



The Knightly News



Knights of Columbus Marion Council 9522
Manchester Missouri

July 2016

Grand Knight's Korner

My fellow Brother Knights,

As we wind down to the end of our Fraternal and fiscal year this month I would like to thank all you brother Knights for a great year! We are on the verge of possibly making Star Council, the highest achievement a council can make, and even if we fall a little short, it's been a wonderful year of Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism--give yourselves a big pat on the back!

I would also like to again acknowledge and congratulate those that were honored at our installation dinner--Larry Moore for Knight of the year; Gary and Aurelia Smith for Family of the year; and Gerry Wilkes for Feeding the Poor, and Bob Depelheuer and Paul Hruz for Brother Helping Brother.

Finally, thanks to the Officers and Committee Heads for leading us this next year--it should be another great one!

Our next **Business meeting** is on **July 14th**, it starts at **7:30**. The monthly **soup kitchen** volunteer opportunity is on **June 11th** consider offering your time to this worthy cause. As always meet at the American Legion at 7:30 AM. The planning meeting is July 28th, all are invited to attend.

Upcoming events include the **DD (Tootsie Roll) drive in late September and early October**. Also in September, we hope to sponsor a **soccer challenge** here at St. Joes. The **Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 15th**, start thinking about your golf partners.

Our recent installation of officers (see the list of officers later in this newsletter) for the coming year signals the start of that new year! Give some prayerful consideration as to how you will use your talents to help spread the Word. Part of the Knights of Columbus is fraternity, meeting new people. At our meetings there is always socialization time. You never know who you might meet. Meetings also give direction to the council, your input is appreciated. Remember, put it on your calendar, we meet every 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM.

Finally, just a reminder, our **Business meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM**, It is my hope that you have a blessed month, and stay active in our great Council!

Rob Libera,
Grand Knight

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My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!

--Thomas Jefferson



News

Officer Installation

GK – Rob Libera
 DGK – Jim Schuessler
 Chancellor – Peter Bitzer
 Recorder – Ed Cox
 Treasurer – Brian Carroll
 Advocate – Wally Nowak
 Warden –Mike Bick
 Inside Guard – John Ottenad
 Outside Guard – Rob McAlexander
 Trustee 3rd Year – Joe Caratenuto
 Trustee 2nd Year – Art Bowles
 Trustee 1st Year – Phil Desloge

1st Degree

Remember to Always be recruiting, a growing group is always more vibrant. Know a friend from church? An old friend? A son? A father? Why not invite them to one of our events to see if the Knights are right for them. Their individuality will make us better.



Join us at 7 PM prior to meeting and pray the rosary!

4th Degree

The 4th Degree is the last degree available to Knights. It makes you a complete Knight. The 4th Degree ceremonials are quite impressive, If you are a 3rd Degree Knight, why not join your brothers in the 4th degree.

Business Meeting

Our Business Meeting is on the July 14th beginning at 7:30 PM

Soup Kitchen

The monthly **Soup Kitchen** is Monday the 13th meet at the American Legion Hall to carpool at 7:30 AM.

Planning meeting

Rounding out July is the Planning meeting on July 28th which starts at 7:00 PM.



Prayers

Thank you for your prayers for our sick Knights, it is a good thing to ask God for his grace on these our friends and neighbors. Don't stop now!

Congratulations!

Larry Moore - *Knight of the year*

Gary and Aurelia Smith - *Family of the year*

Gerry Wilkes - *Feeding the Poor*

Bob Depelheuer and Paul Hruz - *Brother Helping Brother.*

Please watch this page for activities we do, that might interest you. Ours is an organization dedicated to the Church and it's people.





In the Spirit

Last month we talked about patriotism in this column. In the United States, our summers are defined by patriotic holidays. Memorial Day is the unofficial start of Summer, The 4th of July is near the mid point and Labor Day takes us into fall.

All of these holidays have different meanings. This month, let's look at the 4th of July. This holiday is the date the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. The holiday is also known as Independence Day. There are many parts of the Declaration that refer to what Jesus taught us. Just as Jesus did not shy away from foreigners or the sick, or sinners, our forefathers wrote "all men are created equal." This was the start of a new philosophy in governance. And, to be correct, because of politics of the time, not all people were free in this fledgling country. It took a Civil War many years later to make more free. But this American Experiment did start that process, and it still continues today.

The Declaration also makes mention of God when it says we "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Do we not struggle even today with these three? As Knights we support pro-life causes. We helped organize a bus in February. I have seen educational billboards funded by various levels of our organization to promote the pro-life viewpoint.

We, as patriots, defend liberty. The liberty to make one's own choice. Winding the morality of our Christian faith into those choices. Jesus once said give unto Caesar what is his. He also wanted us to give to God what is His. Caesar has worldly things, God has eternal things. Caesar may be able to control our body, God has sole possession of our souls. We do have the liberty to ignore God. God does not ignore us.

And the pursuit of Happiness. None of us is guaranteed happiness. But Government can not take the pursuit away. How much happier can one be than to have a personal relationship with God? To know God walks next to us. To know God will not give us more trouble than we can handle, but enough for us to grow, to harden our faith, like steel. And that faith is the key to happiness.

Take time out this holiday to thank our Father for the blessings he has sent us. The primary blessing to be living in this country based on individual liberty, and freedom. Happy Independence day!



Birthdays



August	<u>Baechle</u>		Gus	85
Peter	<u>Bitzer</u>		Peter	58
Arthur	<u>Bowles</u>		Art	64
Tim	<u>Breheny</u>			67
Lorrie	<u>Damato</u>		Larry	81
John	<u>Diehl</u>		John	75
Robert	<u>Funk</u>		Bob	88
Jason	<u>Moore</u>		Jason	42
Douglas	<u>Narup</u>		Doug	60
Ronald	<u>Quillo</u>			75
Donald	<u>Reitmeyer</u>		Don	80
Brian	<u>Rothlisberger</u>		Brian	36
Ted	<u>Siegel</u>		Ted	58
Robert	<u>Vondera</u>		Bob	73
Gerald	<u>Wilkes</u>		Gerry	78



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INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Why Choose Us?

- We are strong

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been

successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright.

Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America

than the Knights of Columbus. A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 37 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

- We are secure

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured

members. In 2012, we paid well over \$487 million in death claims and other benefits,

and more than \$349 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive

is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.4 billion in dividends to insured members.

- We are stable

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

See the next page for an application for a low dollar annuity, it's a great way of starting your retirement savings at a guaranteed rate of return.

ANNUITY APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Knights of Columbus, A Fraternal Benefit Society, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326

INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICANT

1. Name of Applicant (last-first-middle initial)

INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNUITANT

2. Name (last-first-middle initial)	Sex
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3. Street

4. City	State/Province	Zip Code/Postal Code
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5. Relationship to Applicant	Age
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6. Social Security Number/Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth
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7. Amount Paid With Application: (must be at least \$100.00).
\$ _____

8. Will this annuity replace, in whole or in part, any existing insurance or annuity now in force? Yes No

If yes, provide the following information regarding the contract to be replaced.

Company	Year Issued	Amount

INFORMATION CONCERNING BENEFICIARY

9. Name	Relationship to Annuitant
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10. Social Security Number/Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth
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REGARDING MY APPLICATION FOR A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUITY CONTRACT, I UNDERSTAND:

1. The long range nature of the annuity being purchased.
2. While the Board of Directors will always strive to maintain competitive interest rates, any interest rates not specifically guaranteed at the time of issue of this contract are subject to change from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
3. A surrender charge ranging from 5% to 2% will be imposed on amounts withdrawn from this annuity contract within seven years of deposit, with no surrender charge being made against amounts on deposit over seven years. After the first contract year, if the Accumulation Value is \$5,000 or more, I may withdraw as much as 10% of it once each year with no surrender charge. If a surrender charge is applicable, it will be imposed regardless of my age at the time of withdrawal.
4. (a) In the United States: Interest credited to this contract is taxable when proceeds are withdrawn, and a 10% penalty is imposed by the IRS on taxable income withdrawn before the taxpayer is age 59 ½. (This Internal Revenue Service penalty will not be assessed if the taxable income is disbursed in periodic payments made for the life of the taxpayer.)
(b) In Canada: Interest credited to this contract is reportable on an annual basis, even if there is no distribution.
5. The annuity applied for will be cancelled if the applicant is a candidate for membership and has not been initiated into the First Degree of the Order within 90 days of the date of this application.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____