

# COUNCIL # 6557 NEWSLETTER

## August 2019

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#### **GETTING THE JUMP ON NEXT YEAR: ADVICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS**

Your brother Knights have just elected you an officer of your council. Congratulations! Perhaps this is your first elected position, or maybe you've made the move from guard to chancellor. For some of you, this means being elected grand knight and charged with leading your council over the next fraternal year. Whatever position you've been selected for, now is the time to start preparing for next year. Below are five simple ways to do this:

#### 1) Meet with the brother Knight that held your position last year.

For most officer positions, a single meeting will be enough to discuss what the role involves and to explain any tricks of the trade. For positions like grand knight, it may take several meetings to completely discuss all that's involved in leading the council. At this meeting, anything that needs to be handed over (such as the recorder's minute book; checkbooks for the treasurer; access/passwords to the council's email account, Facebook or website) should be given to the newly elected officers.

# 2) Meet with your grand knight (If you're the grand knight, meet with each of your officers).

Each officer should meet with his grand knight to discuss his role during the upcoming fraternal year. As mentioned above, you'll want to continue to improve upon the work of your predecessor, but your grand knight may have an additional goal or objective for you. Additionally, you may have a special event or focus that you'd like to work on in the upcoming year. For example, as advocate, you may want to promote pro-life activities within the council. Maybe as warden, you wish to help maintain the Newman Center grounds by shoveling snow and raking leaves. There's always flexibility to expand and

define your officer role, so make sure you take the time now to discuss this with your grand knight and plan for the year ahead.

#### 3) Get to know the other Catholic group leaders on campus.

Other Catholic organizations on campus have also selected leaders for their clubs for the coming year, and in order to begin collaboration, you should meet with these leaders now. In order to reduce the burden on the grand knight, perhaps each officer can serve as a liaison for one group.

#### 4) To the best of your ability, plan the fall semester now.

Start by scheduling business and officers meetings and by planning a recruitment drive for early September. Then, begin filling in service projects, faith programs and social events. Successful college councils typically hold two non-meeting events per week. For councils not up to this activity level, start by holding three non-meeting events a month — one service, one faith and one social. This allows your council to touch on all pillars of the Knights each month. From here, you'll begin to schedule events more frequently, eventually to the level of two per week.

Grand Knight Frederick Sunderman **Deputy Grand Knight** Donald Reed **Chancellor** Paul Kirkpatrick <u>Chaplin</u> Fr. Pat Garrett **Recorder Kevin Youll** <u>Warden</u> Danny Spurlock Treasurer Ted DeMatteo **Financial Secretary** Bill Moeller Inside Guard **Eric Salley Outside Guard** Galicano Tenido <u>Outside Guard</u> Dwayne Richardson <u>Lecturer</u> Jerry Leiker <u>Advocate</u> Luis Nieto Trustee (1 YR) Arnold Rodriguez Trustee (2 YR) Phil Rimoldi Trustee (3 YR)

## 5) Pray for your work as an officer, the members of your council and those your council will impact.

Having a robust prayer life is an extremely important aspect of being a Knight, but especially important for officers. Being an officer can be challenging and demanding at times, especially with schoolwork and the other exciting opportunities of college life. By maintaining your focus on God you can best serve your council and campus community. Harold Schambach



#### CASINO TRIP TO COUSHATTA



Our council has rescheduled the gaming trip to Coushatta Casino for Saturday September 14, 2019. We will leave from our council hall at 8:00 AM and return around 9:00 PM.

The cost is \$10/person which will be refunded if we signup 40 persons. Drinks and shacks will be provided by the council. You can signup at the Business Meetings, Family Night or email Harold Schambach PGK at grandknight6557@aol.com.

You must be at least 21 years old to join this trip. Council 6557 members and guest will have first priority. If the bus is not filed by September 1st, we will open up the trip to others

# Father Michael McGivney's vision for every Knights of Columbus council was to:

- <u>Change</u> a man's life
- Deepen and enrich his faith
- <u>Strengthen</u> his family
- <u>Build better lives for those</u> who so desperately need help



#### Click on the link below.....

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#### From the desk of Jay Kemper



At the July Council Meeting, Jay Kemper conducted a brief "Brainstorming" session to identify potential opportunities to increase revenues for Council 6557. The membership identified 33 opportunities which have been grouped and identified below. Also shown is a brief status of some of the opportunities. The Fundraising Committee to-date includes **Jay Kemper** (chair), **George Clausen, Tom Gruidl, and Roy Martinez**. If you are interested in managing any of the specific fundraisers identified below or wish to join the Fundraising Committee, please contact Jay @ kemperjh@sbcglobal.net.

#### **POTENTIAL MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

1. **BBQ Sales at St. James and SS&J** – Ted DeMatteo has commenced with converting the old food warming cabinet into a smoker. The smoker can basically be set up and run at a desired temperature and will not require a lot of supervision or manpower. The sale of obsolete and used equipment is being used to pay for the project. Pork butt for pulled pork, chicken, brisket and sausage could be sold after Masses. Note that this will require permission from the priests at the respective parishes. See also the sale of BBQ dinners below.

2. **Tamale Sales at St. James and SS&J** – Harold Schambach contacted Mark Hammett, a 4th degree Knight at St Anthony of Padua, concerning a potential Council tamale fundraiser. Mark will deliver the tamales right before the first Mass and will meet after the final Mass to take back what has not been sold. If we run low on a particular flavor, he will typically bring more cases within 30 minutes. Our cost is \$6/dozen. If we sell them for \$10/dozen we can net \$4/dozen. Since the SS&J Youth Group sells tamales 3 or 4 time per year, the Council may not be able to sell during the same months. Note that this will require permission from the priests at the respective parishes.

3. **Movie Knight** – Grand Knight Frederick Sunderman has initiated discussions to obtain copyright licenses to show movies at the Council Hall and is currently investigating a feature film to show.

#### AS AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

1. **Concessions at Golf Tournament** – Ted DeMatteo has initiated discussions with the Concessionaires at the Houston Open Golf Tournament to have our Council "man" a concession booth during the event.

- 2. Concessions at Cynthia Woods Pavilion
- **3. Install Political Signs**
- 4. Knight Night at Local Restaurants (% returned to Knights)
- 5. Matching Grants
- 6. Fireworks Booth

#### **ANNUAL EVENTS**

#### · Activities

1. **Casino Knight –** Grand Knight Frederick Sunderman and Jay Kemper attended the Annual Casino Night hosted by KofC Council 8482 at Prince of Peace Church to observe the operation. The KofCs at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton provided 16 blackjack tables, 2 Texas Hold'em tables, 2 craps tables and 1 roulette table. In addition, they provide the labor to deal/man each table (3 hours). We were quoted \$2,500 to provide a similar set-up. Council 8482 charges \$30 per person to attend and this entitles each person to \$50,000 in chips. Appetizers and tea were provided in the entrance fee. Beer and wine were sold. To pay for the gaming tables it would take 84 entrance fees just to break even. With free appetizers, the break-even attendees are more likely 100 people. To make money on the event, they had sponsors for each table (\$50 to \$500 per sponsor @ Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum levels). In addition, there were silent auction items and drawings for prizes. Prince of Peace has hosted this event for many years and start planning for the annual event 6 months in advance.

A Casino Night was hosted at our hall on July 19 as a fund raiser for some sort of foundation. Ted DeMatteo took pictures of the hall set-up and gathered appropriate names and phone numbers. The net projection was \$7-10,000. Jay Kemper contacted the company that provided the gambling tables (iHostPoker) to compare the costs for the equipment with that provided by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Council and specifically requested a set-up similar to that provided at our hall on July 19.

iHostPoker quoted a price of \$1,916.03 for 2 blackjack tables, 2 Texas Hold'em tables, 1 craps table and 2 roulette tables that can accommodate 69 players at one time. All gaming labor, set-up/takedown, etc. is included in the price.

- 2. Poker Knight
- 3. Wine Tasting
- 4. Beer Tasting
- 5. Food Sampling
- 6. Dinner Dance
- 7. Softball Tournament
- 8. Bowling Tournament
- 9.5K Run
- **10. Xbox Championship**
- **11. Business Fair**
- 12. Tool Fair
- **13. Model Train Show**
- · Food Events
- **1. BBQ Cookoff**
- 2. Turkey Fry
- 3. Pig Roast
- 4. Crawfish Boil
- 5. Spaghetti Dinner

6. BBQ Dinners – As indicated above, Ted DeMatteo has commenced with converting the old food warming cabinet into a smoker. The cost of smoking meat and preparing a meal varies with pork butt for pulled pork being the cheapest, chicken second, and then brisket. Ted has access to Restaurant Supply, a commercial wholesale company, not open to the public. 500 plates @ 10 dollars per plate results in revenues of \$5,000. Our cost per plate is \$4, \$5 and \$6 depending on the type of meat. Therefore, the average net is \$2,500.00. Included in the pricing estimate is coleslaw, potato salad, containers and utensils/napkin/hand wipe.

#### 7. Tootsie Roll Campaign

#### Miscellaneous

1. Auction – Whatever annual event that the Council chooses to host, it will be significantly more financially successful if a silent auction is conducted. This will require the help of all Council members to solicit goods from local businesses.

- 2. Raffle
- 3. Rent-A-Knight
- 4. Rummage Sale











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New Additions are in **Bold** for all categories.
All ongoing Prayer requests are on the bottom.
Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.

For prayer request or removing names, please contact GK Frederick Sunderman <u>frederick\_kimberly@yahoo.com</u> (713) 553-9891 PGK Harold Schambach <u>grandknight6557@aol.com</u> (832) 526-0141

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness and need. Oh, dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate the worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the peace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place those on our prayer list under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us.

#### We pray for our Brothers and family members that are ill or in distress:

SK John Pachecano (July 2019)

SK Rich Laboda, undergoing surgery for cancer (July 2019)

Brother Gary Walewski, was admitted to Herman-Memorial in the Medical Center for daily physical therapy (July 2019)

Nellie Mercabo, cancer returned; started chemo (July 2019)

Daniella Muise, will be overseas for 2 years (July 2019)

Eric Chaney (July 2019)

Kathy Chaney (July 2019)

**Bill Skinner (July 2019)** 

Robert Kirkpatrick, having surgery (July 2019)

Steven Salley, cancer (July 2019)

#### Brother George Adams (July 2019)

Elaine Kubiceke a friend of the council fell and broke her pelvic bone and may have other injuries. She is currently in Memorial Herman in The Woodlands (July 2019)

Rosemary Sepulveda wife of SK Jaime Sepulveda, recovering from knee surgery (June 2019)

Rev. Ryan Stawaisz, assigned to Prince of Peace parish, cancer (June 2019)

Arlean Thawney, relative of Brother Eric Salley, childhood phenomena (June 2019)

SK Ricky Rogers recovering from gallbladder surgery (June 2019)

Nicky St. Cyr - wife of deceased Brother Bob St. Cyr, health (June 2019)

SK Paul "Yogi" Ybarra, recovering from a heart attack (June 2019)

Suzy Fritsch sister of Brother Jay Kemper, recovering from pneumonia (June 2019)

SK Walter and Gerry White, health (May 2019)

Brother George Adams, health issues (May 2019)

Shirley Elliott, wife of SK Jack Elliott health issues (May 2019)

Joseph Ledwig son of SK Jim Ledwig health issues (April 2019)

SK Don Hollis undergoing chemotherapy (April 2019)

SK Chuck Keesee recovering from heart surgery (April 2019)

Bernadette Motiska wife of Brother Bill Motiska recently diagnosed with a serious illness (April 2019)

SK Mark Piron, health (April 2019)

Brother Mike Romeo recovering from abdominal surgery (April 2019)

Brother Joe Kubeckka health (April 2019) Carol Adams wife of Brother George Adams, health issues (March 2018) Dan Nash, brother of Brother Richard Nash is undergoing medical tests (April 2019) Maryellen Silva daughter of Brother Richard Nash is in Memorial Hermann the Woodlands for some blood issues (April 2019) John Drobne uncle of Brother David Dancsak, cancer (February 2019) SK Mike Curtin health (February 2019) Father Vincent Nguyen past parochial vicar at SSJ recovering from surgery (January 2019) Brother Doug Saunders mother who fell and broke her back and neck (December 2018) Shirley Large, deceased wife of Brother Brady Large, health problems (December 2018) Cassidy O'Rourke and Amelia Richardson, granddaughters of SK Jack Elliott, have been diagnosed with RSV. (December 2018) SK Jerry Leiker, health issues (December 2018) Stacy Laycock, friend of SK Jamie Sepulveda, cancer (December 2018) GK Sherman Hannasch brother of SK Robert Hannasch, has been diagnosed with liver cancer (November 2018) Alfio J. Brindisi friend of Brother Timothy Wilson, recovering from a triple bypass and a recent fall at a local Philadelphia department store. (November 2018) SK Casmer Bashinski, experiencing severe back pain (November 2018) Santos Ramos, relative of John Pachecano surgery (November 2018) GK Nick Bazan of Council 10872 undergoing chemo treatments (November 2018) Nicky St Cyr wife of past Brother Bob St Cyr recovering from a fall (November 2018) Brother David Behen who suffered a stroke and will require surgery (November 2018) Rose DeForke sister-in-law of SK Jim Ledwig, cancer (October 2018) Kimberly Conon, sister of Broher Eric Salley, back problems (October 2018) Sharon Hodel, daughter of Brother Frank Hodel, cancer (October 2018) Phil Pekata friend of Brother Fred Heberle who was hospitalized with a serious motorcycle injury (September 2018) Betty McHenry wife of PGK Dan McHenry scheduled for major back surgery (September 2018) Brother Ed Lucy, illness (September 2018) Jenny Hoelscher wife of Brother Stewart Hoelscher, illness (September 2018) Susan Nash wife of Brother Dick Nash who fell and broke her leg (September 2018) Deanna Bashinski wife of SK Casmer Bashinski, recovering from a fall (August 2018) Brother Frank Hodel health (July 2018) Leta Johnson, grandmother of Brother Grady Johnson eye problem (July 2018) Santos Ramos relative of SK John Pachecano, will be undergoing dialysis (July 2018) Brother Tom and Karen Kurland, Health (May 2018) SK Dennis Pomonis health problems (March 2018) Laura Davis wife of Brother Ron Davis Jr. - Cancer (October 2017)

#### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Our Catholic Church for repentance, renewal and rebuilding during this trying time

Our parish priest and deacons

Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians for strength and wisdom

**Pope Francis** 

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our Men and Women serving in the Military

Deceased member of the military who gave their lives to protect our country

Our Country and Religious Liberty

#### We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ and may they rejoice in your Kingdom. <u>AMEN</u>* 

#### **Brother Knights:**

Brother Ronald Naccari, relative of SK Mike Romeo (June 2019) Brother Thomas Vaselakos (May 2019) Brother Adolph Sebesta (April 2019) Brother Terence Bitowf (March 2019) Clarence Mendel (January 2019) SK Jim Lowney (December 2018) SK Ray Wert (May 2017)

#### Family / Friends

#### Beryl Lucia, sister of SK Dennis Pomonis

Frank Hodel Sr., father of Brother Frank Hodel, WW II veteran (June 2019) Amanda Williams, wife of Brother Steven Fielder's nephew (June 2019) Mary Hamm a friend of SK Ricky Rogers (June 2019) Francine Marie Merlock wife of past Brother Patrick Merlock (May 2019) Joe Nieto brother of Brother Luis Nieto (May 2019) Victor Sabala, Luis Nieto son's father-in-law (February 2019) Joyce Becker sister of Brother Alex Chaney (February 2019) Jacinta Njoku sister of Brother Emmanuel Njoku (February 2019) Lovenia Lazare mother of Brother Leonard Lazare Joe Donahue, parishioner of Sts. Simon & Jude (February 2019) Frances Dancsak, mother of Brother David Dancsak (January 2019) Kenneth A. Goss, friend of Brother Tim Wilson (January 2019) Greg Hershner, nephew of Brother Mike Effler (January 2019) Charles (Jake) Lockbaum, uncle of Brother Tim Wilson (December 2018) Ian O'Donohue, brother of Brother Terry O'Donohue (December 2018) Mary Hodel wife of Brother Frank who passed away in December 1997 Nicholas Peter Recchi II of Berwyn, PA. is the father of Brother Tim Wilson's brother-in-law (October 2018) Jerry Hodges a friend of SK Rich LaBoda (September 2018) Aurora Perez mother-in-law of SK Mark Votsmier (September 2018) Hewitt Clarke father-in-law of Richard Clausen, son of Brother George Clausen (September 2018) Juan Aguilera brother of Susan Aguilera (SSJ Registrar) (August 2018) Shawna Kent wife of SK David Polasek's coworker (August 2018)



SK George Varosky, brother of Brother Ed Varosky (August 2018)

Rita Votsmier, mother of SK Mark Votsmier (July 2018)

Eileen Cosgrove, mother in law of Brother Dennis Kozak (July 2018)



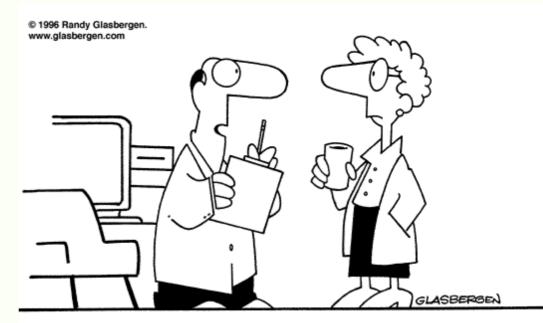
Brother Knights that are One Year Older and One Year Wiser:



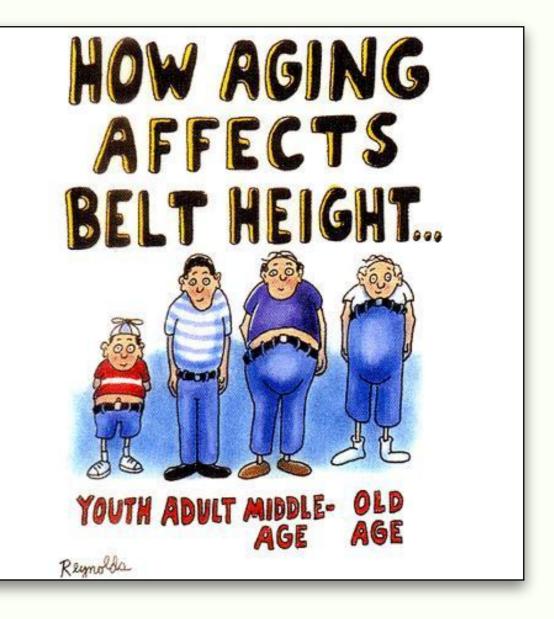
## **Issues with Growing Older**

George	I	Adams
Mark	J	Barnett
Charles	Ν	Butler
Michael	J	Gleason
Thomas	R	Hughes
Ryan	J	Kallus
Gregory	J	Kubeczka
Librado		Leal
Rogelio	R	Martinez
Keith M		Mc Cumber
Anthony	R	Merlock
Joseph		Perugini
Ebiyemi	А	Pinnick
Xavier		Ramos
Charles	J	Samperi
Juan	J	Santos
Kenneth	W	Scales
Armando	А	Silva
Pasquale	J	Testa
Thomas	J	Toerner
Ronald	R	Wendt

# Before you leave...



"According to the latest research, the average human body is 20% water and 80% stress."





# Famous Knights of Columbus Members

Who is the most famous Knights of Columbus member? Former President John F. Kennedy tops our list. Kennedy joined the Knights of Columbus in 1946, the same year that he was elected to Congress. The Knights of Columbus offer a scholarship to Catholic students in his honor. Other notable politicians that are also members of the Knights of Columbus include Ted Kennedy, John Boehner and Jeb Bush.

Many famous individuals from the world of sports are also Knights of Columbus members. Former Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka, boxer Floyd Patterson and baseball legend Babe Ruth are all members. Of course, many prominent figures from the Catholic church are also members of the Knights of Columbus including William Cardinal Levada, Donald Wuerl and Fulton J. Sheen.

Click on this Link for more information >

https://www.ranker.com/list/famous-knights-of-columbus-members/user-x

#### From the desk of Ken Scales

Did you ever wonder why there is a Knights of Columbus Council and a Knights of Columbus Home Association?

The Knights of Columbus Council is a nonprofit fraternal organization that is prohibited fromholding title to real property under the IRS rules.

To overcome this rule, the Council purchases real property and places it into the name of another corporation which is a Title Holding Corporation under the laws of the IRS. The Title Holding Corporation for our council is named The John Flanagan Memorial Home Association, Inc., and has its own Board of Directors and Officers separate from the Council.

The Home Association owns the property and the building. The Home Association is a Corporation whereas the Council is an Association.

All members of the Council are automatically members of the Home Association, which is registered as a nonprofit, non-stock corporation in Texas.

The costs of maintenance of the property and structure are paid for primarily by renting out the building for special events. Our Home Association is also fortunate to have leased out the baseball field on the property and leased out an area to two different companies for antenna towers. These three sources of income allow us to maintain a nice meeting place for the Council each month. The Home Association operates on a thin budget and any income over expenses must be turned over to the Council.

Now you know.



#### From the desk of Paul (Yogi) Ybarra jr.

My Brother Knights,

Life is amazing! From the smallest unborn to the oldest person, all people have an amazing life! Each and every Life has been knit together by the Creator of the universe. Each person has the incredible privilege to be loved by Him, and each has the awesome opportunity to love Him in return. Every human life is amazing, not because of our accomplishments, but because God created and cares for us.

Every life is amazing, every life is beautiful, and every life has value. God created each one of us with love and care, knowing our beginning and our end, even before we were born. No life He has ever made was a mistake, and everyone has value and worth. From the youngest baby to the oldest adult to all those in between, God sees every person as an amazingly beautiful, precious creation. God's view of every human life is clear, but what about our own views? Christ, God on earth, has shown us the way. Love and care for each person regardless of age, strength, or social standing as He loved and cared for all. Protect the weak and show each person the value they have in God's eyes as He stood for the down- trodden and lowly. Give your time, your love, and your resources even as He gave His Life.

My Brothers, as Knights of Columbus Gentlemen, it is our call and duty to give our time and resources to become the voice of the voiceless and make Life possible. Our next calling to help the Helpers of God's Precious Infants will be on Saturday August 17,2019 for an 8:30 Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd located at 18511 Klein Road in Spring Tx 77379 followed by a Rosary at Planned Parenthood Clinic located 4747 Louetta. Gentlemen, I can not express the great need to step up to the plate and join your neighbors, friends and Family to help end the worst form of child abuse called abortion!!! Because as we come together, much can be accomplished!!!!!

Your Brother in Christ

Paul(Yogi) Ybarra Jr.



Rock Steady Boxing thanking council for our support with a plaque. They gave a demo at the July family night



Jaime Sepulveda was there for support, but it turned into a brawl.



On the Average, college today can be as much as \$21,000 a year, so it is very paramount than ever to find alternative and creative ways to pay for a degree. The **Knights of Columbus overall**, gives away close to a million dollars annually in scholarships.

### **ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER**



In 1876, a U.S. Army officer by the name of Henry Martyn Robert, adapted and published the rules and practices of Congress to meet the needs of non-legislative societies.

Later in his life Roberts was active in several organizations in the San Francesco area, which during the late 19th century, was a chaotic place with many different nationalities and traditions. Roberts also discovered that members from different areas of the country had very different views regarding what the proper parliamentary rules were, and these conflicting views hampered the organizations in their work. This led him to publish a manual of standards for different organizations could adopt. One of these organizations is The Knights of Columbus. To me, this adds a whole new dimension of struggles Father McGivney had to overcome as he was establishing the Knights. It makes me more grateful and appreciative of Fathers work.

This is the first of series of articles touching on the high points of Roberts Rules of Order to help us make our meeting more productive and efficient while emphasizing the love of our Brothers and of God.

A good place to start is a printable "Cheat Sheet" click here, <u>http://diphi.web.unc.edu/files/2016/10/cheat-sheet.pdf</u>, on Types of Motions including how to make them, voting needed to pass the motion, recognition from the floor to make the motion and the motions relationship to other motions. In subsequent articles we will go more into detail of the most common Council motions made as well as address any questions, responses or suggestions to this article.

Click here for the Rules hand out http://www.umecra.com/BylawsAndRules/Roberts%20Rules%20Handout.pdf

#### How important is our council's newsletter?

Our newsletter is published monthly, and is an important resource for council leaders and members. Also features tips and tricks for organizing council life, stories about amazing Knights, details about programs and activities, and more. Newsletters are also useful in getting attention from other prospects, but the primary importance is maintaining connections with others and letting them know



about our primary objective is all out our faith in God. The one reason why we need reporters is to tell our story and inspire others.

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