



The Saint Michael

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James Gardner

JUNE 2009



Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All,

I have been thinking these past few weeks what I would like to say as my last Grand Knights message without being somber. Well, it came to me; the best way might be to do a little reflecting. When I agreed to accept the challenges of Grand Knight, I didn't know what to expect, but knew the Council was a strong part of the Holy Family Parish and Newark Community. To maintain this was all that would be required. Well, this is what has happened, and St. Michael Council members have and continue to respond to the needs of both, spurred on by the love and support of their own families. These coupled with the spiritual direction given by our outstanding Pastor Fr. Jim Nash and exhilarating dedication of our Chaplain- Fr. Joe Wisniewski.

While our Council's membership has continued to grow, as a result of a dedicated Membership Team of Bros. Hageman, Strawser, Gardner, Lynch & headed by our Knight of the Year Sir. Knight Matt Mitchell. I believe, we also made major strides in the area of communication, through Brother Frank Strawser's guidance with web upgrades and Newsletter format changes, to allow both e-mail and print compatibility. Further communication enhancements were realized by establishing the Phone Tree and Bro. Perry Best efforts. During these two years we highlighted several new events, Memorial Mass Remembrances, Day Of Recollection, Councils 50th Anniversary Celebration, Code Purple for the homeless, first annual Lenten Fish Fry headed by Brother Wayne Wilberding and a cast of many- too numerous to mention. The \$50,000 pledged by St. Michael Home Association and presented by PSD Joe Mc Cann to Fr. Nash for the Legacy of Faith Campaign. Most recently, Bro. Rick Johnstone chaired the First Annual Holy Family / St. Michael Council Golf Tournament. Yes, these past two years have been exciting & beneficial, because I could experience first hand the results of dedicated men of our council and their families, wanting to do their part to help St. Michael Council do more to support those in need, while having fun and rewarding experiences with their Brother Knights. For those I had the privilege to meet at a Council meeting or function the pleasure was mine, for those I didn't meet, I am sorry our programs didn't meet your interest and/ or you live away. May I ask those who live locally, please stop by a future meeting under the leadership of our new Grand Knight Brother Brian Kunkel. Start the New Columbian Year **by pledging to get involved in one activity.**

You may be surprised **how good you might feel.**

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A Message from our Chaplain Fr. Joe Wisniewski

Dear Brother Knights:

“God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!”

As we come to the end of another Columbian year, we pause to give praise and thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. As a Council, our membership continues to grow and we are busier than ever as we improve our community, enhance our parish, and build the Kingdom of God. Our un-official motto of “Knights in Action” best describes how we serve both God and neighbor. To each and every one of my Brother Knights (and your wives and families), **Thank You** for all you do!

On a personal note, I would to thank, Fran McManus, our out-going Worthy Grand Knight, for his laudable efforts over the past two years. Fran, with the support of his wife, Joan, worked tirelessly on our behalf to bring St. Michael Council to new levels of enthusiasm and volunteerism. Fran is a man of honor and integrity, a true family man, and a role model for what it truly means to be a Knight! We are all grateful that, in spite of health issues, Fran graciously agreed to serve a second term as Grand Knight. It is good to know that Fran and St. Michael’s are both in “rhythm!” **Thank you, Fran and Joan!**

Congratulations to Brian Kunkel for being elected our new Grand Knight! I am sure that, with the help and support of his wife, Patty, Brian will continue to keep our Council moving forward. To aid them in their efforts, let us all say an extra prayer for Brian and Patty as they assume their new duties.

As you enjoy the upcoming summer months, enjoy your vacations but don’t take a vacation from God! Remember to take time for family and friends, continue to pray your rosary, and always be ready to serve whenever and wherever you are called!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Joe

Photography

Those who attend many of our Council functions are use to seeing Brother Carmelo Palazzo in action, taking pictures to capture the moment. This looks simple, but believe me, there is a tremendous amount of dedicated effort provided by Carmelo in not only taking the pictures, but cataloging them for use and sharing with us. He has been instrumental in capturing the history of our Council activities and his efforts are most appreciated.

Please remember in your prayers, our deceased brothers



Insurance

USING YOUR GOOD HEALTH TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN FOR YEARS TO COME

Creative Savings Strategies:

Using a Death Benefit on a Parent as an Alternative to Traditional Savings Plans

Key Idea:

Children of parents affiliated with the Knights of Columbus can use whole life insurance policies on their parents as an alternative way to grow retirement funds for themselves or college savings funds for their own children.

How it works:

A child of a parent affiliated with the Knights of Columbus can elect to pay premiums on an insurance policy on their parent. As payer, the child then elects himself/herself as the primary beneficiary. At the death of the parent, the child receives the death benefit on the policy, giving them a guaranteed return on their program that is income tax free.

The Benefits:

- An excellent and guaranteed way to boost a retirement savings plan
- An excellent way to add tax efficiency to a retirement savings plan
- Brings safety and stability to your retirement portfolio, since the death benefit is guaranteed (the KofC is a AAA rated company by Standard and Poor's; we are also rated A++ by A.M. Best)
- Virtually impossible to beat the rate of return on premiums paid when death occurs.
- Because of superior dividends paid out by the KofC, the death benefit will grow over time, increasing your tax favored savings.
- Cash value build up can be used to supplement college savings plans for children/grandchildren

Please call to schedule an appointment to review your options!

Jim Mullen, Jr. FICF CSA @ 302-373-0372

Election Results Completed 45 Brothers thought it worthy to come and cast their vote for the slate of officers who will lead St. Michael Council during the 2009 / 2010 Columbian Year. Congratulations to our New Grand Knight Bro. Brian Kunkel and new outside guard Bro. Fred Desio. Council Officers by responsibility are:

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| Grand Knight Brian Kunkel | Chaplain Fr. Joseph Wisniewski | Deputy Grand Knight Rick Johnstone | Chancellor Frank Strawser |
| Recorder Perry Best | Treasurer Robert McLean | Advocate Dave Feaster | Warden Ed Hageman |
| Inside Guard Ray Bodnar | Outside Guard Robert Stopyra | 2nd Outside Guard Fred Desio | |
| Trustee 3 Year Fran McManus | Trustee 2 Year Charlie Kopishke | Trustee 1 Year Joseph McCann | |

K of C Programming News

Hot Off the Press- August Columbian Magazine. Check the time and location of the EWTN channel in your area - it will air four special Knights of Columbus Programs

Topics include:

- Knights of Columbus 127th Supreme Convention -- Live from Phoenix, Arizona - Airs Live - August 4 (TBA) (6 1/2 hrs)
- Life and Legacy of Fr. McGivney - EWTN Gallery - Airs August 14 at 3 AM & 6:30 PM (30 min)
- Vocation to Marriage - EWTN Gallery - Airs August 13 at 3 AM & 6:30 PM (30 min)

Volunteers Needed

The schedule for **U of D football games** is out and we are looking for volunteers to work the ticket taking and bag checking areas. In the past this has been a great fundraiser for the Council and an opportunity to watch some of the football game. Please check the schedule below and see if you may be able to sign up for one or more games. If you can, please notify Ed Hageman by phone (369-3572) or e-mail (ehageman1@verizon.net). Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Remember, we will have to turn in the list of volunteers by the first week of August, so act as quickly as you can so as not to be left out. Thanks to everyone in advance for your dedication and support in this fundraising effort.

| Schedule | Report Time |
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| Friday, September 4th | 5:00pm |
| Saturday, September 12th | 1:30pm |
| Saturday, September 19th | 10:00am |
| Saturday, October 10th | 4:00pm |
| Saturday, October 31st | 10:00am |
| Saturday, November 7th | 10:00am |

Support the work of **Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 2**

2009 Blue Rocks Baseball Schedule.

-July 2,2009 (Thursday) Report 5pm Game 7pm
 -July 18,2009 (Saturday) Report 4pm Game 6pm
 -July 31,2009 (Friday) Report 5pm Game 7pm
 Please call and volunteer for one of these games...

Albert Ware

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St. Michael Council Display Cabinets

During the past 51 Years St. Michael Council has accumulated many awards and plaques recognizing these efforts. To help us bring them into view, Fathers Nash and Wisniewski donated two beautiful cabinets to our council, Brother Frank Mayer donated the cost of the glass and trim and Brother Joe Spanelli put the finishing touches with the cutting, staining and installation. I know those mentioned are mad at reading this notice but felt you should know some of the behind the scenes info.

Stop by Holy Family Church Hall and make yourself proud viewing our past and present.

A Note from the Lecturer

A couple of Sundays ago in the middle of the rainy season with more dull days than sunshiny ones, Anne and I went to 10:00 am Mass. As we were walking up to the gathering space the front doors swung open and Fr. Joe and a couple of Brother Knights were looking out. They greeted us with their usual friendliness and good nature. Fr. Joe said, "Look at the sunshine they are bringing us." Just as we got to the door the sun had come out from behind the clouds and was shining brightly. Being in my usual state of mind I hadn't even noticed the sun until Fr Joe said something.

Church Building & Maintenance Team

Brothers Dave Feaster, Ron Cahill, Bob Mc Lean, Mario Costa and Joe Spanelli do a masterful job helping with various projects around the church and council. When you see the new bin for food storage, new tables for sacramental oils, new stand on altar, shelves in the parish house for food , glass & molding installation on new Council display cabinets, new floor put into a needy parishioners mobile home, and many more too numerous to mention, these Knights did it. Say thanks. None of them want the recognition they so richly deserve.

St. Michael Council Web Site

Have you seen the best council web site in the state?

Well then go to - <http://4548.kofc-de.org/> Our webmaster, Frank Strawser does an outstanding job keeping it up-to-date.

Did you know

- That we have a web calendar that is continuously updated? Here is the link - <http://4548.kofc-de.org/calendar.html>
- That the work of our Director of Photography is accessible on our web site?
- All council officers are listed?
- You can connect directly to the State Web Site or Supreme?
- We list useful links on our site?
- You can submit an idea for the web site by sending an email to strawser@firststatewebdesigns.com?

Hint: If you are reading the newsletter on line and would like to print a page or two, you can save your color ink by printing in grayscale which is an option in your printer settings. Check out this link for more information about grayscale printing:

<http://www.pcmec.com/article/print-in-gray-scale-to-save-your-color-ink/>

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CALENDAR

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| July 9, 10, 11& 12 | Summerfest- Holy Family |
| July 13, | St. Michael Council Mtg. 7pm |
| August 10, | St. Michael Council Mtg. 7pm |
| September 14 | St. Michael Council Mtg. 7pm |
| September 28 | St. Michael Council Mtg. 7pm |
| October 12, | St. Michael Council Mtg. 7pm |