



KNIGHT LETTER



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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



My Brother Knights and families,

As we start a new Fraternal Year, there were many challenges. We need to find the strength to bring new members into the Council, make our insurance goals and keep the Council active and visible in our parishes. Thank you all, for a very good year; I look forward to logging another in the coming year.

I want to ensure every eligible Catholic gentleman has the opportunity to be a Knight!" To do this, here are our goals:

- 1) Every Knight should recommit themselves to participating in at least one Council event in the coming year. The Knights must be **VISIBLE** in the Parish in order for others to be interested in joining. Participation on the part of every Knight will ensure our **VISIBILITY**. To all you Knights who selflessly volunteer time in other ministries as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, or ushers--thank you. (Charity)
- 2) In the coming year, I would like every Knight to approach **ONE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN** and invite him to consider joining our council. This could be the gentleman who sits next to you in Mass every week, your neighbor, your friend. Again, ask **ONE** gentleman in the coming year! And if you're successful, ask another. (Unity)
- 3) I hope to enlist the help of 3 gentlemen to help me contact **EVERY KNIGHT** on our Council rolls that are in arrears in the coming year to check on their status and personally ask them to get current with their dues and to get involved with the council again. Most Knights who become "inactive" do so because no one contacted them to ask for their participation in council events. We need to look out for each other and by doing so we look out for our council. If you'd like to assist me with these phone calls, contact me and we'll get you a list of members. (Fraternity)
- 4) Lastly, I ask every Knight to pray for those less fortunate than us, those separated from their families, those who risk everything to ensure our safety. Whether these are our policemen, firemen, emergency med techs, or our numerous service members; as Knights we need to remember them in our prayers. Praying is part of who we are as Catholics, as gentlemen. Every Knight should pray for those who sacrifice on behalf of our country. (Patriotism)

So gentlemen--I look forward to another exciting and busy year. The Council's success doesn't ride on my shoulders alone...but on the gifts and volunteerism of every Knight who steps forward to do the Parishes work for God's glory. It's what makes us Knights of Columbus! I'll look forward to seeing you at our next council meeting and next event.

Fraternally Yours,
Jody W. Darby
Grand Knight Council 3444



Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

These days, much more than ever before, we hear lots of talk about peace. Peace is one of the most repeated words in the speeches of politicians, religious leaders, social workers and educationists. Some of them may be actively promoting wars and strifes by propaganda, sale of arms or fomenting religious and communal rivalries and party politics. Yet they speak unceasingly of peace. Peace is infinitely more than the absence of war, strifes and painful tensions; it is not mere coexistence; it is not the absence of mental and physical troubles. Peace is in fact what makes for man's, society's and a nation's highest good. It is the enjoyment of all good. Peace is a stage of true well-being, of harmony and concord. It is the 'tranquillity of order': order and harmony in nature, in ourselves, in society, all of which are finally rooted in the right relations of persons and things to God. As the Scriptures understand: peace is the highest blessing, the greatest wealth and repose, true glory and salvation: in short genuine life descending from Yahweh, 'shalom'- peace {Job 6:24} enveloping us, lifting us up and transforming us. To be in peace is to live a life without fear, a life in real security, harmony, confidence and mutual alliance.

We pray and dream with Isaiah the prophet for a world where "men shall beat their swords into ploughshares, their spears into pruning hooks" their atom bombs into rice balls for the hungry and their war planes into flying kites for innocent children. "where nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" {Is. 2:4}. Such peace, harmony, superabundance of well being can come only if each one of us can become an instrument, a wellspring of peace. Only to the man of goodwill and to the peacemaker peace will descend. Only when we take the task of reconciliation, of bringing peace to the troubled minds and societies seriously to heart, can we hope to enjoy peace and impart it to others.

Do we actively foster reconciliation, harmony and concord in our lives and communities? Do we avoid evil propaganda, communal rivalries, the daily cultivated ill feelings towards others? Do we try to pull out a weed and plant a flower where it can grow? Do we above all yearn to work and suffer for justice? The cross is the only tree that produces the rare flower, peace. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. Ranjan Cletus.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**LOUIS SODEK FOR RECEIVING KNIGHT OF THE YEAR
FOR COUNCIL 3444.**

&

**RICK, MARCO, MARA, MINDA AND MIA WYATT FOR
RECEIVING FAMILY OF THE YEAR FOR
COUNCIL 3444.**

Membership Drawing

Robert Daigneault name was drawn for the membership drawing. Robert was not present and the \$400 goes back to be drawn again next month.

CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I have been asked to be the new Church Activities Director for our council. Please join me in thanking brother Gene Engbrock for the many years that he had this responsibility.

As you all may know by now, Bishop Gregory Aymond has been named Archbishop of New Orleans. Please keep him in your prayers.

On June 19th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Benedict has declared this the "Year of the Priest." He will close the celebration in a celebration in St. Peter's Square on June 19, 2010. The Pope has also proclaimed St. John Vianney as the patron saint of priests. This declaration marks the 150th anniversary of this beloved saint. Please pray especially for our local priests.

Vacation Bible School will be July 27 – July 31, 6 – 8:30pm. This is for children K-5th grade. Volunteers are needed. Register your child or grandchild by calling the parish office.

On August 8th, the ladies of St. Mary's will be celebrating their annual Red Carpet Gala. Social: 5:30 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm, Program: 7:30 pm.

There are a number of activities planned for the tweens, 6th, 7th & 8th graders for this summer and continuing into the fall. Please go to the website for detailed information: www.vvm.com/~stmary/

A new fraternal year is upon us. Pray that we will have a healthy year serving our fellow knights, our community and our church.

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer and are staying cool.

May God bless you all,

Fraternally yours,
Bruce J. McAtee

Council 3444 – Church Activities Director

Get Well



*Joshua Richmond
&
Margo Wyatt*



SYMPATHY



*Richard Hykel
Lewis Sodek Family
Brian Hoelscher Family*



Monday July 6, 2009 • 4th Degree Meeting

4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 1138

Dear Sir Knights,

I want to thank the assembly for entrusting me as your new worthy faithful navigator. It is an honor and privilege to serve you in this position. I will work hard to make "our" assembly the best. I also wish to ask all of you for your help during my time to make this the best assembly.

We will have Installation of Officers on July 25, 2009, starting with Social from 6 to 6:30 pm. The meal from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and the Installation will begin about 7:30 pm. Also, we will be joined by our Brothers from the Belton Assembly. I hope everyone to be installed can make arrangements to attend. If you can't be there, let me know at the next meeting and I will try to find someone to stand in for you.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our past Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Robert Holland for the outstanding job he did during his tenure as worthy Faithful Navigator. I have known Robert for many years and I hope to seek his advice as I start this position. Thanks Robert for a job well done.

Again thank you so much for your trust as we go forward in this new year devoted to our trust in Christ Jesus and pray for his guidance as we start the new year.

Vivat Jesus,
Wayne Garrett
Worthy Faithful Navigator

Announcements

Alter Server Appreciation Event is Coming Up. Our council will be sponsoring an outing for St. Mary's and Our Lady of Guadalupe alter servers for their service in leadership in our Parish. **August 2nd** we will have the entire Walker pool reserved from 6pm to 9pm. Hot Dogs and Refreshments will be served. The whole family is welcome. Please mark your calendars and look for a letter in the mail.

Due to low attendance at the last three fish fries, we will cancel the **July Fish Fry**. Further scheduling will be discussed the the next board meeting.

There will be an all member corporation meeting on the third **Monday, July 20th**. We will be electing Board Member at Large, and discussing the financial situation of the corporation. All members need to try to make time to attend this important meeting.

Happy Birthday - July '09

Rafael Alejandro	Louis Maspero
Michael Applewhite	John Matthews
Elias Bigon	Bruce McAtee
Dr. Robert Brakemeier	Dr. Randy McCollough
Thomas Bremer	Julio Medrano
Ronald Campbell	Stephan Mikeska
Jorge Enriquez	Jose Mojica
Daryl Entrop	Alton Moraw
Ramsey Farley	Paul Ogden
Jerry Garcia	Kevin Ujezdsky
Timothy Garcia	Joseph Pishner
Albert Garrett	Faustino Quinteros
William Gibson	Charles Ramm
Justin Goonan	Ricardo Rodriguez
Dennis Green	Donald Schuetze
Marvin Green	LCR Don Skelton
Eugene Hildman	Charles Smith
Ben Kahlig	Richard Solis
John Kimball	Jerry Talasek
Matthew Klepas	Robert Thunander
Rafael Luna	Tony Vriseno
Lucius Lyons	Benjamin Yoshinaga

Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As I write this report on June 18th, we still have a First Degree left on Wednesday June 24 and I will report on the outcome in the August News Letter.

On May 27th, District #125 conducted a First Degree at Council #3444 K of C Hall. We were able to add a new member, Mr. Jose Lechuga to the Council as a First Degree member. Let's all give Jose a big welcome and congratulate him when you see him at the meeting or around the Hall.

The 2009/2010 year starts July 1, 2009, and ends June 30, 2010. We need 16 new members and 8 new K of C Insurance members to meet our quota. Why do we need new members? The reason is that new members are the Life Blood that keeps the Council alive. There are many of our members in Council #3444, that have Catholic friends who would join the Knights of Columbus if they were asked face to face.

Lets go out into our community or at church and recruit a new member this coming year. You will be doing a good deed for a Catholic gentleman as well as a good deed for your Council. I plan to have several membership drives this coming year, and need your help to succeed.

God Bless You Always.

Fraternally,

Clifford D. Wohleb, Sr.

Membership Dir. Council 3444

Family of the Month

The **Family of the Month** award for the month for July 2009 is awarded to **Elais and Ruth Bigon**. They are both members of St. Mary's Parish and are a big asset to them as well as our council. Elais has been a member of the Knights since 1951. We appreciate his dedication and loyalty to our council. He is one of the mentors, if not THE mentor, to the guys down in the pit as he passes his knowledge of cooking for a large crowd to them. He is still quite active in preparing meals in the pit for meetings, cater, etc. Ruth is a member of the Altar Society and helps with council activities when necessary. She is an asset and huge help to Rick during catered events. Both support our council financially at fundraising events as well as contributions of silent & live auctions items, primarily USED wine bottles (I think they like the decorative liquid he fills them up with). I've seen many a people bid on Elais's bottles, I've been outbid a time or two for one of his recyclables. Ruth and Elais are a great example of Family of the Month and worthy of its award. Thank you for all that you do and your continued support. May the good Lord continue to bless you.

Knight of the Month

The **Knight of the Month** award for the month for July 2009 is awarded to **John Fouke**. He is a member of St. Mary's parish. John has been a 1st degree Knight since 2007. I believe he has assisted with Bingo. Most of time is taken up with his dedication to being a CCD teacher and serving many hours at the Adoration Chapel of St. Mary's. We appreciate the example he sets for his parish and our council. He is worthy of recognition of Knight of the Month. Thank you for all that you do and your continued support. May the good Lord continue to bless you.

Calendar For July 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Hall Closed Public Bar 6:00-9:00	2 BINGO (Pinon)	3 Private Lease	4 Hall & Public Bar Closed	5 Hall & Public Bar Closed
6 4th Degree 6:30 pm Meal 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	7	8 Hall Closed Public Bar 6:00-9:00	9 BINGO (Pedroza)	10	11	12 Hall & Public Bar Closed
13 1st & 3rd Degree 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	14	15 Hall Closed Public Bar 6:00-9:00	16 BINGO (Castillo)	17 Private Lease Temple Area Home Builders with Cater	18	19 Hall & Public Bar Closed
20 6:30 pm Activities 7:30 pm <u>All Members</u> Board Mtg. for Corporation	21	22 Hall Closed Public Bar 6:00-9:00	23 BINGO (Haynes)	24	25 4th Degree Installation of Officers 6:00 - 6:30 pm Social Hour 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner 7:30 pm - Installation of Officers	26 Hall & Public Bar Closed
27	28	29 Hall Closed Public Bar 6:00-9:00	30 BINGO (Castillo)	31		