37th Annual March for Life will be held on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, in Washington, D.C. The march commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision on Jan. 22, 1973 that legalized abortion. Other 2010 demonstrations will be held in San Francisco (Jan. 23) and in Ottawa (May 12-14). All Knights and their families, particularly those in these areas, are urged to join the events.

### **Walk for Life West Coast**

The 6th Annual (West Coast) Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifer's in San Francisco as they peacefully proclaim that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. Start time is 11:00 am at Justin Herman Plaza (at the Embarcadero) on Market Street and end at the Marina Green. For more information go to "walkforlifewc.com."

## Council Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Knights Celebrating Birthdays:

#### January

Wayne Bonde, Eugene Duffney, David Hejny, Gary Imelli, Dennis Kathrein, Keith Leung, John Lewy, James Moore, Jim Shurtliff, Frank Soares, and Donald Tuohy

#### February

Lawrence Curran, Roland Encarnacion, Louis Erquiaga, Robert Greer, John Hanifan, Brad Jackson, Chester MacDowell, Frank Noski, and Robin Riordan

#### March

Robert Achurra, Ed Arciniega, David Asjes, James Barry, Michael Colony, Castor Delosreyes, Steve Heck, Bill Jacobi, Francis LeSage, Matthew Maffi, Frank "Don" McNeill, Nover Nicolas, Rick Oswald, Ron Rudden, Jeff Scholz, Paul Scholz, Jonathon Trujillo, Vern Ulrich, and Jerry Walsh

### Spouse's Celebrating Birthdays:

#### January

Leonida Banzali, Morita Cherry, Elizabeth Festin, Katy Anne Loop, and Sheila Scholz

#### February

Judy Carlson, Purita Encarnacion, Phyllis Fuller, Kieran Kalt, Yvette McNeill, and Ruth Scott

**NOTE: If we have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please accept our apologies. Corrections should be provided to our Financial Secretary so he can update the council's records**

#### March

Lynn Clark, Cindy Greer, Lou Guillen, Carrie Mingay, Arlene Nicholas, Mary Rudden, Tami Schmitz, Ana Laura Serna, Prima Vaz, and Sandra Ward

### Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

#### January

William and Sondra Hillery

#### February

Marlon and Lynn Clark, Robert and Margaret Davis, Albert and Jaye Herr, Chester and Laura MacDowell, Craig and Carrie Mingay, and Donald and Jerie Tuohy

#### March

Todd and Rosalie Goss, Eugene and Jeanette Paras, Walter and Ruth Ann Scott, and Joe and Ana Laura Serna

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** go to Br. Eugene and Jeanette Paras, who will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 30 March. A special Certificates of Commendation from Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, will be ordered and will be presented by Council 4828 as the Paras's celebrate 25 years together. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where / When</u>
01/01	New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary)	Enjoy your time with family and friends
<b>01/02</b>	<b><i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i></b>	<b><i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i></b>
01/06	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
01/20	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
<b>01/23</b>	<b>Filipino Night Dinner</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM</b>
01/24	<i>Annual Fraternal Surveys are Due</i>	<i>EMAIL or send to Council or FS Address</i>
<b>01/31</b>	<b>Corporate Communion</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM Mass</b>
02/03	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
<b>02/06</b>	<b><i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i></b>	<b><i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i></b>
02/17	Ash Wednesday (No Meeting)	St. Patrick's Church / TBD
03/03	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
<b>03/06</b>	<b><i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i></b>	<b><i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i></b>
<b>03/13</b>	<b>Corned Beef Dinner</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM</b>
03/17	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
03/25	Day of the Unborn Child	Services (if any) to Be Announced
<b>04/03</b>	<b><i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i></b>	<b><i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i></b>
04/04	Easter Sunday (Mass Ushers)	St. Patrick's Church / TBD
04/07	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
<b>04/17</b>	<b>Parish Blood Drive (Tentative)</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM</b>
04/21	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM

## New Members and Member Updates

On 16 December, Council 4828 held a 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony. We initiated one new member, Br. Gary Butori, into the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to Br. Gary and welcome aboard.

Br. John Lewy celebrated his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Since he has also been serving the Order for nearly 38 years, he has now been converted to "Honorary" status in the Order. Congratulations, John, and thanks for your many years of service to the Knights of Columbus.



## Making a Difference for Life – Insurance News



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KC Fraternal Benefits....."Where you have Ownership"!!!

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"It is a strange anomaly that men should be careful to insure their houses, their ships, and their merchandise, and yet neglect to insure their lives; surely the most important of all to their families and more subject to loss." - Benjamin Franklin

### November Article

#### The promises of Million Dollar Round Table Agents

I am proud to be a member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), the leading association of life insurance and financial services professionals. A mere 6 percent of life insurance professional in North America can qualify to join this elite organization. Their Code of Ethics calls for member agents to "always place the interests of their clients above their own interests," and to "give the best possible advice to clients by seeking to maintain and improve professional knowledge, skills and competence." MDRT expects of their members exactly what you expect of me: exemplary sales practices, outstanding service and high ethical standards.

What does "exemplary sales practices" mean for you and your family? It means that I won't simply try to push a policy on you. I'll take the time to review your current coverage with you. I'll ask questions about your needs, goals and budget. I'll recommend a plan to help you meet your needs and move toward accomplishing your goals. Most importantly, I'll answer your questions. I want your purchase to be an informed one.

The promise of "outstanding service" is not common in our service-driven world. Whether or not you purchase life insurance coverage through the Order, our relationship won't end. Things like needs, goals and budgets change over a lifetime. What is an appropriate amount of coverage today may not be appropriate tomorrow. I'll meet with you annually to make sure you and your family stay adequately protected.

Above all, our professional agents are held to the highest ethical standards. We are held to these by MDRT, by the Order and by ourselves. In a culture where big business ethics are often questionable at best, isn't it reassuring to know that you can trust your insurance agent? As a brother Knight, I have the best interests of you and your family at heart. I'll render that service, which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

I'm at 775-842-8722 or [todd.cabral@kofc.org](mailto:todd.cabral@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Todd Cabral

P.S. Knights of Columbus Annuities, 4th Quarter Rates are 4.5% with an additional .25 when deposits accumulate over \$10,000 for 4.75%. Offer expires December 31, 2008.

### January Article

#### Tempus Fugit =Times Flies and New Year Resolutions!!

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can guarantee. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

I'm at (775)842-8722 or [todd.cabral@kofc.org](mailto:todd.cabral@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Provide every Catholic man the opportunity to create a Legacy and a Financial Lifeboat for his family and his passion.

Todd Cabral

### February Article

#### Beneficiaries...Who Do You Love?

Valentine's Day will soon be here! Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy? Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Why is it so important to know and to have your beneficiary information updated? A life insurance policy protects the financial status of another person – or people – in the event of your death.

When Purchasing Knights of Columbus insurance policy, you have selected a primary beneficiary, and if you desire, a contingent, or secondary beneficiary. It's always a wise choice to have a contingent beneficiary because you may outlive your primary beneficiary. A contingent beneficiary is the person designated to receive life insurance policy proceeds if the primary beneficiary dies.

By being specific as possible in the wording your beneficiary designation you make sure that the life insurance proceeds will be available to your wife, daughter, son, etc., in a timely manner, when needed most.

Your life situation will undoubtedly change over time. Plan to update your beneficiary designations periodically. This will ensure that your life insurance coverage will protect those you love and want to protect.

Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. I can provide you with the necessary forms, and can help you fill them out. I can also help you with all of your life insurance policy beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold - regardless of the company that issued it.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call my office at 7775-842-8722 or e-mail me at [todd.cabral@kofc.org](mailto:todd.cabral@kofc.org)

Fraternally, Your Brother and Field Agent,

Todd Cabral

## Father McGivney Guild Update

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild recently reported that the supplemental investigation into a reported miracle attributed to Venerable Father McGivney's intercession has recently been completed and the results have been sent to Rome for consideration of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the continuing investigation into the reported miracle by the Holy See is successful, Venerable Father McGivney's beatification could take place in the near future. All Brother Knights are asked to continue to pray for the Canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

## Council Tidbits

**Membership Dues and Assessments** - Once again, it's that time of year when we collect our annual membership dues. The annual billing statements for 2010 were forwarded to all members during the last week of December. Membership dues are \$30 for Regular members and \$10 for Honorary members. Note that there was also a \$2.00 assessment for continuation of the Supreme Council's "Culture of Life Fund" that was initiated a year ago. This fee is mandatory for Regular members, but optional for Honorary and Honorary Life members. All members can also include an additional voluntary donation of \$5.00 to go toward the Nevada State Council's 365-Club fund. If you haven't already forwarded your payment, you can save the Financial Secretary a lot of extra work, by submitting your fees as soon as possible. Send them to the council address or mail/pass them directly to FS Jim Shurtliff.

**Fraternal Survey** - Also included the December mailing was the annual Survey of Fraternal Activity forms, which needs to be returned to the Financial Secretary, immediately. Each year, our response to the Fraternal Survey seems to be going down. Returning this form is very important to both our Council and the Order, so please take a few minutes right now to complete your Fraternal Survey and send your response to FS Shurtliff, immediately. All responses need to be received by 24 January so the Council's overall response can be submitted to the Supreme Council before the end of the month.

**Personal Questionnaire Updates Needed** - In order to be a successful organization it is critical that we be able to properly communicate with all of our members so that everyone remains aware of our meetings, events, etc. In order to do that we must have accurate contact information for all of our Br. Knights. However, we have found that our telephone, mailing address, and/or EMAIL contact information for several members are no longer valid. To help us collect corrections/updates for the database, individual copies of the information that we have on file for each member was forwarded in the form of a Personal Questionnaire, as part of the December mailing. All Brother Knights are asked to please send review the information on the form that you received and provide any changes to the Financial Secretary so he can accurately update our records. All members are asked to respond, even if no changes are required. That way we will know that our records are correct for all members.

**Bishop's Seminarian Raffle Tickets** - Included with the mailing of this newsletter, all Br. Knights should receive their ticket booklets for the annual Bishop's Seminarian Raffle. Our response to this raffle has also been going down over the past few years. Supporting our seminarians is very important to our Catholic faith, so all Br. Knights are encouraged to either sell or purchase their Seminarian Raffle tickets and submit the ticket stubs and proceeds to the Financial Secretary by late April. The statewide drawing will be held at the annual State Convention on the first weekend in May.

**Lenten Fish Fry** - Brother Knights, instead of the usual soup supper we are going to try something different for the parish this year. The council will be hosting a free fish fry on the first Friday of Lent, which is on February 19th. Please plan on attending the Stations of the Cross first. Then join us for some fish, fries, and coleslaw in the hall. If you are available to lend a hand with this, contact Br. Tom Lukas at 427-1751.

**Rummage Sale** - Council 4828 will be hosting another parish rummage sale this spring. More information will follow but the sale will be the same basic format as in prior years. Brothers Tom Lukas and Bob Greer will be the ramrod guys this year.

**Filipino Night** - Council 4828 will be hosting a special Filipino Night and potluck dinner for our Br. Knights and their families. The event will be held on 23 January at Moiola Hall, beginning at 6:30. Br. Knights are asked to bring a potluck side dish or dessert.

**Living Rosary Services** - Br. Knights are reminded that Council 4828 is still sponsoring Living Rosary prayer services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. The services are held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fallon. Remember, these services are peaceful, prayerful recitations of the Rosary, to pray for an end to abortion and for the support of life in all stages. Our turn-out has been quite low during the past year or more, so all Brother Knights and parish members are encouraged to bring their families and support these important prayer services. If you have any questions, or want more information, contact Br. Jeff Scholz at 423-4771 or Br. Jim Shurtliff at 423-6911.

**Blood Drive** - Council 4828 sponsored our semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive on 14 November. It was held throughout the day in Moiola Hall and we had a fairly good turn-out. The Council would like to thank Br. Pat Laca for chairing this event, once again. The next blood drive is tentatively scheduled 17 April.

**Memorial Mass** - Council 4828 held our annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights on November 1st. Sadly, this year Brothers Art Cardone, Guy Regan, Al Facha, Ernie Carlucci, and Elmo Dericco were added to our list of departed Brothers. Special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree honor guard and to Brother Ed Kraker for doing the annual reading of names.

**On-line Data Access** - If you have access to the internet and/or EMAIL and haven't yet provided the Council with your EMAIL address, please forward it to the Financial Secretary as soon as possible. He has been sending out routine EMAILs with prayer requests and tidbits of other information for the past few years, and you are missing out. In addition, use of EMAIL notification for certain announcements and reminders helps the council save money in copying and mailing fees. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Submit your address to FS Shurtliff at [shurtfam@cccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@cccomm.net). Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

**Council Web-Master Needed** - Due to other commitments, Financial Secretary Shurtliff has been unable to properly maintain and update the Council's web-site for quite some time. Therefore, he is looking for another Br. Knight who might be interested in taking over as the web-master for the web-site. If you are interested, please contact him at 423-6911 or [shurtfam@cccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@cccomm.net).

**Newsletter Sponsorships Needed** - Please note that our newsletter's Sponsor's Page is still no longer included as part of *Oasis Knightline*. As stated in previous newsletter editions, this is not because the sponsorships are no longer needed, but rather, because all of our previous sponsorships expired several months ago. Therefore, we are still looking for a Br. Knight to step up and volunteer to contact our previous advertisers and reestablish their advertisements for us and also to help us look for some new advertisers to finish filling up our advertising slots. Our goal is to have the newsletter be completely self-sustaining, so we need to have approximately twenty sponsors. If you are available to assist in contacting our previous sponsors and/or other local business owners, or if you actually own a business or know of any businesses that might be interested in a sponsorship, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are \$25.00 for four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. The sponsor's page will also be published on our web-site. The Council reserves the right to review all advertisements prior to publication. (NOTE: we cannot accept advertisements from insurance companies other than K of C insurance agents.)

**New Members Needed** - There always many new faces in our parish and many of these men have probably never been asked to join our Order. Both our Council and the Order depend on recruiting new members, so all Brother Knights are encouraged to take the initiative to ask another Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus.

# Health Care, Politicians and the Catholic Conscience

## A Troubling New Development Appears in American Politics

Carl Anderson - 12/7/2009 (Zenit.org)

For decades, Americans have been subjected to the arguments of certain Catholic politicians who argued that while “personally opposed” to unjust policies like abortion, they were nonetheless unwilling to “impose” that view on the rest of the country. The argument was disingenuous, premised on the fact that somehow a “Catholic” conscience had to be put to the side in the public square.

Now, the very people who argued that they couldn't bring their private conscience into a secular public square are poised to use the law to impose a particular view on their fellow Catholics. By working and voting to include abortion coverage in health care legislation, several Catholic politicians stand at the precipice of being the deciding votes in forcing a particular immoral view on their fellow Catholics, by forcing them to fund abortion through their tax dollars.

While professing that they cannot impose their conscience on anyone else, these politicians seem to have little hesitation about imposing a political view “one they claim to oppose in principle” on the consciences of their fellow Catholics.

### Far from Kennedy

Catholic politicians willing to forsake their own consciences and impose a directly anti-Catholic view on others have come a long way from the legacy of American history's highest profile Catholic statesman, John F. Kennedy, who while discussing his role as a Catholic and candidate for president said: “If the time should ever come and I do not concede any conflict to be even remotely possible” when my office would require me to either violate my conscience or violate the national interest, then I would resign the office; and I hope any conscientious public servant would do the same.”

And while some might consider that Catholic politicians have disagreed with the public policy recommendations of their bishops in a variety of areas, the key is this: Many issues are prudential and open to reasonable disagreement; but the inalienable right to life in the context of abortion is not – it is fundamental and it may not be compromised.

As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, noted about Catholic politicians in 2004: “Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion.” He added: “While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion.”

### Unjust Law

Catholic politicians must now consider the effect of national legislation mandating Catholic cooperation in abortion. In his famous pro-life encyclical, “Evangelium Vitae,” Pope John Paul II said: “The passing of unjust laws often raises difficult problems of conscience for morally upright people with regard to the issue of cooperation, since they have a right to demand not to be forced to take part in morally evil actions.”

He said further: “Christians, like all people of good will, are called upon under grave obligation of conscience not to cooperate formally in practices which, even if permitted by civil legislation, are contrary to God's law. Indeed, from the moral standpoint, it is never licit to cooperate formally in evil. This cooperation can never be justified either by invoking respect for the freedom of others or by appealing to the fact that civil law permits it or requires it. Each individual in fact has moral responsibility for the acts which he personally performs; no one can be exempted from this responsibility, and on the basis of it everyone will be judged by God himself.”

It is doubly ironic that a law that would force millions to violate their conscience by paying their taxes and would entangle thousands of Catholic physicians, nurses, hospitals and charities in the evil of abortion is being considered at precisely a time when the majority of Americans “in greater and greater numbers” are increasingly becoming more pro-life.

Catholic public officials in Washington have the power to prevent this moral tragedy from happening. They should not hesitate to do so.

## Supreme Council News

### Federal Court Victory in Pledge of Allegiance Case

(10/1/2009 ) The Knights of Columbus scored an important victory in federal court in New Hampshire on Wednesday, Sept. 30, when U.S. District Judge Steven McAuliffe upheld the constitutionality of the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Atheist Michael Newdow had filed the lawsuit against the school system in Hanover, New Hampshire on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, in a case that mirrored his earlier lawsuit against schools in and near Sacramento, California.

As with the California case, the Knights of Columbus sought and received permission from the court to become a “defendant intervenor,” allowing attorneys representing the Order (from the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty) to participate directly in the court proceedings.

The California case, argued before a panel of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in December 2007, has still not been decided. Read the New Hampshire court decision.

### Knights Send Relief to Haiti

(1/14/2010) In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of Tuesday evening's 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has today sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and we invite Knights to make contributions through the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line, and this feature should be available on the Supreme Council website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) by later this evening. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.

Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest. We ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

## From Our District Deputy

Happy New Years to all of my Brother Knights. Now that January is already here we really need to concentrate on recruiting. So far this year the State Council is down, as far as recruiting, and every new member helps. So if there is anyone you've been considering asking, please do so as soon as possible.

In December, I attended this year's mid-year convention in Elko. It's always great to see everyone from throughout the State, but if you have ever been to one of these, the whole weekend is primarily dominated by recruiting and retention of our current members. So far, Fallon Council has brought in a couple of new members this year, however we also are in the process of letting some members go who have been delinquent in paying dues for a couple of years, so we really have to get on the recruiting trail this year.

If I may, I would like to encourage each of our Brother Knights to meet with our Insurance Field Agent, Brother Todd Cabral. Even if you are an insured member it is a great idea to meet with Todd to review your current needs, as far as insurance goes. Todd will meet, very happily, with any Brother Knights. He can be reached at 775-842-8722 or via Email at [todd.cabral@kofc.org](mailto:todd.cabral@kofc.org).

Brothers, I would be happy to hear from any Brother Knights, either to answer any questions or to help you out in any way possible.

**Bob Greer, District Deputy #3 (423-6782)**

## The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner

Well, here we are my fellow Knights, on our sixth month of the Columbian year. We have had a very busy six months. We started off with Br. Tom Lukas and other Br. Knights serving breakfast for the visiting coaches and players from a local youth baseball league tournament. Then we had our Installation of Officers in August and I want to thank Br. Dennis Kathrein, once again, for arranging this important event. We also submitted our semi-annual audit report in August and I thank the Trustees, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary for their time and effort in getting this done and submitted on time without any problems. Special thanks to Br. Doug Lynch and Br. Jim Shurtliff for keeping such good records.

I hope you all saw our Knights of Columbus float in the Labor Day Parade. It was a joint project between our Council and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. Thanks to brothers Dennis Kathrein, Cliff Cramer, and Phil Sabatino for preparing the float and to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Faithful Navigator, Br. Wayne Bonde, for driving the float.

In September, it was off to the Reno Air Races for us. Our good-hearted Brother Knights helped provide the manpower to help with parking and other activities at the races. This made us some extra money without having any out-of-pocket expenses. Special thanks to our District Deputy, Bob Greer, for coordinating this and making it happen for the Council.

Several Brother Knights participated in the "Why Catholic" program classes and, hopefully, this will help us in helping our parish community have a stronger faith. Several council members also got together after one of our regular business meetings to pose for a photo that will be included in the forthcoming Parish Directory. Thanks to those who came to help represent the Council for photo.

In October, we held our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to Br. Brad Jackson for spearheading this and thanks to all Br. Knights who gave up their Saturday and Sunday TV time to help. The drive was very successful.

We also had our Fall Festival Pork Feed Dinner in October. Thanks to Br. Pat Laca and Br. Phil Sabatino for spearheading this project and thanks to Br. Maurice Hanifan and his crew, brothers Marty and Steve Maffi, Richard Cordova, Ed Arcineaga, and Matt Louie, who prepared the meat, and thanks to Br. Louie Erquiaga who cooked the meat, Luau style. Thanks also for the kitchen crew, headed by Br. Dennis Kathrein and Cliff Cramer, who made sure that everything was served right, and thanks to the other helpers, the food servers, and the bar tenders. This is what we call team work. Without it, we would not be able to accomplish what we are set to do. Again, thank you.

In early November, we had another joint program between the Fourth Degree Assembly and the Council. This was the annual Mass for Deceased members, which we hold every year to honor our deceased Br. Knights. Later in the month, the Assembly and the Council paired up for another event, when we hosted the Military Appreciation Thanksgiving Dinner at the base. We hold this every year to show the military personnel at NAS Fallon our appreciation for what they and their dependants are doing for our country. We honor their dedication and sacrifices.

In December, we had our "Light up for Christ" program, where we joined our Br. Knights, throughout the United States and abroad, to celebrate Christmas. Thanks to the St. Patrick's church choir for joining us in this event and thanks to Fr. Oliver, who joined us with appropriate prayers for the celebration.

I know I owe a lot of you my thanks and gratitude for helping me out and I am sorry if I didn't mention your names, so what I want you to know that I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and may you all have a very prosperous and a very happy year in 2010.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Ron Encarnacion, GK**

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