



Knights Talk



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From the Grand Knight



Derek Storey

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

“What is your talent?” As Knights, we are involved in many different activities that require many talents. Whether it is cooking, speaking, writing, selling, giving of your time or new ideas, *we need your talents*. All you have to do is talk to a Brother Knight who is involved in that activity or ask an officer or myself and we'll get you in contact with them. Remember: you get out of the Knights what you put into it.

July Awards :

Knight of the Month – Don O'Bryan

Family of the Month – Bob and Nadine Procsal

When disaster strikes, Knights will find a way to help. You can help and get paid by helping FEMA dispatch busses when there is a disaster. You would only be called when needed, the hours are flexible and you would stay in Dallas. Orientation, 4 hours of training and a background check are involved. To learn more, contact Brother John LeGreca at 972-690-5480 or john.legreca@coachamerica.com

Wine Pull and dinner at Holy Trinity Seminary: Wine donations of \$20 or more are being accepted and tickets are still available for the dinner on Oct. 9th, with one of the guest speakers being our Bishop and Brother Knight, The Most Reverend Kevin Farrell. For more information, contact:

- Wine Pull donation: Theresa - 214-577-5545 / theresamarriedillard@yahoo.com

- Dinner : 972-438-2212 / www.Holytrinityseminary.com

“Family Fun Bingo Night” will be Sat., Sept. 15th. This is one of our first fundraisers, which in turn support our charities. Help will be needed between 6-10 p.m. See GK or sign up at next meeting.

Grills: 2 high quality grills have been moved from the church to my backyard. If you know who gave them to the Knights, let me know. I can hold them until the next garage sale. If not claimed and you are interested, let me know in October.

Lost and Found: The officer's jewels that are worn during meetings are MIA. If you have them or know where they are, please let an officer know.

And finally...“One meeting at a time” – Just a reminder that when a Brother has the floor, they are allowed to speak *without interruption*. If you have something to say, please wait to be acknowledged. This is not just Robert's Rules of Order, it is common courtesy.

II. An unlikely guardian (Taken from the book , Parish Priest by Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster)

The Downes left Ireland in 1827 to come to the U.S and finally settled in New Haven in 1832. They worked hard and in the 1840's, opened a shop and the business became prosperous. The Downes' family became one of the oldest and richest Catholic families in New Haven. However, the Panic of 1873 drained the Downes of their wealth. Though they lost the store, they were soon able to open a new one under the shadow of debt. Edward Sr., age 52, hoped to rebuild the fortune that was lost, but died. The court stepped in.

Priests were not known to wander beyond the church, much less a government building; however in the bustling 1880's, more priest ventured out regularly. That day in Probate court, *with a family at stake*, Fr. McGivney stepped up to act as the guardian for Edward Jr., with the money for the bond provided by a retired grocer. Fr. McGivney was no revolutionary, but he was a *man of action* born with compassion.

Next month: An idea is born

The streak is alive for another year!

The sun was hot, the shade was cool, and the umpiring impartial as the Knights faced a well-disciplined St. Joe's youth team. Though the Knights won, this team has been the best I've seen in the past 5 years of this event. Many thanks go to the Brothers and their families who came out to play, and show support. Special thanks to Lairy “grill” Johnson. Also want to recognize the “ringers“ for our team, including Shaina (Jeff and Steve Johnson's sister who is military bound), Joseph Storey, Cathy O'Bryan, Neiji (squire and future Knight) and GC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Charity Unity Fraternity
GK Derek Storey



From the Past Grand Knight & 3-Year Trustee



Joel Lanoux

Membership Statistics as of August 1, 2007:

Associate Members:	167			
Insurance Members:	86			
Inactive Members:	8			
Total Members:	261			
Net Members:	253			
Honorary Members:	3			
Honorary Life Members:	19			
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net
Membership:	12	5	0	5
Insurance:	6	1	0	1



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

At our last meeting you were informed that we would pray our **PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** during each of our business meetings. For your convenience, the prayer is presented below. Please bring the prayer with you to our meetings, and, if you can, pray it daily.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Jesus, nearly two thousand years ago You chose twelve men to lead Your church, and You have always given us leaders to guide us through good times as well as difficult times. Father in heaven, we know You will never abandon us, but we are aware of the shortage of priests throughout our nation. Therefore, we ask You God, to please grant us an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the diaconate, in our country, in our diocese and especially here at St. Joseph's. In addition, we pray for an increase in vocations to all religious orders for men and women. Finally Lord, let us willingly give support to our priests who labor for us, and to become involved in the life of our parish. Lord, please answer our petitions, and we thank You for Your unfailing love and compassion. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Vocations: Pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Joel J. Lanoux, Past Grand Knight



From the Financial Secretary



Lairy Johnson

Rosary pouches / Emblems of the Order

I now have some velvet rosary pouches with "K of C" engraved on them. If you would like one for your rosary please see me at next meeting. They are \$2.00. Also, when you made your first degree you were issued the emblem pin. If you have lost or misplaced it I have those too, for \$3.00. The store is open.

Lairy



Veterans Report

On the 3rd Wednesday, we met at the flag pole, caravanned to the VA hospital, played a little fun bingo with the patients, served some snacks, did a little visiting. It seems so routine. However, it is anything but that. The ultimate truth is that this is one of many fine ministries for the Knights of Columbus. It fills a community need to take some time and care of older veterans who are suffering a bit. I made rounds of the wards to visit a bit and pass out some baloney sandwiches. Can you believe how much a person can appreciate a baloney sandwich? It was a joy given and received. We are always looking for some more help. Sometime please consider coming with us. We meet at the flag pole at St Joseph's before 6 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. As always we also have a continual need for coffee and coffee supplies.

Lairy



From the Membership Director & 1-Year Trustee



Isaac Sandoval Jr.

ST. JOSEPH MEMORY WALK TEAM

Brothers, the vision of the Alzheimer's Association is a world without Alzheimer's. Till God grants us that day, the Memory Walk will be held to raise public awareness and money for research and to provide services for those with AD and their caregivers. Alzheimer's disease does not discriminate due to age, sex, race, income, or religion. Today, it is estimated that 4.5 million Americans have AD; 10 percent of those over 65 years old and nearly 50 percent of those 85 and older. Individual who inherit rare, familial types of Alzheimer's genes may develop the disease, usually before age 65, and sometimes as early as their 30's and 40's. St. Joseph and Council 8954 have not been spared this horrible disease. The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter 2007 Memory Walk is set for Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Dallas Zoo. The St. Joseph Memory Walk Team is registered on www.alz.org/greaterdallas. The only thing missing are St. Joseph Team Walkers. Join our team and get family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor you. Register online or

complete the walk forms that will be available soon. This is a family event so get them registered and come to the Walk. If you have questions about Alzheimer's, the Association, the Walk, check out the chapter website or contact Isaac Sandoval at 972-495-8930 or isaac.sandoval@verizon.net.

Isaac



TEXAS KNIGHTS FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THIS MONTH FOR SALE!

ARE YOU READY FOR FOOTBALL? Ready or not, it is right around the corner and the 2007 Texas Knights of Columbus Football Frenzy Sweepstakes is here. For the purchase of a \$10 ticket, one gets 9 chances to win every week for 10 weeks of the NFL season from October 28 to December 30, 2007. Here is how one wins: the ticket holder gets 4 randomly selected NFL teams every week; total all the points scored by your 4 teams; if your total score is the highest, 2nd highest, 3rd highest, 4th highest, 5th highest, 6th highest, 7th highest, lowest, 2nd lowest, you win \$400, \$200,00, \$80, \$60, \$40, \$20, \$60, \$40 respectively. Amounts change if there are multiple winners.

Why should I buy or sell a ticket? By doing so, a brother is helping to keep \$1 raised by our hard work in the council's bank account. This \$1 will ultimately be distributed to the many charities supported by the council. For every \$10 ticket sold, the Texas State Council receives \$1. This \$1 adds up such that Texas Knights received over \$50,000 the past season. For our part in selling 82 tickets last season, Council 8954 was credited \$82 toward our council's State Per Capita assessment. That means \$82 more that get to stay home and be distributed to our charities. There are four winners by buying or selling a ticket. The buyer, who could be you; the Texas State Council; Council 8954; and more important, the charities we support.

This year's council goal is to sell 100 tickets and we can make the goal if 100 brothers buy or sell one ticket. Single tickets are available; if you feel you can sell to more, packages of 5 tickets have been assembled. Sell them to your family, friends, next door neighbor, and co-worker. Do not discriminate, sell them to non-Catholics

For single tickets or 5 ticket packages, contact Isaac Sandoval at 972-495-8930 or Isaac.sandoval@verizon.net. Not to worry, we can always get more tickets if we sell out.

Isaac



Council Activities

2nd Annual Cancer Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus Council 8954 is hosting the 2nd Annual Cancer Memorial Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday Sept. 22 2007 at Los Rios Country Club.

We need your help in making this a successful fund raiser. **We specifically need over a dozen (15+) non-playing Brothers to help out by monitoring play on certain special prize holes during the tournament.** Refreshments during the event, and a post-tourney dinner will be provided to such Brothers who help.

If you have the means or contacts to help obtain Sponsors for this event, it will also help immensely. As individuals you can get together and have several of you be sponsors. Last year several of the Brothers did this; the First Degree team got together and purchased three Survivor Sponsorships.

If you can become a sponsor or can obtain a Business/Individual Sponsor please contact Joe Horan, Milton Catalina, or Brian Roeten

Joe



Cruise Vacation Planned

The Knights of Columbus Council #8954 is sponsoring a cruise during the week of **August 10 2008**. The cruise will leave from Galveston on the Carnival Ship Conquest. This is open to the St. Joseph Community, their relatives and friends. Please contact Terry Ryan at tandtryan@sbcglobal.net or 972-979-0268 for more info. **Passports are required for every passenger.** I suggest, if you do not have one, to start the process now.

The youngest passenger that Carnival will allow on the cruise is 4 months old.

Terry



Knights of Columbus Shirts & Caps

Brothers, Knights of Columbus shirts and caps can be ordered before and after each business meeting. Orders will be batched then submitted to the embroider once a quarter. Orders submitted in January can be picked up in February, orders submitted in April can be picked up in May, etc... Payment must be submitted with each order in the form of cash or check. Please see Milton Catalina at the next business meeting or you can reach me at 972-907-2762 for questions.

Milton



2008 Passbook Sales Continue

Passbook sales could be held at any Knight function - for a short time until we run out. Since this activity is one of our major fundraisers, your help is needed to make it a continued success.

Ken



Montserrat Retreat - October 4th - 7th

Please plan to join some of your Brother Knights from St. Joseph Council as well as Brothers from other councils in the GDA, at

our annual retreat held at Montserrat Retreat House on the shores of beautiful Lake Lewisville.

A retreat is a chance to get away from the routine of your life and look at how God has loved you. It's a chance to look at how you have responded to that love, and how you will respond to it in the future.

You will be in a graceful, secluded and prayerful lakeside setting with a private room and bath and good food. You will value the deep silence, the individual counseling, the quiet reflection periods and the series of inspiring lectures following the famous Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola.

There is no set fee for a retreat. You are asked to give what you can afford. The cost to Montserrat is \$80 per night, and contributions can be made over several months. Also, VISA and Mastercard are accepted.

To attend, you may call Montserrat directly at 940-321-6020 or contact Brother Ken Ducote at 942-495-4974.

Ken



Catholic Faith Hobnobbing Gatherings

Monthly reminder to all Brother Knights about the Knights Catholic Faith networking discussions occurring immediately after the monthly business meetings - to be held outside on the patio. Refreshments will be served.

Steve



Council Calendar

Sept. '07

1st	9 a.m.	1st Sat. Mass/Rosary
2nd	All masses	Breakfast Burritos
5th	7 p.m.	Officer meeting
6th	7 p.m.	Business Meeting
12th	7:30 p.m.	First Degree
15th	6:30 p.m.	Bingo night (& Women's Guild)
19th	6 p.m.	VA Hospital Visit
22nd	12:30 p.m.	Council Golf tournament
23rd	All masses	Health Fair
29-30th	All masses	Ministry Fair and Blitz
30th	2-5 p.m.	Soccer Challenge

Oct. '07

3rd	7 p.m.	Officer meeting
4th	7 p.m.	Business Meeting
5th-7th		Montserrat retreat
6th	9 a.m.	1st Sat. Mass/Rosary
6th		Hike For Life
7th	All masses	Breakfast Burritos

9th	7 p.m.	Living Rosary Practice
10th	7:30 p.m.	First Degree
11th	7 p.m.	Living Rosary
13th	5-8 p.m.	Open House
14th	8:45 a.m.	Corporate Communion
17th	6 p.m.	VA hospital visit
25th	7 p.m.	Wife's Appreciation dinner
27th	6 a.m.	Garage Sale
28th	6 a.m.	Vocation Breakfast
31st *	7 p.m.	Officer meeting



Prayer Requests

Randy Bodin, John Kolich, Hank Horton, Charlie Boutell, Jerry Nauyokas, Ed Biewer, John Chauvin, Ken Ducote, June Ducote, Norma Murdoch, Mary Maltese, Pepi Johnson, Nancy Kozera, & All Service Men & Women – in the USA, and abroad.



24-Hour Catholic Radio, KATH 910 AM.

“Radio for Your Soul”



Insurance Update

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on www.kofc.org, but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled “Stages of Life.” In this multi-media area, six “real-life” stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!). I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family.

Joe Jackson
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The Prayer of Repentance

This is the text of the original prayer delivered January 23, 1996 by Pastor Joe Wright to the Kansas House of Representatives in Topeka.

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance.

We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great state.

Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the name of your son, the living savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

This text was copied from the Central Christian Church website:
<http://www.centralcc.org/NewsNow/JoeArticles/JoeRepentancePrayer.html>.



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