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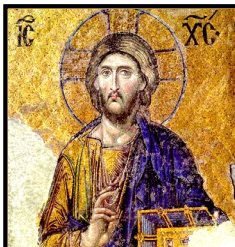
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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Each year I have the privilege of going on a diocesan retreat. This year our retreat master was Rev. Kenneth Omernick, a priest from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. One of the first passages of scripture that he read to us were these words of Jesus: "**Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect**" (Mt 5:48). Fr. Kenneth could have just as easily quoted the first words spoken by Jesus at the beginning of the gospel of St. Matthew: "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**" (Mt 4:17).

We believe we are called to holiness, but do we understand how we achieve or receive this outpouring of holiness? Are we committed to the repentance, to the ongoing change of our mind and heart to that of Christ in allowing God's will to reign in us?

As members of the Church and as brother Knights of Columbus we have pledged our lives in service to the Lord. So Fr. Ken pointed out that it follows that we need to strive to become saints. He offered a few insights and practices to help us by starting with these words from Pope Francis.

"Evangelization is done on one's knees, as one of you said to me the other day. Always be men and women of prayer! Without a constant relationship with God, the mission becomes a job. The risk of activism, of relying too much on structures, is an ever-present danger. If we look toward Jesus, we see that prior to any important decision or event he recollected himself in intense and prolonged prayer.

Let us cultivate the contemplative dimension, even amid the whirlwind of more urgent and pressing duties. And the more the mission calls you to go out to the margins of existence, let your heart be more closely united to Christ's heart, full of mercy and love.

Herein lies the secret of the fruitfulness of a disciple of the Lord! Jesus sends his followers out with no 'purse, no bag, no sandals' (Lk10:4). The spread of the Gospel is not guaranteed either by the number of persons, or by the prestige of the institution, or by the quality of available resources. What counts is to be permeated by the love of Christ, to let oneself be lead by the Holy Spirit and to graft one's own life onto the tree of life, which is the Lord's Cross."

(Pope Francis, Homily at Mass with Seminarians, Novices and those discerning their Vocations, Saint Peter's Basilica, 7 July 2013)

As I reflected on the call to holiness from the Lord and the message from our Holy Father, I thought how appropriate this message is for all of us in Council 7473. As we continue the mission and work of this council with a new Grand Knight and our brothers in new positions of service, we must be men of prayer always asking God to help us grow in holiness. We need to be brothers who discern the movement of the spirit as we discern how and where God is calling this council to reveal the presence of Christ. We will find joy in our fraternity, and in our service with one another as long as we believe that it is Jesus who invites us to accept a shared role in the mission of this council.

Fr. Doug Mayer

Chaplain, K of C 7473

A Word from our Grand Knight



98 years after Fr. Michael McGivney gathered a group of Catholic men together in the basement of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, Connecticut 34 likeminded men signed the Charter that started the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council 7473.

Being a member of this council proves you have some of the same goals in mind, to support your families, parish, diocese, and community. Most all the members of this council work at and support some ministry of their parish, many share their time and talents with our diocese and some with their communities.

Starting the new fiscal year I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers and invite all the Knights of this council to reflect on the reasons you joined the Knights of Columbus and to recommit your time and talents by making the next year even more successful by attending the meetings, both business and social, helping with your time and talents to make our events and fund raisers a success and by offering your input as to ways to improve our council and help our parishes and communities.

Let us pray that the Lords eyes will shine on us and our families and his hands will guide us through a safe, healthy and prosperous year.

Gerry Glatt

Grand Knight, KofC 7473

Vivat Jesus

" We have a moral obligation to Invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus."

Carl A Anderson, Supreme Knight

Strive for Star Council Status

As we welcome a new fraternal year, we congratulate new Worthy Grand Knight Gerald Glatt and all the other dedicated Knights elected and appointed to lead this great council. The coming year will be full of triumphs and challenges, and I know you'll meet this with the strength and faithfulness of those before you.

I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish this year, building upon the success of previous years. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

Among these many goals is the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. While I'm committed to helping on the insurance side, I'm also very glad to help on the membership side as well.

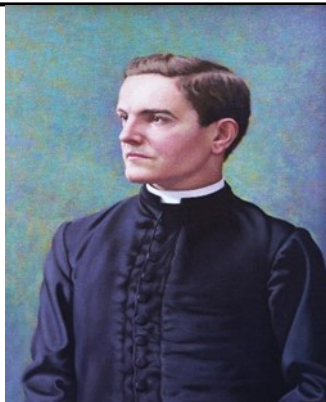
If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order as many of us do, he's probably waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by helping to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council.

Vivat Jesus.

Eric

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A Word from our Past Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I would like a moment to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight for the last 2 years.

I had great support from all of you.

I like to acknowledge our Chaplains, Officers, Committee Leaders, and hardworking members.

Chaplains Father Doug and Father Tom were there to always give me great Spiritual and Leadership advice.

I acknowledge the great officers team.

District Deputy Conley always a valuable asset for K of C protocol and wisdom.

Early in my tenure I thought it was important to bring after meeting Fellowship.

The Council graciously approved my suggestion of the motion to have Fellowship.

You recall the quote on the Calling Post "Food and Beverage to follow".

Deputy Alex Purevich would be the consummate in serving the Grand Knight helping to provide that service to all.

My Recorder Glen Wyant would take on our next important development.

Glen served Grand Knight McNamara and implemented Minutes Streamline.

The goal was to move the Council in the much needed info age by not only assembling one of the most professional appealing to the eyes minutes but now the minutes are available on line and one can go back to google doc's to fetch info if needed.

Minutes are sent to the email list which is a key to meeting success.

With a definitive agenda that was prewritten for every meeting my goal was to streamline the meeting length and times.

Some success of meeting times have been reduced.

Treasure Merlin Forseman soon adopted the same way of business by placing Treasurer and Bike Committee Re-

ports on line too.

Merlin's leadership led us to an avenue untouched by Council 7473.

Applying for a financial grants and monies by soliciting companies like US Gypsum and other agencies.

Merle and his wife also donated 1000.00 to get the bike committee on a good financial foundation.

We received grants or monies from USG, The Town of Crown Point, NISOURCE, Ford and the UAW, United Parcel Service, - Glen Wyant- Sons of Erin Ted Fitzgerald- and other contributions that are numerous hoping not to miss a deserved acknowledgement but our list is growing of personal contributors too.

With Merlin's guidance we now have a checking, gaming and bicycle account.

My goal of Financial growth was a vision.

Gaming licensed acquired by Merle.

Embracing The Bike Committee was a goal.

Mark Siminski our shining star has spearheaded a truly great movement.

I met and encourage an autonomous identity with own email address and platform.

The bike committee was on its way to success.

Committee members Mark Siminski, Fred Siminski Merle Forsman , Gerry Glatt, Dennis Conley, Bruce Spindler, and Dan Lucas are the reasons for this team's success.

Through these dedicated Knights we have donated over 320 bikes to the needy and impoverished.

Fish Fries continue to be our main stay of yearly income.

All members deserve a round of applause.

We had a very successful raffle that would help grow our treasury with needed income and help us make donations to St. Elizabeth Seton and Holy Spirit.

Ray Nedohan and I would coordinate our Raffle.

Donations to St Vincent De Paul, The Youth Groups, Religious Education, Right to Life are important to the Churches we serve St. Elizabeth Seton, Holy Spirit, St. Helen's of Hebron and other Community Base organizations are all a piece of our economic growth with proven results.

Tootsie Roll Drives coordinated by Jim Quirk and Jerry Glatt, among others are always successful with monies that help Special Olympics.

Blood Drive Coordinator remains Bruce Spindler.

Our 4th degree liaison is John Ryczaj always on task.

Bob Lucas our One Rose for Life is always appreciated.

Jason Krapen continues our monthly Knights breakfast.

Lecture Fred Siminski offered Spiritual words at our meeting.

I would like to thank Ray Nedohon for the implementation of our web Site that offered ticket sales, dues payments and updates.

Ray serving as our info development coordinator would also help with, the continuation of a closed group face book account previously started by GK McNamara and the development of a new face book account that all visitors may join but is monitored but the coordinator.

These useful tools I really believe will be the most effective way to reach out to our future potential members and give us a general increase of presence and information among not only Council 7473 but to our families, friends and followers on Face Book.

On the development table by SK Nedohon is a full texting account and not to be overlooked is a twitter account waiting for members.

The most devastating event was the passing of our Financial Secretary DALE WATERS.

Dale dedicated his life to being an exemplary Knight.

RIP OUR FRIEND.

Bruce Spindler stepped up into that position of Financial Secretary.

I know this is not a full Thank You to all the members that have had great influence and contributions.

I am humbled and grateful for this great opportunity I have had.

Congratulations to all the incoming officers.
May our successes continue.

Vivat Jesus
Past Grand Knight

Joe Szczerbowski

JULY SCHEDULE

July 2

Officers meeting 7:00 pm at
Gerry Glatts.

July 4

Hebron Parade

Assemble at 9:00 am at the H.S.

Crown Point Parade

Assemble 12:15 - 2:00 pm

At Taft J.H.

LOFS. Parade 12:00 pm.

July 8

Council business meeting at
Holy Spirit 7:00 pm. Rosary 7:30
meeting.

July 11 and 12

Membership appeal at all Mass's

July 18

Council breakfast 8:00 am at
Hebron, Country Kitchen.

July 22

Installation of Officers 7:00 pm
at SEAS.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

August 12 Hebron

September 9 SEAS.

October 14 Holy Spirit

November 11 Hebron

December 9 SEAS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note July Schedule plus

July 12 1st. Deg.at Schererville

Aug. 8 Council breakfast

CRHP Picnic at SEAS

Aug. 10 4th deg. Bus. Meeting

At SEAS hosted by

Council 7473.

Aug. 20 1st deg. At Griffith &

Portage.

Aug. 26 Council Social

Sept.12 Council breakfast

Gibault Envoy

Sept.19 Hebron Block Party

Sept.23 Council Social

Sept.24 1st. Deg. Munster

Oct. 4 Pancake breakfast HS.

Oct. 10 Council Breakfast

Oct. 15 1st.deg. Portage and

Griffith

Oct. 28 Council social

Nov.10 Memorial Service at HS.

Nov.14 Council Breakfast

Nov.17 1st. Deg. Valpo

Nov.25 Council Social

Dec.12 Council Breakfast

Dec.17 1st. Deg. Portage

Dec.23 Council Social