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Next business meeting is Wednesday, July 11, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!

The council is what you make of it

Another fraternal year is complete; it seems like I was writing the previous newsletter article not too long ago, but that was late March around Easter.

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity” (Ps. 132:1). The past fraternal year has had its challenges, which would have been greater for me without the valuable support and assistance of the Worthy Officers. In particular, I want to acknowledge my successor as Grand Knight, Brother Charles Stevens; he was always ready to step up to whatever we needed to do. I wish him success in the new fraternal year.

I would also like to acknowledge Brother Walt Janice both for putting up with the hiccups in picking up the meeting refreshments and for stepping up to take on the Financial Secretary role. I have every confidence that he will be very effective as soon as he comes up to speed.



THE GRAND OPENING

**Daniel Knight
Grand Knight**

Ultimately, it has been a successful year even if it wasn't quite Star Council level. We brought in 11 new members (including Marcus Jacobs, who completed his Admission Degree on June 24) and reactivated one member (net seven after inactives). We also completed a successful plan of activities to benefit the families, parish and community.

To our new members, if you haven't been that active and involved yet, there is no time like the present. Attend a meeting, volunteer, share your ideas on what we as a council should undertake. The council — and the Knights of Columbus as a whole

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— is what you make of it. For the rest of you, my brother Knights, the same applies to you. Our council is only as successful as its members make it, and it is only what we make of it. Supreme has reorganized the activities into 4 categories instead of the previous 6; this means we likely will be doing some extra planning to see how to adjust and outline the next year. Now would be a great time to share any ideas you have for what the Knights could do.

Santo Rosario Council elects new officers for 2018-2019 fraternal year

The membership have elected new officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year, and they will be installed by the end of June. We congratulate the following Brothers in their new positions:

- Grand Knight – Charles Stevens
- Deputy Grand Knight – Frank Oliver, PGK
- Chancellor – Aaron Hodge
- Recorder – Arturo Mondello

- Treasurer – Thomas Brown
- 1-year Trustee – Lee Ashton, PGK
- 2-year Trustee – Brad Williams, PGK
- 3-year Trustee – Daniel Knight
- Inside Guard – Patrick Preston
- Outside Guard – Gerard Schlundt
- Warden – Kevin Richards
- Advocate – John Molloy III



Jerry Friederick (“Quasimodo”)
Lecturer

The great bell tower stairwell project continues

The project in the west bell tower at Holy Rosary continues, slowly but surely. For those of you who haven’t heard about it yet, I and various others — including some Brother Knights — have been working to restore the railing and stairwell. The west bell tower houses “San Salvador,” the second-largest free-swinging bell in Indiana.

On these pages you can see some before-and-after pictures of the project. I have a few pieces of trim to work on yet, but it is pretty much finished for this stairwell. Then we will go down to the next stairwell, which I hope to address in the fall/winter.

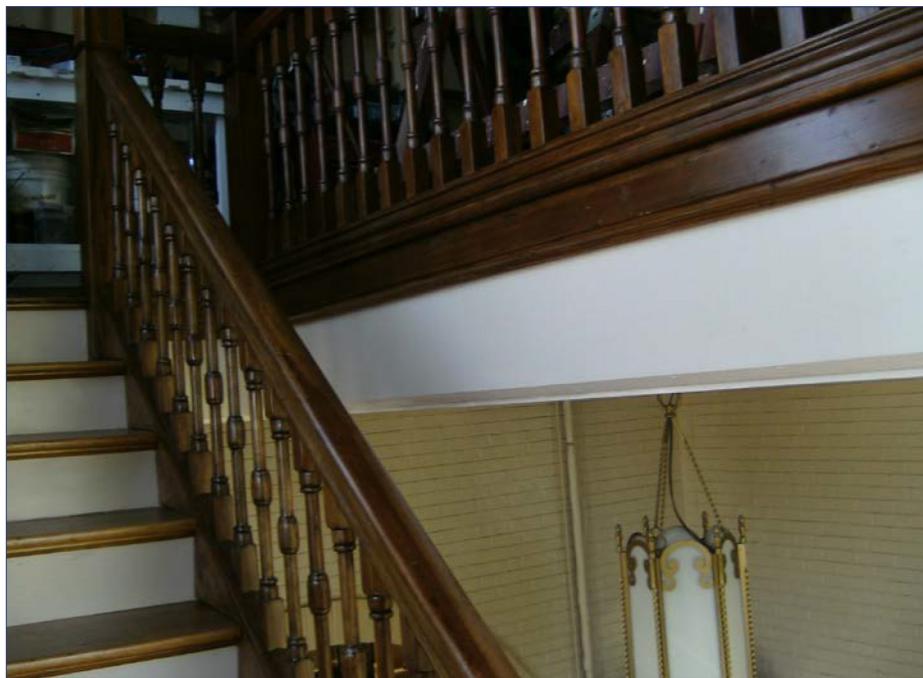
If you want to help with any of the work we are doing, please contact me. Or, if you want a tour of bell tower and bells, just ask!

Slow and steady wins the race.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.



Above: “Before” shot of the steps and balusters hiding behind hardboard.



Top right: “After” shot of the refinished steps and balusters in the west bell tower.



Bottom right: Another “after” shot of the refinished steps and balusters, this one also showing the refinished floor of the landing.



Charles Stevens
Deputy Grand Knight
& Culture of Life Director

***A winter of many
successful events***

Holy Rosary Parish’s Pro-Life Ministry had an organizational meeting in May. I want to thank Brother Walt Janiec and his wife, Veda, for hosting that meeting in their beautiful home.

Those in attendance decided that the main goal for 2018-19 is to increase the awareness of Pro-Life events, news and legislation. In this regard, the committee will be at Café Rosario after Sunday Masses to register individuals to receive online information regarding Pro-Life issues. They hope to do this on a quarterly basis.

Holy Rosary will continue to be active in the fall and spring 40 Days for Life campaigns, as well as in the Life Chain on the first Sunday in October. The committee also will continue to work with St. John Parish to present the Pro-Life Film Series; Brother Eric Slaughter and St. John’s Sheryl Dye are in the process of selecting films for next year.

Faithful Citizens will continue to meet at Holy Rosary after the 10 a.m. Saturday Mass on the fourth Saturday every month. The committee also plans to inform parishioners of businesses that support abortion. The Pro-Life Ministry meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend; meetings usually are on the fourth Sunday every month from 10:40 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

Speaking of the film series, this past May we watched the film, “At the Death House Door,” about the death penalty. There were about 30 people in attendance, including four Brother Knights from Santo Rosario Council. The next film, “Not MY Life,” will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at St. John’s; it is about human trafficking.

Lastly I want to say it has been enjoyable for me to serve as our council’s Culture of Life chairman for the past three years. I will be stepping down to serve as Grand Knight. My thanks to all for their support of me. Please keep me in prayer, especially that I may lead the council in a manner pleasing to God. If anyone is interested in being the new Culture of Life chairman, please let me know.



SK Don R. Murphy
Field Agent (Retired)

***I’m leaving you
in good hands***

Dear Brother Knights,

As many of you know, I have decided to retire after almost ten years as your Field Agent. It has been my pleasure and honor to have served Santo Rosario Council as the insurance rep. Thank you all for your support over the years!

Your new agent will be Jason Brewer. He is a most-experienced agent, having been in the industry and with the Knights for more than 15 years. Jason can be reached at Jason.brewer@kofc.org.

He will be introducing himself soon.

Best wishes!

Don

***Priest names Holy Father
life insurance beneficiary***

Pope Francis is the latest beneficiary of the Knights of Columbus insurance program. While at the Vatican last week for a meeting of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented a check for more than \$110,000 to Pope Francis on behalf of a recently deceased priest who was a 45-year member of the Knights.

Supreme Knight Anderson explained to the Pope that the priest designated the Holy Father as a beneficiary of his Knights of Columbus life insurance and annuity policies as a sign of his “solidarity with the Bishop of Rome and desire to support your charitable concerns.”

After the meeting, the supreme knight added, “Every day our insurance products help our members take care of their families. I can’t think of a better way for a priest to take care of his family — the Church.”

Santo Rosario Council Officers 2017-2018

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1-Year Trustee	Bob Collins
Financial Secretary	Jay Stanley
Past Grand Knight	Brad Williams
Lecturer	Jerry Friederick

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Membership Director	John Molloy
Church Director	Ned Hummel
Community Director	Frank Oliver
Council Director	
Culture of Life Director	Charles Stevens
Youth Director	
Family Director	Pat Preston
Gibault Envoy	Kevin Richards

Council Crier

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

Monday	Officers Meeting
JUL 2	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	Fourth of July Party
JUL 4	Holy Rosary, North Parking Lot 5 p.m. to ?
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration
JUL 6-7	Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Wednesday	Business Meeting
JUL 11	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
Wednesday	Officers Meeting
JUL 25	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	Business Meeting
AUG 1	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration
AUG 3-4	Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Wednesday	Assumption of the B.V.M.
AUG 15	Holy Day of Obligation Be sure to go to Mass!
Wednesday	Officers Meeting
AUG 22	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday	Labor Day
SEP 3	National Holiday Enjoy a day off work!
Wednesday	Business Meeting
SEP 5	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)
Friday-Saturday	First Friday Adoration
SEP 7-9	Holy Rosary Church 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Wednesday	Officers Meeting
SEP 26	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	Business Meeting
OCT 3	Priori Hall 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)

Men's Holy Hour:

First Wednesday every month — 9 p.m. @ Holy Rosary



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Telling our story

*This article first appeared in the
June 2018 issue of Columbia magazine.*

Recently, I traveled to Puerto Rico to thank many of our brother Knights who did such heroic work in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, to assess the devastation still affecting life on the island and to better understand what further help the Knights of Columbus can provide.

I also visited the island's Catholic television station to provide financial assistance to help restore its operation. The Order has long recognized that Catholic media is essential to building a greater sense of community among Catholics and to telling our own story — including the tremendous work of so many priests, religious and laity in Puerto Rico.

Over three days, I was able to visit San Juan, Fajardo, Humacao, Caguas, Ponce and Arecibo. Accompanied by our General Agent José Lebrón-Sanabria and State Deputy Miguel Vidal-Lugo, I met with field agents, grand knights, priests, bishops, religious sisters and students. We saw firsthand the damage done to churches, homes, schools, roads, factories and power stations.

On the first day, Archbishop Roberto González Nieves of San Juan told me about the resilience of the people on the island. In a thousand ways, I saw the truth of what he said.

There are many images that will always remain with me: the hundreds of blue tarps still covering the roofs of houses as we flew into San Juan; the island's delicate rainforest stripped of vegetation in many places; an entire field of solar panels smashed to pieces.

But the most vivid scenes were of people. In Ponce, we visited the Missionaries of Charity home for the elderly. There, as the hurricane approached, the sisters gathered the very elderly who were living alone and those whose families had left the island without them. Now, months later, many remain in the sisters' care.

In Arecibo, we visited a school and a home for abused girls; the hurricane had ripped off much of the school's roof while the Daughters of Charity, who maintain the orphanage, sought shelter with the girls in the school's library. With tears in her eyes, the mother superior accepted a check from the Knights of Columbus to finally repair the building's roof.

At the heart of this resilience cited by the archbishop is the daily courage that has continued to overcome extraordinary obstacles month after month — whether it be our brother Knights preparing meals and delivering food to thousands, and repairing schools and churches, or religious sisters caring for those who cannot care for themselves.

It is clear that we cannot rely on the mainstream media alone to tell our Catholic story. This is one of the reasons why for decades the Order has supported media sources such as Vatican TV, *EWTN News Nightly* and *Salt & Light Television*.

Today, Catholic media — both print and electronic — are essential to building up a sense of community among Catholics. Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to think of our Church as a fraternal community — and there is no better place to begin than in our own community of journalists, commentators and bloggers.

Even when we disagree strongly about issues, there is still a place for charity. Our public discourse should not only be respectful but reflect that these discussions occur among followers of Christ — and that *must* make them different.

While in the Tower of London awaiting execution, St. Thomas More composed a prayer that begins, “Almighty God, have mercy on all that bear me evil will and would me harm . . . and make us saved souls in heaven together.”

If Thomas More could offer this prayer for those who had unjustly condemned him to death, then perhaps all of us can do the same in our public discussions.

Vivat Jesus!



**Pope Francis
Supreme Pontiff**

The Holy Father delivered this homily at St. Peter's Basilica during Mass on the Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul, June 29, 2018.

'In Jesus, glory and the cross go together'

The readings we have just heard link us to the apostolic Tradition. That Tradition “is not the transmission of things or words, an assortment of lifeless objects; it is the living stream that links us to the origins, the living stream in which those origins are ever present” (Benedict XVI, *Catechesis*, April 26, 2006) and offer us the keys to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. *Mt* 16:19). A Tradition ancient yet ever new, that gives us life and renews the joy of the Gospel. It enables us to confess with our lips and our heart: “‘Jesus Christ is Lord,’ to the glory of God the Father” (*Phil* 2:11).

The entire Gospel is an answer to the question present in the hearts of the People of Israel and today, too, dwells in the hearts of all those who thirst for life: “Are you He who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (*Mt* 11:3). Jesus takes up that question and asks it of His disciples: “But who do *you* say that I am?” (*Mt* 16:15).

Peter speaks up and calls Jesus by the greatest title he could possibly bestow: “You are the Christ” (cf. *Mt* 16:16), the Anointed, the Holy One of God. It is good to think that the Father inspired this answer because Peter had seen how Jesus “anointed” His people. Jesus, the Anointed One, walked from village to village with the sole aim of saving and helping those considered lost. He “anointed” the dead (cf. *Mk* 5:41-42; *Lk* 7:14-15), the sick (cf. *Mk* 6:13; *Jas* 5:14), the wounded (cf. *Lk* 10:34) and the repentant (cf. *Mt* 6:17). He anointed with hope (cf. *Lk* 7:38.46; 10:34; *Jn* 11:2; 12:3). By that anointing, every sinner — the downcast, the infirm, pagans, wherever they found themselves — could feel a beloved part of God’s family. By His actions, Jesus said in a very personal way: “You are mine.” Like Peter, we too can *confess with our lips and our heart* not only what we have heard, but also concretely experienced in our lives. We too have been brought back to life, healed, renewed and filled with hope by the anointing of the Holy One. Thanks to that anointing, every yoke of slavery has been shattered (cf. *Is* 10:27). How can we ever lose the joyful memory that we were ransomed and led to proclaim: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (cf. *Mt* 16:16).

It is interesting to see what follows this passage in the Gospel where Peter confesses his faith: “From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (*Mt* 16:21). God’s Anointed kept bringing the Father’s love and mercy to the very end. This merciful love demands that we, too, go forth to every corner of life, to reach out to everyone, even though this may cost us our “good name,” our comforts, our status ... even martyrdom.

Peter reacts to this completely unexpected announcement by saying: “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to You” (*Mt* 16:22). In this way, he immediately becomes a stumbling stone in the Messiah’s path. Thinking that he is defending God’s rights, Peter, without realizing it, becomes the Lord’s enemy; Jesus calls him “Satan.” To contemplate Peter’s life and his confession of faith also means learning to recognize *the temptations that will accompany the life of every disciple*. Like Peter, we as a Church will always be tempted to hear those “whisperings” of the Evil One, which will become a stumbling stone for the mission. I speak of “whispering” because the devil seduces from hiding, lest his intentions be recognized. “He behaves like a hypocrite, wishing to stay hidden and not be discovered” (St. Ignatius of Loyala, *Spiritual Exercises*, n. 326).

To share in Christ’s anointing, on the other hand, means to share in His glory, which is His cross: Father, glorify Your Son ... “Father, glorify Your name” (*Jn* 12:28). In Jesus, glory and the cross go together; they are inseparable. Once we turn our back on the cross, even though we may attain the heights of glory, we will be

fooling ourselves, since it will not be God's glory, but the snare of the enemy.

Often we feel the temptation to be Christians by keeping a prudent distance from the Lord's wounds. Jesus touches human misery and He asks us to join Him in touching the suffering flesh of others. To proclaim our faith with our lips and our heart demands that we — like Peter — learn to recognize the “whisperings” of the Evil One. It demands learning to discern and recognize those personal and communitarian “pretexts” that keep us far from real human dramas, that preserve us from contact with other people's concrete existence and, in the end, from knowing the revolutionary power of God's tender love (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 270).

By not separating His glory from the cross, Jesus wants to liberate His disciples, His Church, from empty forms of triumphalism: forms empty of love, service, compassion, empty of people. He wants to set His Church free from grand illusions that fail to sink their roots in the life of God's faithful people or, still worse, believe that service to the Lord means turning aside from the dusty roads of history. To contemplate and follow Christ requires that we open our hearts to the Father and to all those with whom He has wished to identify (cf. St. John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49), in the sure knowledge that He will never abandon His people.

Dear brothers and sisters, millions of people continue to ask the question: “Are You He who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (*Mt* 11:3). Let us confess with our lips and heart that Jesus Christ is Lord (cf. *Phil* 2:11). This is the *cantus firmus* that we are called daily to intone. With the simplicity, the certainty and the joy of knowing that “the Church shines not with her own light, but with the light of Christ. Her light is drawn from the Sun of Justice, so that she can exclaim: ‘It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me’ (*Gal* 2:20)” (St. Ambrose, *Hexaemeron*, IV, 8, 32).

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Following Our Lady

Santo Rosario Council Grand Knight Daniel Knight (right) marches with fellow Patriotic (4th) Degree members in the Marian Procession prior to evening Mass at the Italian Street Festival on Saturday, June 9.

As always, many Brother Knights from Santo Rosario Council participated in the festival, helping Holy Rosary Parish experience yet another very successful event.

Knights of Columbus charitable works rise to recent challenges around world

Report from Supreme Council

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — 2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide.

The monetary value of K of C's service hours is valued at \$1.9 billion based on an estimate by Independent Sector, a network for nonprofit foundations that values a 2017 volunteer hour at \$24.69.

The K of C's 2017 survey of charitable giving also showed that monetary donations increased \$8 million from 2016 (up 4.5 percent) and service hours grew by 527,550 (up 0.7 percent). Year-over-year annual growth in both categories has been consistent over the past two decades.

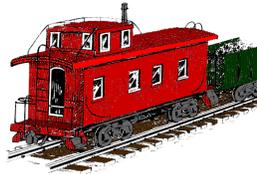
“Once again, the Knights of Columbus showed the enormous difference we can make in the lives of others by putting our faith in action,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “The needs of many of our communities were particularly great in 2017, especially in the wake of historic hurricanes in Houston, South Florida, Puerto Rico and much of the Caribbean. The Knights did not hesitate to provide assistance after these humanitarian crises and in Mexico where two cities were badly damaged by earthquakes.”

Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!



THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE

David Walden
Editor



Opening our eyes and ears to pleas for peace

During the contentious political campaigns of 2012, the Knights of Columbus began an initiative designed to restore civility to the national discussion. The Order even ran full-page advertisements in the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. These ads encouraged citizens to sign an online statement requesting politicians and media to be more civil in political and social discourse and pledging themselves to behave likewise.

The plea fell on many blind eyes and deaf ears. The Order's initiative quietly faded away.

Now, a mere six years later, public discourse is even worse. Discord has trumped unity. Strife and rancor abound. Profanity-laced insults and threats are common as flies on a farm. We are disintegrating into increasingly smaller factions, each group claiming to have been victimized by others.

There's no place to hide from the ugliness: it's in the headlines, it's in our workplaces, it's in our schools, it's glaring at us from the smart phones we hold to our faces all day long. Even in our churches, people are choosing sides and subjecting their perceived enemies to appalling displays of uncharitable behavior.

The Order's ads in 2012 depicted the U.S. Capitol building with a huge crack down its middle and the quote, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," attributed to Abraham Lincoln (who, of course, was quoting Christ from the Gospels). Any armchair historian can tell you that Lincoln and his contemporaries experienced rhetoric similar to what we're seeing today — and we all know that the unrest of the mid-19th century eventually exploded into the American Civil War. So perhaps it shouldn't be surprising that at least one recent opinion poll found that a third of our citizens believe the country will experience another civil war within the next three years.

During a more recent era of great civil strife, on the night in 1968 that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was gunned down in Memphis, then-presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy made a memorable plea for peace while speaking in Indianapolis: "What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness, but love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another. ..."

It, too, fell on many blind eyes and deaf ears. Weeks later, Kennedy himself felt the wrath of an assassin's bullet.

But it isn't too late to open our eyes and ears to such pleas for peace. Speaking at a Catholic media convention in Indianapolis in 2012, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "We need to embrace this attitude not only after a national tragedy; this attitude should be normative of our national life. **Our first step as Catholics must be a firm commitment to civility in America's national discourse.**"

That means you. That means me. That means in our homes, parishes, offices and schools. That means online, on the phone, in person. That means with family, friends and strangers. That means now, *before* it leads to tragedy, *not after* we've had to dry one another's tears.

In a sermon attributed to St. Peter Chrysologus (406-450), we are admonished: "God's is the planting of peace in the root, but the uprooting is from the enemy; for, just as brotherly love comes from God, so hatred comes from the devil; therefore, we must condemn our hatred of men, for it is written: He who hates his brother is a murderer."

Prayer in time of trouble

Jesus, my Lord, I trust in You. Help me to discern friend from foe. If there must be battle, grant that You may be my armor, my shield, my sword, my strength. Let me ride forward courageously with Truth for my steed. And when, O Prince of Peace, the day is done, grant that all Your children may dwell together in harmony under Your sovereign rule. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

