



Knights Talk



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From the Grand Knight



Derek Storey

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Terry Thompson. When I was looking for a council to transfer to, I first went to my home parish. I met with Brother Terry, who was Grand Knight. My first impression was "if the brothers in the council are anything like Terry, then I want to be part of this council."

First impressions are everything. Yes, as GK I probably have a little more "face time" when it comes to representing the council... but in the grand scheme of things, we all do; We ALL represent the Knights. Whether it is recruiting a candidate or participating in an event, when we put on that K of C badge or vest, we are representing the Knights.

At my officer installation, I said it was an "honor and a privilege" to be Grand Knight of Council 8954 and I still believe that today. When I meet with other GK's and DD's, they ALWAYS speak highly of this council, which is why I make this final request: if you believe in the Knights and in the council, become an officer and strive to become Grand Knight. Yes, the GK position requires more of your time, but remember: you will be Grand Knight of Council 8954, the best council in the diocese.

Thank you. A big thanks to Knights who supported the State Convention. Special thanks to Brothers Harold Hanson, Conard Kester, Joel Lanoux, Jim Davoli and Isaac "sword" Sandoval. Also thanks to the women: Gloria Sandoval, Kathleen Kester and Carol Lanoux.

1,000. That was the number of Knights and families at each of the two 7 a.m. masses during the convention. Those who attended the convention also heard many dynamic and inspiring speakers, such as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Cardinal DiNardo and many, many more. When Dallas hosts the convention again (and they will), please make time to check it out.

April Awards:

Knight of the Month: Jack Eichman

Family of the Month: Bill and Clara McKinney

Congratulations. To Brother Javier Martinez, who will be our new State Deputy the next fraternal year.

Pat your self on the back. We received many awards from the State. Though we are a humble council, it is good to look at our accomplishments and remind us of our good works. State awards include:

- Conducting 12 First degrees in a calendar year
- District Deputy Award: hosting 12 first degrees, DD Jack Harvey, District 80 (guess which council is in this district?)
- Dallas Diocese with 75% of all councils active (only Diocese in Texas!)
- Quick Start Award: to meet or exceed charity goal by December 31, '07 (only council in district)
- Support of vocations / Seminarians

So next time a candidate or transfer says "why your council?" you can say "why not?"

Corporate Communion: Over 50 brothers and their families were led by the Color Corps into mass (unity) and enjoyed a light breakfast and fellowship afterwards (fraternity). Special thanks to Chiriana and Brothers Jack and Milton for their help on set-up/clean-up.

And Finally: Best wishes to the incoming officers. You will always have my support.

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From the Financial Secretary



Lairy Johnson

New Financial Secretary

I will be stepping down soon sometime after the July audit. I am leaving my post due to some health problems, My relief is Jim Dulac. It has been an interesting experience to be your financial secretary. Keeping you and your money straight has been at times a challenge. But it was all good labor and I was blessed to be with such a good council. So fellows please be good to Jim. Pay your dues often and early. Help him along.

Lairy



Fraternal activity reporting

Each year in January we report our Fraternal Activity to our Supreme Council. This status report is necessary for the Knights to show what and how much we do, Now outside of normal council functions do you do any activity related to church, community, or youth activities. Do you work for meals on wheels? Coach a little league or soccer team? Help your scout troop? Or work in a nursing home? Did you attend a funeral? Did you visit sick friends or relatives? Did you give blood? You may report these activities to your financial secretary for the report at the end of the year. Or maybe you want to record them in a journal and report later. The above activities are some ideas. If you have any doubts write it down any way. It is a good thing to do.

Lairy



Membership Statistics as of May 1, 2008:

Associate Members:	171
Insurance Members:	92
Inactive Members:	7
Total Members:	270
Net Members:	263
Honorary Members:	5
Honorary Life Members:	22
	Quota Gain Loss Net
Membership:	12 19 1 18
Insurance:	6 9 2 7

Lairy



Veterans Hospital Report

One thing we should never do is go stale on taking care of our veterans. Although our visitation has a repetitive flavor to it, each session is important to the different mix of patients at the hospital. And it somehow affects each of us in many ways. Boring? No way. I had the honor and pleasure to attend a couple of Memorial Day observances. The way we honor our veterans is very significant to the fabric of our country. Honoring veterans dead or alive then is noble. So let us be steadfast in our support. Meet at the flagpole, travel the road, play some bingo, back again then do it all over next month. We will need a few more Knights to go this month. A few of the regulars will not be able to attend due to other commitments. By the way, the date for the visit is the third Wednesday - which is 6/18/08. Thanks for your help. Please pray for the young men and women serving our country today.

PS - I am still collecting coffee and coffee supplies for our veterans.

Lairy



From the Membership Director & 1-Year Trustee



Isaac Sandoval Jr.

Council 8954 2007-2008 Proposed Charity Recipients List

The Charity Committee met on Monday, March 17, 2008; developed the 2007-2008 Charity recipients' list presented at the April business meeting; council voted to have the committee review the list for consideration of charities that had been proposed by a member. Committee met on Monday, April 21, 2008 and the following list was developed and voted to be presented at the May business meeting and included in the May Council Newsletter; and voted in the June 5th business meeting.

Network of Richardson
Good Samaritan of Garland
Sisters of Notre Dame
Habitat for Humanity
White Rose
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Garland Family Outreach
Missionaries of Charity
Scottish Rite Hospital
American Cancer Society
Montserrat Retreat House
St. Joseph Youth Ministry
Equest
St. Joseph Vacation Bible School
Cardinal Maderos Fund for Bishop Ferrell
Wheel Chair Foundation
Achievement Center of Texas
Circle of Friends
Council 8954 – St. Joseph Adult Library
Guadalupe Radio Network, KATH 910
8 Vocation Scholarships voted and awarded to date

Respectfully submitted by: Council 8954 Charity Committee
Isaac Sandoval, Chairman, Joel Lanoux, Tony Pascarelli, Elmer Resko, Paul Sine, Brian Roeten, Hank Horton (excused), Jim Hemmingway, Bob Procsal (excused).

Presented: Thursday, April 3, 2008
Revised List Presented: Thursday, May 1, 2008

Isaac



One Year Trustee

For those brothers who have not heard, this fraternal year will be my last as an officer in Council 8954 and the start of the new fraternal year as District Deputy for District 80. I want to thank all my brothers who voted and supported me as Outside Guard through Grand Knight.

As District Deputy, I will be responsible for Council 6402, 8787, 9337, 11862 in addition to 8954. This means that I will be assisting the officers and members of these councils. Where my time was dedicated to 8954 before; it will now have to be split among all five councils.

As District Deputy, I ask for your support and prayers.

Isaac



Membership

As District Deputy, one of my responsibilities will be to assist the councils in their recruiting and retention efforts. To assist the incoming officers of Council 8954, I will stay on as council Membership Director through the end of the 2008; at which time the council will need to appoint a new Membership Director.

While it is the responsibility of all brothers to recruit new knights; a Membership Director is required to coordinate the recruiting effort. The M.D. will be working with Supreme, the State and the council officers to ensure that Council 8954 maintain it standing as one of the top councils in the Dallas Diocese.

If you feel you have what it takes to be Membership Director for Council 8954, please contact the G. K. or myself.

Vivat Jesus

Isaac



From the 2-Year Trustee



Brian Roeten

Officer Nomination Selection Committee

The Officer Nomination Selection Committee met on Monday, March 24th to initiate determining a recommended slate of officers for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year. We met again on April 21st to attempt to finalize the nomination selection of the committee. We then met again on May 6th. After much more due diligence, we finally completed our selection and nomination list.

However, anyone can still be nominated to run for any office. Please contact Brian Roeten if you would like to be an officer. The only requirements are that you have to be a Third Degree member in good standing. The following slate of officer nominations is being submitted by the committee:

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| Grand Knight: | Conard Kester |
| Deputy Grand Knight: | Harold Hansen |
| Chancellor: | Chris Glaser |
| Chaplain: | Msgr. Don Fischer |
| Recorder: | Don Seeley |
| Treasurer: | Larry Bruce |
| Financial Secretary: | Lairy Johnson (appointed; replacement to be James Dulac) |
| Advocate: | Tom Parker |
| Lecturer: | Tom Parker (appointed) |
| Warden: | Bill Thelen |
| Inside Guard: | Mike Condy |
| Outside Guard: | Terry Ryan |
| Outside Guard: | Jim Hemmingway |
| One Year Trustee: | Brian Roeten |
| Two Year Trustee: | Joel Lanoux |
| Three Year Trustee: | Derek Storey |

Brian



Council Activities

Council Calendar

Jun. '08

1st	All masses	Breakfast Burritos
4th	7 p.m.	Officer Meeting
5th	7 p.m.	Business Meeting
		First Sat. Mass and
7th	9 a.m.	Rosary
11th	7:30 p.m.	First Degree
18th	6 p.m.	VA Hospital visit
19th	7 p.m.	Officer Installation

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4th		Independence Day
		First Sat. Mass and
5th	9 a.m.	Rosary
6th	All masses	Breakfast Burritos
9th	7 p.m.	Officer Meeting
10th	7 p.m.	Business Meeting
16th	6 p.m.	VA Hospital Visit
16th	7:30 p.m.	First Degree
20th	3 p.m.	Ice Cream Social



Garage Sale

The council had another successful garage sale event. This is due to the generous donations and the volunteer response. I am happy to report that the sale netted \$1902.44. Volunteer time is estimated at 185 hours. Thanks go to the following and all others who donated time and items to the garage sale event.

Milton Catalina, Jon, Rita, and Chris Hagarman, Joel Lanoux, Bob Procsal, Isaac Sandoval, Tracy Smith, Harold and Pat Hansen, Derek Storey, Dan Dunn, Conard Kester, Brian Roeten, Lairy Johnson, Bill McKinney, Tom Parker, Nick Papa, Joe Horan, and Jim Dulac.

Special thanks to Tracy Smith and Dan Dunn for supplying their pickup trucks with trailers on Friday night for collections and Saturday for cleanup. Tracy Smith hauled the trash items to the Richardson transfer center. Dan Dunn hauled the usable items to Catholic Charities. Thanks to Pat Hansen and Rita Hagarman for sorting and pricing items on Friday evening. Thanks to Derek's son for computer systems support on Saturday morning. The working computers sold as fast as he could put a system together.

Jon



Prayer Requests

Randy Bodin, John Kolich, Mary Ann Kolich, Billie Kornegay, Ed Biewer, Margaret Kocorek, Pepi Johnson, Lairy Johnson, Hank Horton, John Chauvin, Millard Underwood, Gin Eichman, Jack Stubbs, Al Williams, John Listi, Bill Goodrich & all Service Men and Women serving abroad.



Church Activities

From the Past Grand Knight & 3-Year Trustee



Joel Lanoux

Our Parents

On May 11th as we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, we also celebrated Mothers Day and honored our earthly mothers, both living and dead. We also celebrated the month of May with special devotions to Mary, our Heavenly Mother. On June 15th we will celebrate Fathers Day. On that day, as we honor of earthly fathers, let us look to St. Joseph, the earthly head of the Holy Family, for guidance in our own families. Just as it took both Mary and Joseph to nurture and raise to manhood the Child Jesus, it took both of our parents, working together to care for, to nurture and to develop our human and spiritual lives. Below is a PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR PARENTS in which we can thank both of our parents, not only for the gift of life, but

also for the care, wisdom and support they have given us as we matured.

Ever living God, from whom we receive our life, we thank you for our parents and for the blessings their lives have brought to us. We thank you for their loving care, their calm strength, and their patient wisdom, which taught us to love whatever is just and true and good. May we always remember them with reverence and affection, as we remain united to them in you. Together with them may we one day look upon your face in glory everlasting.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Source: Christian Brothers of de la Salle

Joel Lanoux, PGK, Prayer Director



Seminarian Feedback

Following are quotes from a letter I recently received from Seminarian Paul Iverson: "I wanted to write and thank you for inviting me to the clergy appreciation dinner at St. Joseph's last month. It was a wonderful evening spent in the company of all of the Knights". Later he said, "Last year I quickly realized that formation for the priesthood is not something that one does alone. I know that I have a multitude of intercessors throughout the Church who support me with their prayers, and I know that you and the Knights are among them. Know that I keep you all in my prayers". Paul also thanked us again for our financial support.

Brother Knights, our seminarians truly appreciate our prayers and support, so please continue to pray daily for them and for additional vocations to the priesthood.

Bill McKinney



Community Activities



*Guadalupe Radio Network
"Radio for Your Soul"
KATH 910 AM / KJON 850 AM*

For live interactive radio and the teachings of our Catholic Faith, tune in 24 hours a day for answers to your questions and become inspired to go out spreading the Good News.



From the Insurance Agent

In a previous column I wrote specifically to baby boomers regarding the "r" word: retirement. I presented some dire facts regarding the current state of employer-provided pension plans. That was the bad news. The good news - you can do something about it.

Think of retirement as a three legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs...or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg, and the one that you can exercise the most control over. The saving you do yourself.

Everyone – everyone – needs this third leg. It consists of the money you yourself set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan. But you do manage your own life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with piece of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust: you!

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For the Good of the Order

A Chat with God

God: Hello. Did you call me?

Me: Called you? No... Who is this?

God: This is GOD. I heard your prayers. So, I thought I will chat.

Me: I do pray. Just makes me feel good. I am actually busy now.

God: What are you busy at? Ants are busy too.

Me: Don't know. But, I can't find free time. Life has become hectic. It's rush hour all the time.

God: Sure. Activity gets you busy. Productivity gets you results. Activity consumes time. Productivity frees it.

Me: I understand. Yet, I still can't figure out. By the way, I was not expecting YOU to call me on instant messaging chat.

God: I wanted to solve your fight for time, by giving you some clarity. In this internet era, I wanted to reach you through the way in which you would understand.

Me: Tell me, why has life become complicated now?

God: Stop analyzing life. Just live it. Analysis makes it complicated.

Me: Why are we constantly unhappy?

God: Your today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday. You are worrying because you are analyzing. Worrying has become your habit. That's why you are not happy.

Me: How can we not worry when there is so much uncertainty?

God: Uncertainty is inevitable. Worrying is optional.

Me: There is so much pain due to uncertainty.

God: Pain is inevitable - it will come. Suffering is optional, you can choose.

Me: If suffering is optional, why do good people also suffer?

God: Diamonds cannot be polished without friction. Gold cannot be purified without fire. Good people go through trials, but, don't suffer. With that experience, their life becomes better, not bitter.

Me: You mean to say such experience is useful?

God: Yes. Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first and the lessons afterwards.

Me: Still, why should we go through such tests? Why can't we be free from problems?

God: Problems are purposeful roadblocks offering beneficial lessons to develop strength. Inner strength comes from struggle and endurance, not when you are free from problems.

Me: Frankly, in the midst of so many problems, we don't know where we are heading...

God: If you look outside, you will not know where you are going. Look inside. Looking outside, you dream. Looking inside, you awaken. Eyes provide sight. Heart provides insight.

Me: Sometimes not succeeding fast seems to hurt more than moving in the right direction. What should I do?

God: Success is a measurement decided by others. Satisfaction is a measurement decided by you. Knowing the road ahead is more satisfying. You work with the compass. Let others work with the clock.

Me: In tough times, how do you stay motivated?

God: Always look at how far you have come rather than how far you have to go. Always count your blessing, not what you are missing.

Me: What surprises you about people?

God: When they suffer they ask, "Why me?" When they prosper, they never ask "Why me?" Everyone wishes to have truth on their side. Few want to be on the side of the truth.

Me: Sometimes, I ask, "Who am I? Why am I here?" I can't get the answer.

God: Seek not to find who you are, but, to determine who you want to be. Stop looking for a purpose as to why you are here. Create it. Life is not a process of discovery. It's a process of creation.

Me: How can I get the best out of life?

God: Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear.

Me: One last question. Sometimes, I feel my prayers are not answered.

God: There are no unanswered prayers. At times, the answer is "NO."

Me: Thank you for this wonderful chat.

God: Well, keep the faith and drop the fear. Life is a mystery to solve not a problem to resolve.

God: Trust me.

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