

Council Crier



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Next meeting January 5, 2011 @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend

A note of sincere gratitude....from the Walden Family

I've long known that charity is the first founding principle of the Knights of Columbus. One of the characteristics I most admire about our Santo Rosario Council – and Holy Rosary Parish as a whole – is the way we embrace that principle. I've also long known that charity begins at home. The manner in which our council members support and look after brother Knights is truly indicative of the kind of men we are blessed to have in our midst.

I never dreamed a day would come when I would be the recipient of our council's charity. Yet, that day did come. When our worthy Grand Knight presented the council's gift to my wife and me at the parish picnic, we were absolutely stunned by your great generosity. The timing of it couldn't have been any better: we were still reeling from the tremendous expense of our latest adoption, and trying to figure out how to pay for several unexpected events, including problems with a car and the failure of our central air-conditioning at the height of the summer's heat wave. Thanks to all of you, we got through that tight spot. God does provide, and you were His instruments.

Kathy and I, as well our children, Rene and Leah May, offer you our prayers and gratitude. Thank you very, very much! May God bless each and every one of you, your families, our council and the entire fraternity. Vivat Jesu!

David Walden

From the Grand Knight, SK Don Murphy



Brothers,

I would like to welcome you to our second installment of the "Council Crier". Thanks to the efforts of our worthy Recorder, Brian Murrey, the Council newsletter is up and running! We are an active and growing council of dedicated Catholic men, and I am humbled and honored to serve as Grand Knight. I would like to express a heartfelt welcome to our new brother Knights: Pasquale Fantetti and Timothy Jorzak, who joined our Order in October. I would also like to welcome three gentlemen who have transferred their membership into our Council: Jason Murrey, Jerry Hatley and Eric Babbs. We welcome all of you, and look forward to getting to know you and your families.

As you all know the four principles of our order are: **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. I would like to speak on the principle of Unity for a moment; let's all remember that one of the main reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded was to help care for orphans and widows of deceased Catholic men. Out of that desire, an insurance company was formed to protect Member's families. This, of course, does not eliminate the responsibility we have, on a council level, to care for one another with Christian Charity. We all share a responsibility to be our brother's keeper, in a sense, and to first and foremost pray for our fellow Knights and their families. It is also necessary to reach out to our brother's in need and show a brotherly concern for those members who appear to be inactive in the council. This principle was demonstrated recently when we all united in prayer for a brother Knight's daughter, who was critically ill. We can all rejoice in the power of prayer and in her miraculous recovery.

Also for the month of November, the Gary Willen family has been chosen as our "Family of the Month". Gary Willen is currently serving as Santo Rosario Council's Church Director. He also serves the parish as the altar server coordinator, and is very involved in the parish liturgy. Gary's wife Katie plays a key role on the Altar Society. Gary and Katie have three daughters: Sarah, Meredith, and Rebecca.

Meredith was recently received as a novice, Carmelite Sister Michael Joseph of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Carmelite Monastery of Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph in Alexandria, S.D. Rebecca is involved in the music ministry. The entire family is key in the success of Holy Rosary Spaghetti and Spirituality series with their service during the pre-talk dinners. The Willen family is instrumental in the spiritual life of Holy Rosary, and major contributors to the success of the Santo Rosario Council.

On November the 13th we held our first fundraiser for the benefit of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office. The Cajun themed evening was a monumental success for the council and for our charity. The money raised exceeded all expectations! I would like to thank Carlos Rivas and Mike Deal for their leadership and professional planning without which the evening would not have been a success. I would also like to thank all the other volunteers and benefactors who donated their time, talent or treasure. Very special thanks go to Chef John Maxwell who donated his time and expertise. I could not be more proud of the hard work and dedication exhibited by this council in all their undertakings. I look forward to the coming year and working with all my brother Knight's and friends.

Vivat Jesus!

Don L Murphy GK
Santo Rosario Council

From the Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Evanich

The Knights of Columbus Santo Rosario Council would like to congratulate the following students for their achievements in the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest:

First place: Monica Barron 8th grade, Eli Perry 10th grade, and Rebecca Willen for the 12th grade. Second place: Bernadette Barron 8th grade and Eddie Barron 10th grade. Third place: Regina Barron and Andrea Stanley for 8th grade, and Melissa Jaeger for 10th grade.

Each contestant wrote their essays on the theme of: "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen In a Free Society." The first place winners were each given a \$25 prize, and are entered into the district level competition.

Also

Boys and girls 10-14 (as of Jan. 1, 2011) are invited to participate in the local level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Friday, Jan. 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the CYO gymnasium. Winners will progress to the district competition with a chance to move on to the regional and state levels. All children who meet the age requirements are eligible to participate regardless of religious affiliation.

Participants are required to furnish a copy of their birth certificate and written parental consent. For entry forms or information, call Bob Evanich at 614-5744. Entry forms also are available in the back of the church or online at www.kofc14449.org.

A Note from the Chancellor, SK Jay Stanley

In the 4th quarter our council volunteered 460+ hours serving the parish, community, and the 4th Degree through council activities. This does not include the countless hours our Knights volunteer outside the council. Great job brother Knights!

Ask Father Magiera

Q: Why is the 3rd Sunday in Advent called Gaudete Sunday, and what is the significance of this day?

A: Very often, the Sunday Masses themselves have a name. The name ALWAYS is the first word of the introit for that Mass. So, the Mass for the third Sunday of lent, Gaudete, comes from the Introit which begins, 'Gaudete in Domino semper,' 'Rejoice in the Lord always.' We rejoice because the waiting is mostly finished and the birth of the Lord is near. God bless.

From Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson



Although the world stands in judgment of the Gospel, we must allow Christ to transform our lives

The French Catholic writer Charles Péguy (1873-1914) observed, "For the first time since Jesus, we have seen, under our very eyes ... a new world arise ... after Jesus and without Jesus." Péguy was speaking about recent events in the Europe of his day, but as we reflect on these words a century later, we must admit that the cultural trend about which he spoke has become more pronounced in Europe and throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Despite Péguy's sobering outlook, we can experience a faith that is profound and life-changing. We have seen the great saints of our time — such as Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II — and have met other saints known only to their neighbors and colleagues.

We are faced, then, with the great mystery that some accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ and others reject it. Consider the story of the encounter between Zacchaeus, the tax collector, and Jesus. When the Lord announces that he will stay with Zacchaeus, who has climbed a tree to see him, the crowd grumbles: "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." Yet, Jesus says, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Lk 19:9).

All the people assembled that day saw the same Jesus and heard his words. But while it was a day of faith and salvation for Zacchaeus, others left grumbling in opposition.

The lives of some today are likewise changed forever when confronted with the living reality of Jesus Christ, while others simply walk away with continued disbelief.

In the end, we each stand before the very mystery of creation and cannot escape the question that it presents to us: Is this universe a reality that is beneficent, malevolent or simply indifferent?

For thousands of years, countless human beings believed that the universe was a malevolent or an indifferent reality. But the Book of Wisdom reminds us that the universe is neither of these: "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?" (Wis 11:24-25).

We know, too, that the Lord so loves the world that he sent his only Son to redeem it (cf. Jn 3:16). Because of the reality of God's love, we have been liberated from the absurd futility of a meaningless existence before an indifferent cosmos. Instead, we have the privilege of praying to God with the words "Our Father" and trusting in a redeemer who treats us as a brother.

The world today stands in judgment of our faith, and we are faced with the question, "Is it really possible to live in a way that shows the promises of Christ to be true?" As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, people who possess Christian faith and hope live differently.

As Knights of Columbus, we greet each other with the words, "*Vivat Jesus!*" These words testify to the fact that we place our faith in a living reality — a reality that makes a difference in the way we live. Furthermore, we dedicate ourselves to the principles of charity, unity and fraternity — not for some special few, but for all, just as the Gospel requires.

We stand in solidarity with our bishops and priests — those men who, like Zacchaeus, have stood before Jesus in faith and have said, "yes." They have dedicated their lives to trusting in the promises of Christ and to testifying not only for the good of the Christian community, but also for the common good of society as a whole.

And now, as we await the coming of our Savior's birth, we must rededicate ourselves to the work of the new evangelization. United in faith and hope, in charity and fraternity, we are called to seek the Lord and receive the salvation that he brings.

Vivat Jesus!

From our Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

I'm at 317-532-7330 or don.murphy@kofc.org. Contact me – let's talk.

Don R Murphy
Knights of Columbus Insurance

2010-2011 Officers

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Volunteer Opportunities at Holy Family Shelter

Volunteer – Guest Services

Guest Service Volunteers offer a close relationship to the families staying at Holy Family Shelter. Persons interested in fulfilling this position must display excellent communication skills. Volunteers assist staff with the daily functions of the shelter. Duties may include filing, answering telephones, assisting donors with donations, and distributing hygiene items to residents. Guest Service Volunteers are generally scheduled 1x/wk or 2x/month for two to three hour shifts. We ask for a one year commitment for this position. All volunteers must complete an application, and attend an orientation and tour to prepare for duty.

Volunteer – Lunch/Dinner Servers

Lunch/Dinner Servers provide assistance during weekend and holiday meal preparation. Duties may include food preparation, serving meals to residents, and cleaning the kitchen area. Lunch/Dinner Volunteers are generally scheduled one meal shift per month, but we also have opportunities from time to time for 1x meal volunteers. Lunch on weekends and holidays is at 1pm, and dinner is at 5pm. If your family or organization is interested in committing to any of these times please contact Emily.

Volunteer – Clothing/Donation

Clothing/Donation Volunteers should be creative and detail oriented. Duties include inventory, sorting, and distributing donated items. Some bending and lifting is required. The Clothing/Donations Volunteers schedules are flexible.

Volunteer – Children’s Services

Children’s Services Volunteers have many opportunities to assist the children and staff. These volunteers must be energetic and creative. Duties may include helping with childcare on evenings and weekends when classes are being held for the parents. Children’s Services volunteers have the opportunity to come in and host children’s activities such as arts and crafts, movies, dance, music, storytelling, etc. Children’s Services volunteers can be on an ongoing basis, or a one-time event. Must complete a volunteer application, and attend an orientation and tour to prepare for duty.

Volunteer – Repair/Maintenance

Individuals who are skilled in the following areas would be a great resource:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Vehicle Maintenance
- General Home Repair

Group Work/Specialized Projects

Groups and organizations may volunteer to host a holiday celebration, prepare and sponsor a meal, or organize crafts for residents. Groups may also consider helping with cleaning projects or offer to do a collection drive of items/money.

For more information on Volunteering with Holy Family Shelter, please contact Emily Able at (317) 635-7830, ext. 19 or eable@holyfamilyshelter.net