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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings Worthy Brother Knights.

Fall is upon us and the Knights of Columbus Council 4742 2012/13 Columbian Year is starting to get busier. We started off our Columbian year with a very well attended Pancake Breakfast Sunday after both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses on September 9th. I would ask that Brother Knights continue to help out at this monthly event as it is a highly visible event for the Knights and has become a staple in our Parish. No matter which mass you attend, please make an effort to come downstairs for a delicious breakfast with your family. If you attend the Saturday mass come back on Sunday morning. If you attend either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. mass please help out at the other sitting. I have witnessed Brother Knights and their families leaving the church on Pancake Sunday and not attending the breakfast. I would like to see this change and Brother Knights supporting Knight Events!

The first Executive meeting was well attended and the year got off on the right foot. The Executive meeting, held the first Monday of every month, will now begin at 6:30 p.m. I was very happy to see all the Brother Knights that came out to the September General Meeting. Our Council Chambers were full. At the meeting we voted to make a donation of \$1,000 to our Brother Knights in the NWT that are raising funds to attend the canonization of Sister Kateri Tekakwitha. She is the first [Native American](#) woman to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. She was [beatified](#) by [Blessed Pope John Paul II](#) in 1980. She is scheduled to be formally canonized on October 21, 2012.

Knights of Columbus and CWL Sunday will be held Sunday, October 14th at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses. The Knights will also be hosting our Pancake Breakfast after each of those masses. We need a strong show of Knights and their families at both masses and the breakfasts. Please come out and make a morning of it.

And lastly, we signed up no fewer than ten prospective candidates at Expo 2012 on Sunday, September 30th. At the Executive Meeting the next evening we decided that the October General Meeting on Wednesday, October 17th would be a First Degree to allow us to bring these Candidates into our Council at the first opportunity. The Br. Anthony Council First Degree Team will conduct the ceremonial for us. With the expected large crowd we have booked the Church Hall for the event. It will start at 7:00 p.m. promptly. Please try to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. We will have a brief meeting prior to the First Degree then a longer than usual Social afterwards. Again we need as many Knights out as possible to welcome these Candidates to our Council. Please plan to attend.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling

Your Executive!

Chaplain

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI

Grand Knight

Terrence (Terry) Sperling
459-5479

Deputy Grand Knight

Gerry Buccini
459-7384

Chancellor

Joseph (Joe) Radosh
459-7384

Financial Secretary

Tony Csilics
458-0065

Treasurer

Maurice (Moe) Douville
459-9487

Recorder

Glenn Fritz
460-2216

Advocate

Norm Chartrand
289-6044

Warden

Brian Wolbert
460-8294

Lecturer

Mauri Maynard

Inside Guard

Outside Guard

Ely Estillore
459-7987

Trustee 1

Ron Van Halst
458-6200

Trustee 2

Rick Silvestri
460-0059

Trustee 3

Bernie McCracken
459-2457

K. of C./C.W.L. SUNDAY

Please join us for our annual Knights of Columbus/Catholic Women's League Sunday to be held on OCTOBER 14 at BOTH the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. At this time we demonstrate to the congregations the work done by both organizations and use the event also as a "recruitment" opportunity.

We encourage all Knights to attend one of these two Masses, and process in at the beginning of Mass with our Sisters from the C.W.L. Father Andrew will relate the importance of both organizations to the Scripture readings during his homily. A special Intention will be read. An initial "welcome" by Grand Knight Terry and C.W.L. President Claire Bremault will begin the proceedings.

Then, after both Masses, please join us in the Church basement for our regular Pancake Breakfast. Say hello to possible recruits and enjoy the companionship of fellow Knights, their families and members of the Parish. Hope to see you there.

GROCERY CARD FUNDRAISER

All I can say is "WOW!!!" Brother Knights, since November of last year we have sold over NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS worth of grocery cards, realizing a profit of almost SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! Since our program began a few years earlier, we have surpassed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS in sales. This has turned into an excellent fundraiser and it could still be even better!

You might ask how can it be any better? The answer is simple: MORE CUSTOMERS! Did you know that only thirty of our Knights have bought cards? Did you know that only a quarter of our parishioners have bought cards? Did you know that we all have neighbors and family members who, like us, HAVE TO EAT? So why are some of our own Knights and many of our parishioners reluctant to buy?

Please think about how you can help raise our sales and ensure even greater profits in the months to come. Do not hesitate to call me (459-7384) if you have a new customer or you yourself wishes to buy. Let's raise totals so that we will eventually be completely out of the "Casino Business".

NEXT Regular meeting (including 1st degree) is on WEDNESDAY October 17th.

SUNDAY, October 14th. is our CWL and Knights Mass at 9:00 and 11:00 .

3rd DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

On November 3rd.

KNIGHTS MEMORIAL MASS

on Thursday November 8th. 7: 00 p.m.

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION

COMMITTEE

We now have a committee established to ensure that recruitment of new Knights and retention of those who we already have, will be addressed each and every month.

Deputy Grand Knight Gerry Buccini with Financial Secretary Tony Csilics and Warden Brian Wolbert head up this committee and are developing plans and protocol for this very important group. Another member or two from the general members of Council would be welcomed.

At the recent parish "EXPO", we recruited TEN new members and welcomed three TRANSFERS. A great start to the work of the Committee, ably assisted by District Deputy John Onyskiw, Brothers Gerry Woodlock and Kevin Paish.

The challenge now is recruit even more (as we proceed to attain Star Council status once again), and find ways of "involving" our newcomers (and those who are "newer" Knights in the past few years).

Take time to meet our new recruits and transfers. Introduce yourself at Church and at our meetings. Invite them to become members of a committee that you may be involved with. Recruitment and retention is ALL OF OUR JOBS!!!

AN AUTHOR IN OUR MIDST??

As some of you may know, Brother Gerry Buccini has just completed writing his first book, one which provides a look at his thirty-five year teaching career. He describes his book as "funny, didactic, and heart-warming" as readers will see in the descriptions of his background, his daily life as a teacher and administrator, and his relationships with parents, students and fellow teachers. Many of the incidents he describes the reader will be amazed to hear of. For example, did you know that early on in his career (early 70's) Brother Gerry killed a TARANTULA? If you are interested in reading his stories of thirty-five years of junior high teaching, contact Brother Gerry. He says he also carries around a book or two incase of a sale. By the way, they are sold for only TEN DOLLARS!

REMINDER!



The **October**

Pancake

Breakfast will be held on

Sunday the 14th.

following the **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m. Mass.**

Single Family: \$15.00

Adults: \$5.00 Children under 16: \$3.00



Blood

Donor Clinic at
the

Church



Next Blood Donor Clinic

Monday

December 10

From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283

Results for the
OCTOBER 8th
Clinic.

To be announced



Remember the Bingos

are now at Grandin Mall

(Non Smoking)

Saturday, November 10

AFTERNOON

Thursday , Dec 27

EVENING

Contact Jim Van Horn

at 406-9889

to Volunteer.

**Good
of the
Order!**

Please keep in your prayers...

Katherine Van Horn deceased

spouse of Jim Van Horn

