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## 'We Dare Not Forget'

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson – January 1, 2011

Fifty years ago this month, John F. Kennedy was sworn in as president of the United States. His inaugural address inspired a generation of Americans, and his words "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" became the byword of a generation. Those words, coming toward the end of the address, were its rhetorical highpoint. But the speech's intellectual foundation came at the beginning, when Kennedy asserted that "the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe — the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God."

He concluded his speech this way: "[L]et us go forth to lead the land we love, asking his blessing and his help, but knowing that here on earth, God's work must truly be our own."

Kennedy had just won one of the closest and most controversial elections in American history. Much of the opposition centered upon the prejudice that a Catholic could not serve as president. In this regard, some might have expected Kennedy to downplay the theme of religion in his speech. But he did not.

If it were to have taken place amid the political landscape of today, Kennedy's election would have been less controversial than his words. Given the ongoing debate over religion in American life, his inaugural address would have generated enormous disagreement.

Though some today might be shocked by the presence of religious ideals in a speech of this importance, such sentiments have been prominent throughout American history. Kennedy's predecessor, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, began his first inaugural address with a prayer he had composed. Eisenhower said, "At such a time in history, we who are free must proclaim anew our faith. This faith is the abiding creed of our fathers. It is our faith in the deathless dignity of man, governed by eternal moral and natural laws."

Both Kennedy and Eisenhower understood that the "abiding creed of our fathers," and those "revolutionary beliefs" for which they fought, had been summarized by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence when he wrote that each of us has been endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights.

We might well say that the 20th century was defined by the struggle between those committed to the proposition that our rights "come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God" and those who seek to replace those "eternal moral and natural laws" with the unlimited power of the state. Both Kennedy and Eisenhower understood this, and it was one of the reasons they supported the initiative in the 1950s to add the words "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance — a cause that was championed by the Knights of Columbus.

In my recent book *Beyond a House Divided: The Moral Consensus Ignored by Washington, Wall Street and the Media*, I have put forward statistical evidence showing that the American people by a large majority remain committed to the moral foundations of our country. These findings should give us confidence as we continue to promote the traditional moral values that offer the best hope for the future of our nation and the world.

Some may say that these "revolutionary beliefs" should be a thing of the past. But in his inaugural address, Kennedy himself made the best response to this contention: "We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution" and that we are "unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed."

May the Knights of Columbus remain steadfast in the defense of those "revolutionary beliefs" about which our brother Knight and first Catholic president spoke so eloquently.

Vivat Jesus!

## Supreme Council's Pro-Life Public Policy

(From the Supreme Council's Website)

**Culture of Life Legislative Initiative** - As Catholics, Knights of Columbus have the responsibility to work for the common good of society. Catholics--and especially Knights--must, in the words of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "embrace their citizenship not - The United Nations has granted the Knights of Columbus status as a nongovernmental organization (NGO). This merely as a duty and a privilege, but as an opportunity to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every voice counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power." The Culture of Life Legislative Initiative seeks to assist councils in becoming more effective in the public sphere.

**Legislative Priorities** - The Legislative Priorities section informs our membership on vital issues and enables them, directly from the site, to contact their senators and representative.

**Vote Pro-Life** - Led by the Fourth Degree, the Order encourages its own members--and all people--to vote pro-life. The Knights of Columbus feels that the right to life is not a partisan issue, but rather the pre-eminent moral issue of our time.

**A United Nations Non-Governmental Organization** designation entitles the Order to participate in U.N. conferences and activities at a variety of levels.

## Council Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Knights Celebrating Birthdays:

#### January

Wayne Bonde, Eugene Duffney, Gary Imelli, Dennis Kathrein, Robert Knoll, John Levy, James Moore, Jim Shurtliff, Frank Soares, and Donald Tuohy

#### February

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, Castor Delosreyes, Francis LeSage, Matthew Maffi, 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 Brothers Ronald Flores and Brother Gary Imelli who recently became eligible for "Honorary" membership in the Order. Special certificates will be prepared for them and presented at an applicable time. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where / When</u>
02/12	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Ceremony	Bishop Manogue High School / 12:15 PM
02/16	Business Meeting / 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
03/02	Business Meeting	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</b>
<b>03/05</b>	<b>Living Rosary Prayer Service</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / TBD</b>
<b>03/09</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Services</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM</b>
<b>03/12</b>	<b>Corned Beef Dinner</b>	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
03/16	Business Meeting	Services (if any) to Be Announced
03/25	Day of the Unborn Child	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</b>
<b>04/02</b>	<b>Living Rosary Prayer Service</b>	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
04/06	Business Meeting	<b>Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM</b>
<b>04/09</b>	<b>Parish Blood Drive</b> (Tentative)	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
04/20	Business Meeting	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM</b>
<b>04/23</b>	<b>Adult Steak Social</b>	St. Patrick's Church / TBD
04/24	Easter Sunday (Mass Ushers)	

## A Note from Our Council's Seminarian

Dear Knights:

It has been a blessing for me to have your support. I want to give thanks in a very special way for all your economic and spiritual support in my way through the priesthood.

This is my second year in Mount Angel Seminary in Saint Benedict, Oregon and it has been a wonderful experience, growing in the ways and paths of the Lord. I love the seminary, is a beautiful place, since I got here I felt as living in the mountain top because the seminary is in the top of a mountain. I will say that I miss Nevada because of the sun, here in Oregon, there is not much of it and it is hard to get some.

I am finishing my academic classes in this coming semester and I am looking forward to do pastoral year in the coming year 2011-2012. Classes in the seminary are really hard and I have to study a lot in order to get good grades. But teachers are good and I really enjoy learning about theology.

All Knights from Fallon are in my prayers and I ask the Lord to keep sending blessing upon all of you and your wonderful families.

Blessing, Doroteo Rojas



## New Members, Member Updates, and Member Deaths

Br. Robert Knoll was initiated, into the Knights of Columbus at 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification Ceremony that was held in Dayton on 9 December. He then completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees at Exemplifications Ceremonies that were held on 15 January. We Congratulate Br. Bob and welcome him in the Order and into our Council.

Br. Nick Talamante recently transferred into Council 4828 from Council 6688 in Silver Springs. We welcome Br. Nick into our Council.

Br. Ron Flores and Br. Gary Imelli both recently celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays. They have both been serving the Order for nearly more than 31 years, so they have now been converted to "Honorary" member status. Congratulations, Ron and Gary, and thanks for your many years of service to the Knights of Columbus.

Br. William E. "Bill" Jacobi passed away on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 87. He was initiated into the Order through Council 4828 on 20 September, 1990, making him a 20-year

member. He completed his 2nd and 3rd Degrees in April 1991 and was an active member in our Council until his health prevented him from attending meetings on a regular basis.

Br. Gary Enos passed away on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the age of 66. Br. Gary joined the order through initiation into Council 4828 on September 16, 2009 and was an active member in our Council. He was also an active member of the local Elk's lodge.

Br. Frank "Don" McNeill passed away on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. Br. Don joined the Order on October 2, 1955 and went through his First, Second, and Third Degrees all on the same day. He transferred into Council 4828 from the Hawthorne Council and was an Honorary Life member of the Order. His long-time service to the Order will be missed.

Please pray for the repose of these Brother Knights' souls. They will be missed by our Council, by their families, and by the members of St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic churches.

## Venerable Fr. McGivney Guild Report:

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Catholic University of America recently rededicated one of its prominent academic buildings after a major renovation funded by the Knights of Columbus? It was renamed McGivney Hall.

On the front page of the October 2010 Knightline is an article that reads: CANADA'S NEWEST SAINT. In a recent Review Journal is an article that reads: Miracle may move John Paul II closer to Catholic sainthood. Wouldn't it be another true blessing for all Knights if we could ONE DAY see the following article in one of the Knightlines and all local newspapers that reads: The Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, has been canonized as the first American born priest? THINK ABOUT IT!!



### **Guild Membership Status:**

International Guild Membership: 139,000 in October, 2010 increased to more than 140,000 in January, 2011  
Nevada Guild Membership: 970 in October, 2010 increased to only 977 in January, 2011

NOTE: Of the seven new members in Nevada, five were women. If you haven't already enrolled in the guild, please enroll today, and don't forget to enroll your spouse, as well. Membership is free and enrollment forms are located in each edition of Columbia magazine.

### **Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make our request). Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. . . . Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory be to the Father.

The next edition of the *Oasis Knightline* will be published in late March. If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to F5 Jim Shurtliff at [shurtfam@cccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@cccomm.net) or at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV 89406 or send them to the Council's address at PO Box 2545, Fallon, NV 89407. Submittals should be received by March 15th for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos (regular or digital) are welcome, too. Articles, photos, and/or suggestions for the Council's web site are also welcome.



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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

### November - LTC Awareness Month

What Are My Risks of Needing LTC?

About 70 percent of individuals over 65 will require at least some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. Over 40 percent will need care in a nursing home for some period of time. Factors that increase your risk of needing long-term care are:

- Age - The risk generally increases as you get older.
- Marital Status - Single people are more likely to need care from a paid provider.
- Gender - Women are at higher risk than men, primarily because they tend to live longer.
- Lifestyle - Poor Diet and exercise habits can increase your risk.
- Health and Family History - also impact your risk.

This year, about 9 million Americans over the age of 65 will need long-term care services. By 2020, that number will increase to 12 million. While most people who need long-term care are 65 or older, a person can need long-term care services at an age. Forty (40) percent of people currently receiving long-term care are adults 18 to 64 years old.

If you are not currently a LTC policyholder, I suggest that we schedule some time together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this significant, value added benefit.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call my office at (your phone #) or e-mail me at (your e-mail address)

Fraternally, Your Brother and Field Agent,

Joseph Melancon

## January Article

### HAPPY NEW YEAR Brother Knights - 2011!

Happy New Year to all my Brothers! As Catholics, our new year begins at Advent. We have our own special start then. As citizens we celebrate the annual festivities of a new calendar year. I want to wish you all the safest of new years and to remind all my Brothers that the safest way to start the New Year is to protect all we own. Our loved ones cling on to our support and love, and when we leave they lose them both. We can show them as a Catholic Gentleman, the responsibility we have by leaving them with Catholic Protection. And I might add the finest of Catholic protection. This will enable them to weather the storms of survival through your love and your intelligent management of your assets.

- Our annuities can be obtained in 2011 for tax obligations of 2010, but you must act quickly. This is a time sensitive decision.

- Our Long Term Care is budget friendly and you can modify the plan to create your own affordable premium.
- Of course, the finest of Life Insurance is available and this is the time to look at the safety of a plan from your Brotherhood.

Wishing you and yours a responsible start to the New Year leaves me open to your availability. I am here for you my Brothers and you only.

Please call me for a quick review and some tax saving advice for 2011. May the Good Lord be with you this new season.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call my office at 775.427.5281 or e-mail me at joseph.melancon@kofc.org.

Fraternally, Your Brother and Field Agent,

Joseph Melancon

## 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 775-842-8722 or e-mail me at todd.cabral@kofc.org

Fraternally, Your Brother and Field Agent,

Joe Melancon



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

**Making a Difference for Life**



## Council Tidbits

**Membership Dues and Assessments in Arrears** - Once again, it's that time of year when we collect our annual membership dues and many members are currently in arrears. Applicable Second Notice billing statements for 2011 have been included with this newsletter. Membership dues are \$30 for Regular members and \$10 for Honorary members. There is also an assessment for continuation of the Supreme Council's "Culture of Life Fund" that was initiated two years 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 any further additional work, by submitting your fees as soon as possible. Send them to the council address or mail/pass them directly to FS Jim Shurtliff.

**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 of our members.

**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. We ended up suspending seven members this past fall due to non-payment of their dues. As a result, in order to make our annual membership quota and earn the Columbian Award, we need to make up for those members on top of our normal 8-member quota. In other words, we need to gain 15 new members this year, and so far, we have only gained two, plus we have one more candidate's application. Please get out there and ask our fellow parishioners to come and join us.

**Parish Blood Drive** - Council 4828 sponsored a blood drive at St. Patrick's Parish on November 13th. As usual, 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, once again, for chairing this important event. Our next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for March.

**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@ccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@ccomm.net).

**Green Jackets and Shirts** - The Council recently placed an order for green Council shirts and we ended up purchasing a few extra shirts. If you are interested in purchasing one, contact Br. Tom Lukas. The cost is \$32 each and we have size L and XL available. In addition, if anyone is interested in purchasing a green Council jacket, you can go to [http://www.blazersmen.com/pages/mens\\_blazer/classic.html](http://www.blazersmen.com/pages/mens_blazer/classic.html) to place an order for a nice blazer/jacket for a very reasonable price (\$49).

**Corporate Communion** - Council 4828 held a Corporate Communion on 30 January during the 8:00 Mass at St. Patrick's church. We had a really nice turnout and the church was filled with green shirts and jackets. Since we normally hold our Corporate Communions on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of any month that, we don't have another one scheduled until the last Sunday in May.

**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 extremely low during the past two-years or so. Therefore, all Brother Knights and parish members are encouraged to bring their families, invite another fellow parishioner, and come 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.

**Memorial Mass** - On November 14th, Council 4828 held our annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights. Sadly, this year Brothers Walter "Scotty" Scott and Gregg Rabina 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.

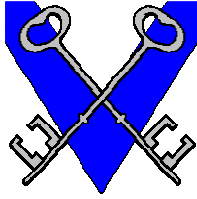
**On-line Data Access** - If you have access to the internet and/or EMAIL and haven't yet provided the Council with your EMAIL address, please forward it to the Financial Secretary as soon as possible. He has been sending out routine EMAILs with prayer requests and tidbits of other information for the 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@ccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@ccomm.net). Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

**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 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. If you need additional tickets, let us know. The statewide drawing will be held at the annual State Convention on the first weekend in May.

**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.)

## **K of C Emblems and Council Jewels (Part 3)**

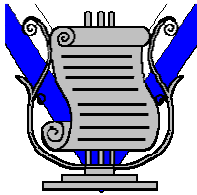
The following information, in part, came from the "Official Knights of Columbus Emblems and Council Jewels" pamphlet (#1910) that is published by the Supreme Council. It is my intention to include similar articles about the various Officer Jewels in future editions of Oasis Knightline. Jim Shurtliff – Financial Secretary



The **TREASURER** keeps all funds, maintains the accounts of the Council, and issues Council checks upon receipt of a proper voucher from the Financial Secretary. Crossed Keys worn on a blue ribbon are symbolic of his complete authority over funds, particularly responsibility for their safekeeping. His robe is black, trimmed with black, and a white cincture with silver fringe.



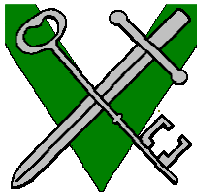
The **WARDEN** assures that all members at meetings possess the current membership card. He is custodian of all Council property except funds and is in charge of properly setting up the Council Chamber. He directs the activities of the Inside and Outside Guards. His emblem, an Axe Bound with Rods, known as a Faces, was traditionally carried by the guards or protectors of Roman magistrates as a symbol of authority. The Warden ideally has and exercises that authority. The ribbon is colored red over black. His robe is black trimmed with scarlet with a scarlet cincture with silver fringe.



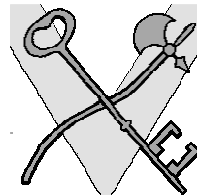
The **LECTURER** provides entertainment for the members after meetings, particularly the second meeting of the month, which is our social meeting, and handles certain other major social events of the Council such as Family Dinners. His emblem consists of Lyre and Scroll. These are traditionally symbols of music and literature and the arts. Hence, the Lecturer is in charge of entertainment. His ribbon is white over blue. The Lecturer wears a black robe with national blue trimming and blue cincture with silver fringe.



The **ADVOCATE** is the Chief Legal Officer of the Council, resolving procedural matters, acting as parliamentarian, and otherwise handling all legal activities. His emblem is the Scroll with Crossed Sword hung from a yellow ribbon. The Scroll is emblematic of legal literature and law, while the Sword indicates the power to defend and enforce the law. The Advocate's robe is black with golden yellow trim and yellow cincture with silver fringe.



The **TRUSTEES** (three in number) oversee the financial transactions of the Council, review all bills and financial reports and audit the Council's financial records semi-annually. Their emblems, Crossed Key and Sword, indicate this financial authority and are worn on green ribbons. Trustees wear black robes trimmed in green.



The **INSIDE GUARD** (1) and **OUTSIDE GUARDS** (1 or 2) are charged with the security of the Council Chamber and assist the Warden in meeting the duties of his Office. Their emblems, Crossed Key and Axe hung from a white ribbon, represent their power as sentries at the door. Their robes are gray with black trim and yoke. The cincture is also black with silver fringe.

## **From Our District Deputy**

Hello all my Brothers,

Well the Columbian year is moving right along. With Christmas and New Years gone already, we are rapidly approaching Lent, which means that spring will not be too far behind. This is a busy time for us in Fallon and especially for Knights. There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during lent followed by soup suppers. The Knights' soup supper will be the second Friday in Lent. Then there will be our annual Corned Beef Dinner, which is always a big hit, and plans are already being made for this year's dinner.

The last weekend of April will bring the State Convention, which will be in Las Vegas this year. This is a very busy time for your Grand Knight, Brad Jackson, and his delegates and also for me, as a District Deputy. If you have any questions, please bring them to Brad's or my attention so we can ask these questions at the Convention.

As always, recruiting is a tough issue that we need to be diligent in through our pursuit of new potential members. I ask you to look around again at Mass and at your neighbors and friends to see if any of these men would make good potential Knights. By recruiting new members we keep our councils healthy and bring in new and exciting ideas.

I encourage each Knight in my district to meet with our insurance field agents, to either review your existing policies or see what he may have to offer you and your family to protect your futures. Remember the words from your First Degree, we know not when, how, or where . . . .

Finally, if you haven't done so, please pay your annual dues and consider making the extra five dollar donation to help our fellow Brother Knights who need our help through the 365-Club. This is a great Nevada Knights of Columbus program which has helped many Knights throughout our state, and maybe even in our own council. Remember all grants thru the 365-Club are confidential.

I look forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming meeting.

Bob Greer, District Deputy #3

## Joining the Patriotic Degree

(Date Extracted from the Supreme Council Website)

Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups (called "assemblies"). Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus. The following are some of the principles, programs, and activities of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud:** For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor.

### **Vision & Goals:**

- **Standing Firm in Support of the Order:** Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.
- **Proudly Serving the Country:** Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.
- **Unwavering Support of the Faith:** Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.
- **Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood:** The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

**Part of a Greater Good. Devotees of a Greater Purpose:** For the Knights of Columbus, civic involvement comes in many forms. Each election year, the Knights of Columbus sponsors campaigns that urge citizens to vote, and provides rides to the polls.

**Apostolic Visit of the Holy Father to the White House:** During Pope Benedict's April 16 meeting with President Bush at the White House, 30 Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia provided an honor guard for the ceremony. It was the first time the Fourth Degree stood in formation for a pope and president at the White House.

**Incarnation Dome:** Fourth Degree Knights are raising funds to offset the cost of the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

**Serving those Who Serve:** Knights of Columbus members give time and money not only out of a sense of duty and respect but also out of a sincere desire to show thanks to those who safeguard our country and preserve the very thing we, as Americans, value most: our freedom.

**Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) Program:** Our military personnel voluntarily act as the protectors of our nations, standing on the front lines while keeping us safe behind them. The Knights of Columbus acknowledges this unselfish act of patriotism by promoting the "Serving Those Who Served" program.

**Heroes Fund: Rising Above and Banding Together:** Understanding the dramatic impact on countless families, the day after 9/11, the Knights of Columbus established the "Heroes Fund" to provide immediate assistance to the families of civil servants who lost their lives in the rescue and recovery efforts.

## *The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner*

Brothers,

As a new Grand Knight I believe one of the things I have been most surprised about are the number of emails I receive daily about Knight business, both Nationally and at the State Level. One of the most frequent types of emails is requests for prayers for Brother Knights or their families. What a wonderful and large network we have to support one another. I encourage all to take a quick moment when you receive these emails from Jim to say a quick prayer for our family. Another benefit of these emails is the introduction to and updates on the important programs the Knights are engaged in. I would like to take a moment here to give all an update on a very important initiative and ask for your contributions. The program is the "Culture of Life Fund", It was started a couple years ago at Supreme to provide 50% funding for ultrasound machines. Since then, 82 machines have been placed

in certified pregnancy centers in 32 States--none in Nevada. We are working to change that. Statistics show that 70-95% of abortion minded women choose life when they see the image of their baby. With Council 13842 at St. Rose of Lima Northern Nevada Councils are working with Supreme to get the 1st machine placed into the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Reno. Help us raise the first 50% so that Supreme will provide the remaining 50%. At our next meeting I will have additional information on the program along with contribution envelopes.

I also want to say Thank You all for the support of me and our Council and I look forward to working with you in the next half of our council year.

Fraternally,

Brad Jackson, GK