

# *The Beacon*

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## Message from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights

Greeting to all our brothers as another Columbian year is underway, already in its fourth month. In our September executive meeting we undertook planning and discussions to set this year's direction and goals. In keeping with our past Grand Knights initiative of increasing fraternalism among our members we are planning several events which will include members and their spouses.

Two important initiatives for this year will be implementing a membership committee and phoning committee. On membership, I am seeking several individuals to help with this committee. As I mentioned in our September General meeting I have put in place recognition and incentives (or rewards) for all knights who brings in new members. This may be in the form of a gift certificate or something similar.

We now have a phoning committee. Brother Brian Wolbert, who recently joined the Knights, will lead this committee and is joined by Br. Frank Polanski. Br. Brian will be phoning members requesting their assistance on this committee. One of the main tasks of this committee is to maintain communication with members who are unable to attend meetings or events. Another will be to arrange transportation to meetings or events for those who cannot transport themselves.

Once again the State Charity Appeal fundraiser is on. I ask all our members to participate and support this drive by calling Br. Tony Csilics or Br. Glenn Fritz to order ticket books. The majority of the funds raised are used to support and maintain our State Office in Red Deer. But a portion of the funds raised, based on how much each participating council raises, are held in the council name. These councils can then designate the recipient(s) as one or more charitable organization.

On October 16th, at both the 9:00am and 11:00 mass, we will be celebrating the recognition of the KC/CWL organizations and their members. There will be a procession comprising of our 4th Degree Honour Guard and KC/CWL members attending the specific mass. Please plan to attend and be recognized for your contribution to our organization.

Our October General meeting will start at 7:00pm and NOT 6:00pm. Unfortunately the 1st Degree planned for the October general meeting must be rescheduled to our November General meeting as part of our 1st Degree Team will be unavailable. Also dinner planned for before the October General meeting is rescheduled to the November meeting.

Thanks to all who helped make our last pancake breakfast and the bingo a success. See you at our October meeting.

John Onyskiw  
Grand Knight

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9/6/2011

ONE MONTH BEFORE the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Supreme Council introduced a new initiative called the Knights of Columbus Second Responders Program that will provide support to the victims of natural or manmade disasters.

Announced Aug. 2 by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver, the Second Responders Program will help local councils prepare to serve as "second responders" by providing food, clothing and shelter to those affected by disasters. Retired New York Fire Department Capt. Alfredo Fuentes, a Knight who survived the 9/11 attacks in New York City, will serve as the program's director.

"With Capt. Fuentes' leadership, it is my hope that every state will develop a strong disaster response team, made up of current and retired first responders and other volunteers who will be able to deliver hope when it is needed most," said Anderson in remarks about the program's inception.

At present, program organizers are working to establish a framework for the initiative as Fuentes and other members of the Supreme Council staff identify individuals and K of C units that would be willing to assist if and when a disaster occurs.

"It has always been my belief that we have an unbelievable untapped resource, and that untapped resource is the retired firemen, policemen, EMS people and skilled people such as nurses, doctors, etc. And I just felt that if we used this resource to assist during a disaster, it would just be invaluable to the federal government and to the citizens themselves," said Fuentes.

Some councils, based on their geographic locations, already have some experience dealing with disasters, Fuentes added. For instance, councils in Florida are often adept at hurricane preparedness, while those in the Midwest may have experience with tornadoes.

Though still in its early stages, response to the program so far has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Fuentes. For now, organizers are limiting the initiative to the United States, though Fuentes would like to see it expanded in the future to all the countries where the Order is present. In addition, there is virtually no limit to the amount of aid that the Knights can offer, from providing food and water to rescue workers, to granting use of council halls as forward operating bases, to keeping tool depots in each state that are accessible to first responders and volunteers.

"I like to say that we're building the bridges we walk on," said Fuentes.

More information about the program will be made public as it becomes available. In the meantime, Fuentes is thrilled to be combining two of his great passions: disaster response and the Knights of Columbus..

"Coming on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, it's just wonderful to know that we don't forget," he said. "It's wonderful to know that we're prepared and that we're getting even more prepared, that we've learned some lessons. That's a wonderful thing."

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY DEC 9/ 2011

MASS 6 PM  
COCKTAILS - 6:30  
DINNER - 7 PM  
ENTERTAINMENT - 8:30

COST - \$20.00

PHONING COMMITTEE WILL  
BE CONTACTING YOU.

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MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO  
ATTEND THE ANNUAL

## MARDI GRAS DANCE

FRIDAY, FEB 3, 2012

DANCE TO THE SOUNDS OF  
THE ST ALBERT COMMUNITY  
JAZZ BAND.

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON  
FROM GERRY BUCCINI.

## MEMORIAL MASS

**THURSDAY—NOV 10**  
**7 PM**

Please come and pray for  
our deceased brothers.

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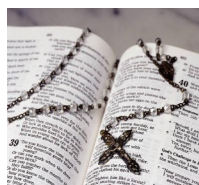
**Ticket books available**

**Contact Tony Csilics - 458-0065**  
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***Good  
of the  
Order!***

Please keep in your prayers...

All members of our council and of their  
families who have died in the past year.



## REMINDER!

The Pancake  
Breakfast is on



**1st. Sunday of every Month**

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

**11:00 a.m. Mass.**

Single Family: \$15.00

Adults: \$5.00

Children under 16: \$3.00

Now  
Serving  
Scrambled  
Eggs

Join us in friendship

Blood  
Donor Clinic  
at the  
Church  
Parish Hall.



**Next Blood Donor Clinic**

**Monday,**  
**Oct 17**

**From 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Appointments

**1 888 2 DONATE**

**1 888 236-6283**

**Results for the**  
**Monday April 25th.**  
**Clinic.**

117 in Attendance

106 Units collected

12 Deferrals

14 1st Timers



Remember the Bingos  
are now at Grandin Mall  
( Non Smoking)

**Wed., October 5- Evenings**

**Sat., November 19- Afternoon**

**Thurs., December 29- Evenings**

**Sat., January 28, 2012 - Afternoon**

**Contact Jim Van Horn**

**at 406-9889**  
**to Volunteer.**



