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Chaplain's Message

It's September -The "Bells" are ringing!

Yup! You can hear them sounding off! It's that time of year. The vacations are winding to a close, the stores have been filled with parents looking for supplies for school, and new school outfits have been bought for those ever-growing bodies! Parents return to the starting bell at work and new challenges also await them.

There is a certain excitement about returning to school or work. Some students moan, but many are enthused about seeing old friends again and the prospect of learning something new. Knowledge is expanding at an exponential rate as new discoveries and deeper insights expand our understanding of our world. Work also brings its rewards. Colleagues challenge and inspire us. A sense of achievement satisfies us. Learning intrigues us. All of us have a

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Grand Knight's Message

September 2014

Membership, membership, membership!

Brothers, this month we hold a Knights of Columbus membership drive at St. Andrew's Church. You ask, "What is a membership drive?" I will tell you.

A letter of introduction to our council will be included in the church bulletin for the September 6th weekend. I introduce myself, describe some of the events and activities of our council and invite adult males to join our Council in making a difference for our community by showing our faith by our service.

The following weekend, Sept. 13th, we hold our membership drive. Members will be stationed at each of the three entrances at St. Andrew's with prospect cards to distribute to all adult males as they enter who are not members of our Council. On one side of the card is an address and contact information and the flip side highlights the Knights of Columbus on a state level and in particular as Council 2188. Ideally I would like two Knights per entrance at each Mass to ensure maximum visibility. At the rear of the church we will

(Chaplain)

chance to be a part of it, and what a waste if we ignore the opportunity to take part in that growth.

Part of the expansion of our knowledge should include a deeper understanding of who we are and where we believe we are headed. Sure, we all project goals in terms of our future careers whether we are children or adults, but do we think beyond that?

My experience as a pastor is that sometimes, maybe often, people don't think beyond the immediate future. All education should be geared toward a comprehensive self-understanding. We need to know who we are, what makes us happy and where we are headed. No one likes confusion and uncertainty. Planning for only half of life's journey doesn't get us where we need to go.

To grasp the "big picture" as they say, is to see the interrelationship of all aspects of life. We want an education and career that will satisfy us and support us, but knowing what fulfills us may require insight in other areas than the ones we usually investigate.

Take, for instance, the hard work we do to achieve a good grade, or a better job.

In the process of improving our situation, we can sometime forget that grades and jobs and money are only a small part of who we are. You can be the best in class or the most successful in business and still be unhappy!

To find satisfaction and joy is to realize "why" we put in the effort to begin with. In the end it is all a demonstration of love for the ones about whom we care. We get up every morning and go to school or work because we know it will help. It only helps, however, if we keep it in balance with the other things we need. What people crave is acceptance and love. No educational degree or bonus can make up for a lack of good relationships in our lives. To work two jobs and never spend time with the family we love is self-defeating. How many marriages have ended because the spouses grew apart, having spent little time with each other? (Contd this Page)

man a table with more in depth information about who we are and what we do. At least two brothers should be present.

The following Sunday, September 21st is the parish picnic. As in previous years we have volunteered to cook on the grill. Once again I ask for your help. As a follow up event this is perfect visibility and timing for all those guys who may be tossing this around in the back of their minds to say yes!

That is our membership drive. In the not too distant future I will be planning to have one at St. John's also.

"In service to One, in service to all" is our mantra. If that message is conveyed we will introduce new members.

(Chaplain)

When we learn what is important and keep things in balance, then the little bell in our head goes off and we truly "get it". This is what reflection and prayer are about. God wants us to know that we are not machines, but cherished members of His family. We belong to Him and to one another. Take time to pray with the ones you love. It helps in keeping the balance.

August Friday Night Dinner

Our summer BBQ Friday Night Dinner of 2014 was a real treat! We served 97 people probably the best BBQ that any joint could make! (And I'm not just saying that cause I'm Grand Knight.) Grill Master George prepared delicious ribs and chicken and our top notch kitchen crew: Frank, Reno, Ray, John, Mike, Dave, Tom, and Jim prepared and served corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, pickles and water melon.

Spectacular dinner and if you missed it all I can say is you have to come to our next general meeting to enjoy some extra ribs we made.

Hope you can make our next dinner. It will be Italian night and on the menu is chicken parmigiana, sausage and peppers and a pasta dish. Spread the word!

Doors open at 6 pm. \$12pp, \$30 per family with minors.

Joe Laquidara, Grand Knight

Calendar for August and September

September

09/01	Labor Day	
09/04	General Meeting.....	8:00 PM
09/06	Hot Meals.....	9:30 AM
09/09	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
09/11	Columbian Club.....	8:00 PM
09/18	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
09/19	Friday Night Dinner	6:30 PM
09/25	First Degree (Council 1179)....	8:00 PM
09/26	Texas Hold'em.....	6:00 PM

October

10/02	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
10/04	Hot Meals.....	9:30 AM
10/09	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
10/12	Frist Degree (Council 7784)....	2: 00 PM
10/13	Columbus Day	
10/14	First Degree (Council 2188)....	7:30 PM
10/16	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
10/17	Friday Night Dinner.....	6:30 PM

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

A prayer for those in the Military Service.

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service.

Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil.

Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from you.

For you are God, for ever and ever. Amen

(Borrowed from Prayers for all Occasions)

Al Lukievics, FM PGK PFN

Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It is very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other bench mark. These numbers are often capped and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes drastically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage and, if your health changed (which it will as you age) you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I shall be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis so you know exactly where you stand.

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Texas Hold'em Tournament

Our Council will be holding a Texas Hold'em Tournament on **Friday evening, September 26, 2014** at the Council Hall.

The doors will open at **6:00 PM** and the games will begin at **7:15 PM**. The buy-in is \$125 for advanced registration and \$150 at the door. There will be additional buy-ins with a time limit. The grand prize, based on 75 players, is a \$1500 Visa Gift Card. Hot food, beer and soda is included with the buy-in.

Proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Knights of Columbus' charities. Register in advance via Paypal on our website (kofc2188.org) or by calling Mike Guastella at **201-669-0072**. You can also call Mike for further information



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Or Register Online At www.kofc2188.org And Pay
Online Using Our Paypal Link.

September Friday Night Dinner

The next Friday Night Dinner will be held on **September 19, 2014**. The doors of the Council will be open at **6:00 PM** and dinner will be served at **6:30 PM**.

It is Italian Night!! The menu will consist of Sausage and Peppers, Chicken Parmigiana and a pasta dish. The price of \$12.00 person and \$30.00 for a family consisting of parents and minor aged children includes bread, soda, coffee and cake and dessert.

Support YOUR Council by attending this fund raising dinner. Call Mike DeAngelo at **201-664-5396** for reservations.



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