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September 2009

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As the summer days wind to a close, due to the recession, many families did not have a family vacation to remember this summer. With the incredible loss of jobs, blue collar workers are struggling more than ever. The unemployment rate is about to set its highest mark nationally, above 10% by the end of the year, the highest for our country since WWII.

So let us remember, with Labor Day just around the corner, that it continues to be very important for us not to just help our Catholic members of the K of C and their families, but also to help the entire human race requesting our voluntary assistance when they are in need.

When Father McGivney founded this organization in 1882, he stressed that charity is not just a donation of available money to those in need, but it is also a donation of time and resources as we volunteer to help those who need our services the most.

In Jesus' Name,

Barry



Chaplain's Message

Greetings and Peace to all my brother knights and your families, and a blessed September to you all. As I write to you now, I am preparing to leave for my semester in Chicago. Please keep me in your prayers, that this time of school be a time of learning and renewal for me. I will also pray for you, and especially for all of our students and teachers returning to school, that this school year be a blessed one of new learning and new opportunities.

One of my personal joys this summer was in celebrating the first communions of my great nieces, Annabella and Olivia. In my homily, I encouraged them to see their first communion in light of six important areas of their life. Well, the more I thought about it, the more I felt: "If these are good enough for our children, then they're good enough for us." So, I now share these same areas with you. They are: Celebration, Family, Gift, Thanksgiving, Love, and Prayer.

My brothers, I trust that these words speak for themselves. But, just in case they don't, I will briefly summarize. As Catholics, if we can't celebrate every opportunity we have to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, then we need to take a serious look at our lives and our priorities. If we don't see our own families as the ones who help us understand our relationship to the family of God, we will never fully understand communion. The living presence of Jesus is God's greatest gift to us, and we should always be ready to celebrate our

gratitude. Yet, my brothers, it makes me wonder: Why are so many Catholics not going to church at all, or only going to church at Christmas and Easter? In some ways, it will always be a mystery to me.

Finally, it is all about God's unconditional love for us, and that love should motivate us to love each other, and pray for each other every day. In this month of September, I ask you to reflect on these simple words, especially the next time you receive holy communion. For if we are not good examples to our children, then their first communion may be their last. I believe that these key words will always help us to be renewed in our study, our appreciation, our love for the Eucharist, and especially in our daily prayer. For we Catholics, the Eucharist is "As Good as it Gets!"

I hope and pray that we love and treasure this gift more and more each day, as my great nieces do now. Have a blessed September and a wonderful autumn season. I will miss you all in these months ahead, but know that I will keep you in my prayers each day. I look forward to seeing you at Christmas time.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

In Memorium

Please keep in your daily prayers all our Brothers and their families that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

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| Ralph T. Blodgett | 9/5 |
| Robert S. Donaldson | 9/24 |
| John A. Frank | 9/21 |
| Joseph V. Gallagher | 9/16 |
| Salvatore A. Ganino | 9/26 |
| Lawrence F. Harker | 9/13 |
| Joseph A. Herr | 9/24 |
| Leslie E. Hildebrand | 9/26 |
| Gerald J. Kovach | 9/13 |
| William C. Lersch, Jr. | 9/27 |
| Robert A. Lonero | 9/24 |
| Joseph W. Muri | 9/24 |
| Thomas D. O'Leary | 9/20 |
| Carmen J. Piccirilli | 9/10 |
| Eugene F. Polmueller | 9/14 |
| Francis C. Shaw | 9/6 |
| Thomas W. Stoltz | 9/15 |
| Raymond J. Stoltz, Jr. | 9/18 |
| Timothy M. Sullivan | 9/24 |
| Robert E. Walters | 9/21 |
| James H. Zimmerman | 9/23 |



August Council Meeting Notes

We received a thank you from the Shriner's for our gift of \$3,200 raised at the Chicken Bar B Q. With our help they can continue to give state of the art health care to kids in need.

We made a \$100 donation to the Bishop Guilfoyle Cheerleaders.

It was reported, that all costs for J.J. Jones funeral were completely covered by generous organizations and individuals. We as a council and brothers of J.J. are going to send a letter of appreciation to everyone that helped. Bill Forscht did incur a

\$50 expense for costs involved with the headstone so the council is going to cover his costs.

The recession and state budget in-pass is affecting Catholic Charities extremely hard. Council is making a \$500 donation to the organization.

Football sweepstakes and Coal tickets are once again available. If interested contact Lou Endress for more information.

Last month's blood drive netted 22 pints. Thanks to everyone that helped or donated blood.

CORRECTION: Last month's newsletter stated that we split the profits from the Hand in Hand Chicken Bar B Q with the Shriner's. This was incorrect all of the \$3,200 went directly to the Shriner's.

Congratulations

At our August meeting we conducted a first degree ceremony. Please welcome into our council the following new members.

Mark W. Nelson
Gregory F. Nearing
Daniel T. Moringiello
Robert E. Walters
Thomas L. Matthews



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, September 3 7:00pm
Thursday, October 1 7:00pm

September 8, Mass with the 4th Degree, for more information contact Ray Baker.

Ham and Cheese Sale. Orders due September 15, make September 17, Deliver September 18th.

November 1, 3rd Degree, for more information contact Lou Endress.



Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers and thoughts brother Jack Frank who is at home recovering from open heart surgery.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers brother Victor Ballash who is battling illness.

Brother Bill Moyer is struggling with illness so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep in your prayers Brother Ron Hileman, Sr. as he battles cancer.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers Deputy Grand Knights Mark Leberfinger's mother as she battles through diabetes.

Keep Father Brad our chaplain in your prayers during his sabbatical.

