



The Explorer



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Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

While trying to think of a topic for this month's blurb, I was remembering back to Fr. Ahn's sermon this morning. His topic was about being ready for our end of life, "our judgment day" so to speak. He noted that we never know when that time will be and that we should live our lives as such. I see the Knights of Columbus as a group of catholic men trying to help each other to be ready for this time. Our charity works and service to our community are our attempts to live as Christ has commanded us. A way for a brother to help with this attempt is to attend our monthly business meetings and participate in our council activities. At business meetings a brother can help keep the councils activities pointed in the right direction and by participating in fund raising or other council activities help the council to do Christ's work on earth. Please make an attempt to be active in your council.

Enough preaching. There were several activities in the last month worth noting. The first was a fun family event that I would like to thank Brother George Patterson for coordinating. Approximately 30 people, brothers, wives, and children went to the Frisco Roughriders game on July 29th. We had excellent seats in the shade, saw a good ball game and had fireworks at the end. The second activity was a few days later when several brothers got together to call fellow knights who aren't keeping current with their dues. The group focused on those brothers who are two or more years in arrears. We managed to make an attempt to contact all brothers who fall into this category. I hope that a call from a member knight will cause these brothers to become active again. If you know of a brother who is no longer active in the council please encourage them begin participating again, also if you know of a hardship reason that a brother is no longer able to pay his dues due to health or employment reasons, have him contact me. As I mentioned at the top we are trying to do

Christ's work with our charity. These brothers are a financial drain on our council which is impeding this activity.

The standing committee for fund raising is now complete. Currently Brothers Tom Stang, Dave Ostang, Willy Munoz, Vince Flores and I are members. If you have any fund raising ideas please let one of us know. I also have appointed a new Youth Director, he is Brother Pat Turner. Pat has been active military until recently and should do a good job as Youth Director.

Fraternally Yours,

Darren White
Grand Knight



Knight of the Month
Todd Vander Woude

Family of the Month
Ruben Cisneros and Anne McGee

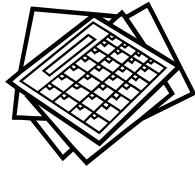
Rookie of the Month
Mel Carranza



Officer for 2010-11

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OS Guard:	Joe Pelfrey
OS Guard:	Neil Ray
Inside Guard:	Bob Kershner
Lecturer:	Ed Ramesh
1st yr Trustee:	George Patterson
2nd yr Trustee:	Glenn Hendry
3rd yr Trustee:	Ruben Cisneros





Calendar of Events

- August 9 Business Meeting
 Dinner 6; 45 pm
 Meeting 7:30 pm
 15 Pancake Breakfast
 23 Planning Meeting 7 pm
- September 13 Business Meeting
 Dinner 6; 45 pm
 Meeting 7:30 pm
 16-19 Grapefest
 18-19 St. Francis Ministry Fair
 19 Pancake Breakfast
 20 Planning Meeting 7 pm
 27 First Degree Ceremony



August Council Meeting

The Council's August Business Meeting will be held on August 9th. Our meal will start at 6:45 P.M. Soft drinks will be available. A bucket will be set up for donations to offset the cost of the meal and beverages. Please let GK Darren White by Saturday, August 7th, if you will be attending the supper.

Dinner Volunteers

August – Joe Pelfrey

September - Open

Reminder: You can order pizzas, sandwiches or be as fancy as you want. The council will reimburse your cost (be reasonable – don't have Bob's Chop House cater). See the Grand Knight for more information.



Community Rosary

Have you taken advantage of the opportunity to pray your rosary?



Membership

1st Degree Ceremony September 27th

Do you know someone who would be a great member of the Knights of Columbus? We need to continue to recruit new members. Many may have not joined us because nobody ever asked them. Invite him to an upcoming Admissions/Information meeting.

Contact the Grand Knight for more information or give him the contact information for your candidate.

This is a great council and we are looking for great men to keep it growing!



PLEASE CHECK ALL THE NAMES OF ALL THE TROOPS BELOW! LET US KNOW WHO CAN BE DELETED AND WHO NEEDS TO BE ADDED!!





Our Troops

Please remember and pray for the following Members of our Armed Forces:

- Major Richard Alexander
- Lt. Aaron Borszich
- Lt. Chris Wayne Broadrick
- Sgt. David O. Canto
- DPL. Jeff Fangman
- PVT. Robert E. Glab
- Matthew Hughes, USN
- PFC Donald Kelly
- LCPL Kyle Francis Lynch
- Lt. Mathew MacFarlane
- Sgt. Cody Mitchell
- Sgt. David Murphy
- PFG Dennis Provost
- LTC. Patrick Turner
- CPT. Edward T. Walsh
- SFC Sean Walsh
- SPC. William Wright



Badges of Honor

Take pride in being a member of this council! Each of us received a membership badge when we joined. Why not take a minute to put it on when you come to mass and parish activities? Not only does it show you are proud to be a Knight of Columbus, it may inspire someone to ask you a question about the K of C or take the first step to becoming a Brother Knight. Be a visible sign of our great organization.



ADORATION!

Of the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Every Wednesday 8:00 am – 6:45 pm
Every Friday 9:00 am – 5:45 pm



MAJOR DEGREES

All First Degree Knights are strongly encouraged to make their Major Degrees. Fully experience your Knighthood! At these Major Degrees, both Second and Third Degrees are completed in only one day, you will be knighted as a Third Degree Knight at the end. If you would like to attend as a candidate, please call or email the Grand Knight, Darren White grandknight7099@gmail.com

If you are a third degree member and you know of a Brother who has not completed the major degrees, encourage them to attend and become a second and third degree member.



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Six Great Reasons to Insure Our Children

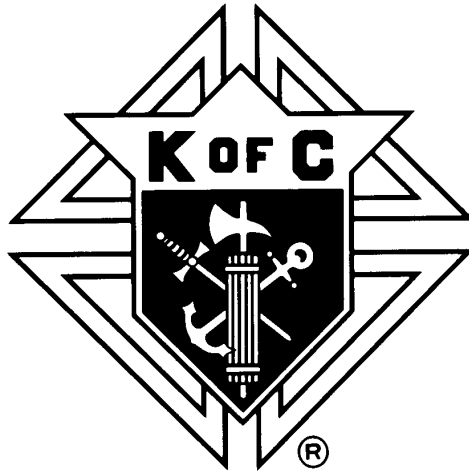
Knights of Columbus Insurance

- 1) **Protecting Insurability:** With a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO) rider attached, Knights of Columbus plans guarantee the child the opportunity to purchase more protection at various dates in their future **without having to prove insurability.** Our GPO rider allows children to increase their insurance up to seven times between the ages of 17 and 40, regardless of health. The GPO rider also enables them to get coverage with one of the top rated insurance companies in the world. They don't have to join the Knights or (in the case of a female) marry a Knight. They do it through your membership.
- 2) **Financial Protection:** When we lose a loved one, especially a child, the financial loss is often not just the cost of a funeral. It's not uncommon for parents to lose time from work to care for a dying child and to lose even more time after the child's death because of a bereavement period. Many companies limit bereavement periods to three days. Also, medical expenses incurred during an illness oftentimes cause financial stress. Beyond paying funeral costs, a policy on a child can help to supplement income while loved ones deal with this devastating loss.
- 3) **Lower Cost:** The rates will never be any better than they are right now. Plus, if you consider the amount of coverage that your children will likely need (inflation, when you co-sign a loan for them, they start a family, etc.), a juvenile policy could literally save them thousands of dollars.
- 4) **Encourages Saving:** K of C plans offer terrific cash/dividend values to help with the costs of likely future expenses, such as buying a home or a wedding. Plus, with more and more companies no longer offering pension programs, the cash values can help supplement the child's retirement.
- 5) **Qualifies for Orphan Benefit:** If the father is in good standing with his local council and at least one of the parents is insured with the Knights by a policy of at least \$5,000 permanent coverage (minimum coverage required may be higher for new plans) or \$150 annual premium, each insured child would receive a monthly benefit of \$80 to age 19 (age 23 if they attend college) if both parents were to die.
- 6) **Creating a Legacy:** The plan is also in place to protect your child's future family – your grandkids! One gift that helps for generations!!!

Life Insurance for your child is truly a lasting gift, which they will look on later in life as one of their most cherished assets.

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**Make plans to attend next business meeting for the
St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council #7099
Monday, August 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:45 p.m.**



St. Francis Catholic Church
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