From the Grand Knight

Harold Hansen

Grand Knight’s Message

As mentioned in the last newsletter, your Deputy Grand Knight and I attended the 106th annual Knights state convention last weekend. We had the opportunity to meet Knights from Councils all over the state of Texas. It was quite an experience to be around so many men dedicated to the principles of our Order.

Council 8954 should be proud of one event that took place at the convention. Our own Council Brother Bishop Ferrell was appointed to the office of State Chaplain for the next two years. On behalf of Council 8954 I want to congratulate Bishop Ferrell on his appointment and say that we look forward to working with him in any way that we can.

This was the year that new state officers were elected for the next two year period. Our new State Deputy is Tony Herreth. He has served the past two years as State Secretary.

In his acceptance speech he said that the theme of his administration as State Deputy would be: “A passion for service”

That theme struck a note with me as I hope it does with you. I hope that each of you will examine the reasons you became a Knight. I suspect one of them was the organizations history for service in our Church and community. Council 8954 has a rich history of service but time has a tendency to dull the reasons for our actions. Perhaps this is a good time for each of us to renew our passion for service.

We are quickly approaching the end of our fraternal year. How do I know this you ask? I just look at the calendar and see that there is only one fund-raiser remaining.

That fund-raiser, our spring garage sale, has generated some good revenue for us in the past and I hope you will help make it even better this time around. We need your help on Sat morning, May 15. Be there early, 6:00 AM, to move things from the storage rooms to the outside. Then stay and help sell. We are on course to having a good amount of money to distribute to our charities and success at this event will only make the amount bigger.

Harold Hansen, Grand Knight

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Council Activities

25th Anniversary Celebration

Thanks to everyone who made our 25th Anniversary Dinner and Dance such a wonderful event. The feedback on the food and refreshments was all very good and everyone who attended appeared to have a wonderful time socializing and dancing to the upbeat music. It was so gratifying to see our charter members reviewing old documents and pictures and reminiscing about the "old days".

A very big THANKS goes to Brother Milton Catalina who provided the nostalgic slide show which brought back many memories.

And, a final big THANKS to Ken and Ruby Steponaitis who provided the music for the evening at no cost to the Council. We really appreciate their generosity.

Another big THANKS goes to Shelley Storey who prepared the delicious cake emblazoned with the KC logo. She is certainly talented.

And lastly (really!), a huge THANKS to Brother Joel Lanoux, whose commitment, dedication and work coordinating the 25th Anniversary Celebration provided fond memories, brotherhood and joy to many.

We look forward to the next 25 years!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  COUNCIL 8954

APRIL 11, 1985----APRIL 11, 2010

Celebrating 25 years of Service to St. Joseph Catholic Church and the surrounding communities.

Many Thanks to the 60 Charter Members who founded the Council in the Spirit of:
Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism

From a beginning membership of 60 Knights the Council has grown in memberships to almost 250 men. Council 8954 is part of the largest Catholic fraternity of men in the world. The primary purpose of the Council 8954 is to support our local Priests and Bishops and the mission of the Catholic Church in our Diocese; also, to provide for religious and social activities for the members and their families.

The Council engages in various fund raising activities throughout the year to generate fund to support both religious and community activities.
Activities include:
-- 2 Parish wide garage sales per year
-- Fish fries during the Lenten season
-- 2 Vocation Awareness breakfasts open to all parishioners
-- Annual golf tournament with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society

Religious events:
-- 4 Corporate Communions per year followed by breakfast's socials
-- 2 Vocations Awareness breakfast
-- Support of the Bishop's pro-life events
-- Participation in the Hike for Life
-- Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Council
-- Participation in the Parish Living Rosary
-- The Council hosts 12 First Degree Ceremonies for new Knights and one Major Degree ceremony for Knights advancing in the Order
-- Financial, religious and guidance to our Squires Council (youth organization)

Community Activities include:
-- Financial and physical support to Network of Richardson
-- Financial and physical support to Garland Outreach
-- conducts two food drives each year
-- Financial support and supplies provided to the White Rose Foundation
-- Financial support to the Habitat for Humanity
-- Financial and physical support to the St. Vincent de Paul Society
-- Participation in the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk
-- Participation in the Pro-Life Hike for Life
-- Financial support and participation in the Bishop’s Pro-Life activities
-- Monthly visits of the VA Hospital to provide entertainment, refreshments and other support for the hospitalized veterans
-- Financial and physical support to Special Olympic events

Scholastic support:
-- The Council provides a minimum of eight scholarships each year to Seminarians and religious who are pursuing their religious education
-- The Council provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior in our Squires organization
-- The Council annually recognizes two Acolytes of the Year

Social Events:
-- Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner
-- Annual Wives Appreciation Dinner
-- Annual Chili cook-off
-- Thanksgiving Social
-- Christmas Social
-- Breakfast with Santa assistance
-- Softball vs. the youth
-- Ice Cream Social

Miscellaneous:
-- Knight of the Year & Family of the Year

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8954

Roster of PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

1985-1987 Bill Rumenapp
1987-1988 Glen Bingham
1988-1989 Elmer Resko
1989-1990 Bill Mozley
1990-1991 Vic Eagle
1991-1993 Roger Flesch
1993-1995 Joe Horan
1995-1997 James Aston
1997-1999 Terry Thompson
1999-2001 Jim Dulac
2001-2002 Hank Horton
2002-2003 Ken Ducote
2003-2004 Bob Proscas
2004-2005 Isaac Sandoval
2005-2006 Brian Roeten
2006-2007 Joel Lanoux
2007-2008 Derek Storey
2008-2009 Conard Kester
2009-2010 Harold Hansen

CHARTER MEMBERS

BAKER, E. J. LAUBACER, J. H.
BARNETT, M. A. LIEKSENNING, M. G.
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BURTON, T. CAYTON, J. L.
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* 2 KUZNIEWSKI, A. A. KUZNIEWSKI, A. A.

* Deceased
1 First Grand Knight
2 First Deputy Grand Knight

Joel Lanoux, Trustee
Officer Nominations, 2010 – 2011 Fraternal Year

Following is a list of officer nominations for the 2010-11 fraternal year. We will elect the officers at the June Business meeting.

Grand Knight:   Neil Ducote
Deputy Grand Knight:  Joe Horan
Recorder:    Steve Snyder
Chancellor:   Rick Bentine, Chris Glaser
Financial Secretary:  Jim Dulac
Treasurer:   Larry Bruce
Advocate:   Barnabas Osong
Lecturer:    Tom Parker
Warden:     David Guerrero
Inside Guard:   Michael Apoduca
Outside Guard:  Tom Poovey
Outside Guard:  Will Quintenilla
1 year trustee:   Derek Storey
2 year trustee:   Conard Kester
3 year trustee:   Harold Hansen

Come and let your vote count!

Thank you,
PGK Derek Storey

Spring Garage Sale!!!!

Brother Knights! Our garage sale will be the weekend of May 15th and MORE volunteers needed to reach our goal of $3,000!

We need 6 to 8 volunteers on Friday evening and 10 to 12 on Saturday. On Saturday ‘Shift A’ runs from 6 am till 9 am and ‘Shift B’ runs from 9 am till noon or you can help for both shifts.

If you have not volunteered in a while, then this is a great opportunity to jump back in with 8954. Please contact me to sign up!

Thanks,
Brother Milton Catalina
972-907-2762

Frisco Roughriders

All Parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a Roughriders game in Frisco.

On Saturday, June 12, 2010 the Frisco Roughriders play the San Antonio Missions at Dr Pepper Park in Frisco, TX!

BINGO in the Gym – April 24th

Council 8954 conducted its semi-annual Family Bingo Night in the St Joseph gymnasium. As usual, there were many parishioners in attendance vying for a chance to win big!

The cost is $16 per person and includes a Reserved Seat, Hat, All You Can Eat and Drink, and Bus Transportation to and from the game!!

The bus will leave from St Joseph Church Parking lot around 6:00 PM (shortly after the 5:00 PM Mass)

Contact Brother Terry Ryan at tandtryan@sbcglobal.net
972-979-0268 for tickets

There were also a few Knights on hand running the operation, calling numbers, verifying winners, serving as waiters and cleaning up afterward.
With valuable assistance from the Women’s Guild!

“The sausage was real good” said one young patron.

Financial results indicate a success.

Thanks to Brother Bob Proscal for coordinating, engineering and maintaining the Bingo operation and to Brother Tony Pascarelli for vibrant number calling and play by play.

The next Family Bingo night is eagerly awaited!

St Joseph Family Fun / Run Day

Several Knights supported the Women’s Guild and this event by serving beer and ‘sausage on a stick’ to the many patrons at our tent!!

Preliminary results, as well as eye-witness accounts, suggest that the carnival was a huge success!

Thanks to Brother Terry Ryan for his work in coordinating the Knights to serve in this event.
Brother Knights,

Thank you to all who attended or supported the Bishop’s Pro-Life Dinner last month—over 2,300 were in attendance!

On the legal front (from lifesitenews.com): “Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman signed into law today [4/13/10] another landmark bill banning abortion after 20 weeks gestation, on the basis that an unborn child feels pain at that age.

Just hours before, the Nebraska legislature had passed the legislation, the first of its kind in the United States. Pro-life advocates believe it could pose a direct and historic challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case that deprived the states the power to regulate or restrict abortion.”

We should all celebrate and pray for Nebraska for standing up and adding some sane thinking to this issue: the baby is alive and people that are alive feel pain!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Glaser

From the 2-Year Trustee

Derek Storey

Stepping Down

Brothers,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you these past years. I will be stepping down from activities that I am currently chairing. If you are looking for an activity to be involved with, please consider the following: Vocation Breakfast, Soccer Challenge, Youth Liaison. If you are interested and need more information, please let me know. All of the activities have many supporters, and they just need somebody to lead. Is that person you?

Charity Unity Fraternity
PGK Derek Storey
2nd year trustee
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From the Newsletter Editor

Brian Tooley

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Please submit ALL announcements, articles, news, and photos for the newsletter by 5 pm Sunday June 6, 2010.
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