



KNIGHTLINES

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Monthly Newsletter – October 2009

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FR. TOM'S MESSAGE:

Pope Benedict XVI has designated this as a Year for Priests. Beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (our great High Priest) last June until June 19, 2010, the Pope has asked the Church to spend this year in reflection on the role of the priesthood in the Church and the world today.

This year was chosen to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint John Vianney in 1859. Long the patron saint of priests serving in parishes, Pope Benedict has now named this saint, often known as the “Curé of Ars,” as the patron of all priests regardless of their role in the Church’s ministry.

Saint John Vianney was a remarkable servant of his people. So difficult a time did he have with Latin and theology in the seminary, he was not recommended for ordination by the faculty. Even when his bishop did so, he was never entrusted with the role of a pastor but remained a “curate” or associate pastor (thus “Curé” in French). Yet in later years, over 100,000 people a year traveled to the tiny village of Ars to see this saintly priest, to go to confession to him (he often spend 12-16 hours a day hearing confessions) and hear his catechism instructions. Extra railroad tracks had to be laid to accommodate these thousands of pilgrims. He had many difficult struggles both with his people, his fellow clergy, and spiritual and physical struggles; but his simple faith in “the good God” sustained him and moved many to know Christ.

The Year of Priests is not about any particular priest, of course, but about the one Priesthood of Christ that Jesus exercises through weak, human, and imperfect instruments ... “treasure in earthen vessels” as Saint Paul puts it. The KCs have a long and strong tradition of support for priestly vocations and the priesthood, and I encourage you to take this opportunity to redouble your efforts to pray for vocations, to support all priests, to speak positively about priesthood in your families, communities, and workplaces, and to invite young men you know to consider this vocation.

Every day I get up and pray for vocations – I am daily aware how much we need more priests! But I also pray in gratitude to God for the gift of priestly ministry. I cannot imagine a more fulfilling, meaningful, and joyful calling in my life. As one of the thousands of priests in the world, I thank each of you for your prayers and support. The Church needs priests, but priests need faithful people ... together, the life of the Church grows.

For more information, see www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/index.shtml and www.kofc.org.

GRAND KNIGHT TERRY'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen & Brother Knights: Well, summers ended, the kids are back in school, most of us have taken vacations, and our summer projects are almost complete, if not already. Hopefully, you had ample opportunity to enjoy the summer break from the normal routines that keep us busy during the school year. Like many of you, I had a list of tasks to accomplish while working in some rest, relaxation, and fun. Although several projects have been finished, many have not, including getting myself ready to serve you for the 2009-2010 fraternal year.

One of my summer objectives was to come up with a direction that I would like to see our council go. Many ideas popped in and out of my head from time to time. They include finding a way to increase fellowship, set goals for the year, and giving all members a sense of ownership in the council. The one item, though, that seemed to nag at me was increasing membership. Not an area that I have personally worked very hard on.

Right or wrong, I have often felt that the push for increased membership from The State Council and Supreme has been geared around collecting more dues and selling insurance. Why would anyone want to join the Knights just to pay a \$30 annual due and be pestered by an insurance agent? Why would I want to ask them to join? I just couldn't make it a high enough priority to give it much effort. Well, after giving it some thought now and then, it began to dawn on me. The Knights have many worthy causes that need the dedicated efforts of our members. Supporting our Church, Pastor, school, youth, mentally and physically challenged, are just a few of the reasons we exist.

It's these causes that are the reason our membership needs to grow. Our council has done an excellent job raising funds for many organizations and serving the Church. I am proud to be a member of such an active organization. There is much work that we could do, though. This requires a larger membership.

We've all heard the saying, "more hands makes for light work." Although we may have a passion for the projects we're getting involved in, none of us wants to, or has the time, to do everything. A larger membership will give us all a larger pool of resources from which to draw on for help. It will also give us a larger source of ideas for new projects and how we might do our current tasks better.

Supreme has set our new membership quota at 5 for Star Council and 10 for Double Star Council this year. I believe we can achieve Double Star and want to establish that as our goal for this year. Not just to earn the award, but so our council can accomplish the work we have before us. How we will achieve this goal is yet to be determined. Your input and ideas are needed. Therefore, I'm asking each and everyone of you to make an extra effort to attend our meeting on October 5 at 7pm in the Holy Spirit Church gathering space for a brain storming session. I look forward to seeing you there.

May God Bless You and Your Families

Terry Franzwa

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Program Director	<i>Vacant</i>	Membership	Jim Gasperlin
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Family Activities	Ron Schoenfelder	Pro-Life	Dennis Zwilling
Youth Activities	Scott Frieler	Insurance Agent	Mike Bartholome
Public Relations	Mark Dinndorf	District Deputy	Charles McCarthy
Health Services	Dr. Frank Barnaby		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SCHEDULED PROJECTS

Saturday Oct. 3rd	Marathon for Non Public Education
Monday, Oct. 8th	K.C. #12098 Monthly Meeting @ Holy Spirit Church – 7pm
Saturday Oct. 10th	State Soccer Challenge
Saturday Oct. 10th	Exemplifications at St. Francis School in Brainerd, MN. First at 9am, Second at 10:30am, Third to follow. Call Mike Knakmuhs at 218-829-9581
Sat-Sun Oct. 10th-11th	Holy Spirit Church Festival
Saturday Oct. 17th	Fourth Degree Exemplification in Marshall, MN
Saturday Oct. 31st	Exemplifications at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids, MN. First at 10am, Second at 12pm, Third to follow. Call Jim Schwalbe at 763-757-3330
Saturday Nov. 1	Spirit and Saints Pastoral Appreciation (Top Secret)
Saturday Nov. 14	Fall Classic Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

SPIRIT AND SAINTS PRIEST APPRECIATION – TOP SECRET!

Planning is underway for a cluster event to honor our Pastor, Fr. Tom Knoblach, and Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Joseph. At the moment, the event takes place on Sunday November 1, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, 1615 11th Avenue S. from 4pm to 6pm. A hot beef sandwich lunch is planned with pot-luck side dishes.

Many groups from each parish are being organized to make presentations, some of which will be combined or cluster wide groups. Our council along with council 5548 from St. Anthony's and the 4th Degree are being asked to lead a blessing prayer. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

We are trying to keep this appreciation event a surprise – so please refrain from talking about it when either of our priests are present. Let's have a good turn out for a strong showing of support for our priests.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

Block off Saturday evening, October 10th and Sunday morning, October 11th and plan to attend our annual fall festival. The event is held at the church and the list of events is plentiful:

SATURDAY

3:45 VBS Music sung by the Children's Choir
4:00 Mass
5:00 Picnic, live music (Children's Choir
& youth pianists) & Cake Walk
5:15 Kiddie Carnival
5:45 S.C.R.I.P. Bingo
7:30 General raffle, bonfire and parking lot
dance w/D.J.

SUNDAY

8:30 Breakfast Buffet (served until noon)
9:30 Mass
10:30 Sing along with the Holy Spirit Choir
(live jazz piano by Nellie)
10:40 Cake Walk & Kiddie Carnival
11:00 Quilt Raffle
12:00 Car raffle

