

Council Crier



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Next meeting Monday April 11 @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend

From the Grand Knight, SK Don Murphy



Brothers,

Welcome to the third edition of the Council Crier. By now we are well underway on our Lenten Journey. As we look forward to the solemnity and beauty of Holy Week, let us pause to reflect on how we as Knights and Catholic Gentleman can prepare ourselves for Easter. The primary tools available to us for this purpose are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. An excellent opportunity for prayer and perhaps to step out of our

comfort zone is to volunteer for **40 days for life**. The fruits of this program have been astounding from their humble beginnings in 2004.

Nationwide statistics from the **40 Days for Life** website:

- Over 400,000 have joined together in an historic display of unity to pray and fast for an end to abortion
- More than 13,000 church congregations have participated in the 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Reports document 3,599 lives that have been spared from abortion — and those are just the ones we know about
- 43 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry
- Nine abortion facilities completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns

I highly encourage us all to lend our time and support to this worthy cause and stand together on the front lines between the two cultures of life and death.

To also help prepare us for Lent, we will be sponsoring our third annual Lenten Knight of Reflection at Holy Rosary on April 2nd. Please come and help us spread the word to other men high school age and up. This is a great opportunity for Confession and to pray together.

It was truly wonderful to see so many fellow Knights from Santo Rosario council at the annual Sanctity of Life Dinner. The presence of so many is surely a testament to our support of the culture of life and to the vitality and growth of our council.

On that note, I would like to welcome our new Knights that recently joined our order; Matthew Hurst, Stephan Abdalla and Daniel Knight. We also had a few Knights transfer into our council and they are Norbert Lindenmaier, Nate Schallart, Chad Lamar and Tom Hawley. Welcome to you all!!

Vivat Jesus!

Don L Murphy GK
Santo Rosario Council

From the DGK, Bob Evanich

Free Throw Championship

Our council held it's Free Throw Championship on Friday, January 7th. We had 11 winners declared. Five council winners won at the District Competition. Jessalyn Friederick won the Regional Competition and placed 4th at the State Competition. Congratulations to all of the competitors. Here is a list of the winners and their achievements.

Age	Division	Contestant	Contest Level			
			Council	District	Regional	State
10	Girls	Jessalyn Friederick	X	X	X	4th Place
	Boys	Adam Evanich	X	X		
11	Girls	Rita Brockman	X			
	Boys	Max Denney	X			
12	Girls					
	Boys	Nicholas Hofmeister	X	X		
13	Girls	Rhiannon Thunell	X	X		
	Boys	Dustin Murphy	X			
14	Girls	Mary Brockman	X			
	Boys	Ivan Stanley	X	X		

From the Community Activity Chairman, Jerry Friederick

The Santo Rosario Knights have participated in serving meals at the Holy Family Shelter for about 2 years now. With the new shelter on the west side versus the near south side (next to Sacred Heart Church), it has much more space and facilities. The new building is attached to Holy Trinity Church. The church looks beautiful on the outside, but I have not been on the inside. The shelter is very appreciative to all that help. I encourage all Knights to volunteer by contacting me to sign up or call the shelter for extra times.

Recently, our Knights sponsored the visit of the Mayor of Indianapolis (Greg Ballard and his wife-Catholic) to Holy Rosary. He attended the 9:30 Mass and was given a brief tour of the Church/Bell Tower. He also gave a brief and encouraging speech in Prior Hall about the city and making our community better by taking some child that needs help and assisting him.

In the past month, Mike Huffman and I painted and cleaned with the help from some Knight children in the top floor (3rd floor) of the west bell tower. The 3rd floor has never been painted it seemed to feel like a cave. I am still taking donations of tools for the maintenance of the church and bells/towers (bench vice, water hose). I will be installing a work bench and vice in the towers in the near future. If any Knight wants to help with maintenance in the tower/bells, please tell me. I am still battling leaks in the floor/roof under the bells in the east tower (clean and caulk the tin floor).

We have 2 new stairwells thanks our son Brett Friederick Eagle Scout project. It is much improved with painted and treated lumber versus the old bare wood. I will be using some of the old wood to make the work bench.

Lastly, if any Knight wants to learn about polishing/buffing the brass, I will teach him. I have 2 high speed buffers (1 professional) that work very well and other tools. They work great on many of the brass items that I have buffed in the sanctuary and other places. Watch the bulletin for the next "polish the brass" day or we can do it at our home.

Thank you for all that helped in these endeavors!

A Note from the Financial Secretary, SK Jay Stanley

In the 1st quarter of 2011 our council volunteered 240+ hours serving the parish and community through council activities. This puts us at nearly 1,100 hours for the fraternal year. Of course this does not take into account the countless hours our Knights volunteer outside the council. I know we will be busy this next quarter with all the activities associated with Lent and Easter. Keep up the great work brother Knights!

Ask Father Magiera

Q: What is the history of Lent in the Roman church? When did it take the present form, and has it changed significantly over time?

A: The word Lent looks to an archaic German word - Der Lenz - which simply means spring. The contemporary word is 'fruehling,' but if one says Lenz, people will still know what it is. It also traces its roots, as a word, to old Anglo-Saxon. Another interesting factoid: the school year in England (this could also be old fashioned, but I don't know) is/was divided into "Michaelmas term" (St. Michael on 9/29) and "Lent term."

Some of the Church Fathers, as early as the fifth century, claimed that the custom is of Apostolic origin. Two of these fathers are St. Leo and St. Jerome. Most modern scholars refute this claim, citing research that claims both diversity of practice and duration. Remember, in the early Church, there was a controversy as to how to "compute" the date of Easter itself, so, there must have been problems with the period and duration of Lent as well.

But then, we look at the number 40, a number reflecting completion or perfection. So, are there 40 days. Does one just fast "during" forty days or does one actually fast for each of those 40 days? So, in some places, Lent was 8 weeks (with exempt days, viz. Saturdays and Sundays), in others only 6 (also with exempt days, viz. Sundays). After the sixth century, the wish to realize the exact number of forty days led to the practice of beginning Lent upon our present Ash

Wednesday. But, even then there were conflicts, particularly with the Church of Milan which, to this day, adheres to a more primitive arrangement, i.e., the first Sunday of Lent.

Their justification for this is in the Roman Missal in which the priest, in the "Secret" of the Mass prays using the words, "sacrificium quadragesimalis initii", the sacrifice of the opening of Lent. Even in the traditional office of today, the Lenten antiphons and hymns are not used until the first Sunday of Lent. But, computing the days, there are 40 from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday - exempting the Sundays.

From Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson



Pope John Paul II's life and heroic virtue stand as an extraordinary witness to the world

I am sure we all felt a great sense of joy upon learning that Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Pope John Paul II this year on May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

There is no doubt that John Paul II will enter into the history books as one of the greatest popes who ever lived. His papacy was marked by a legacy of tremendous accomplishments, from his theological contributions to his work that helped end Communism and bring freedom and unity to Europe to his travels and tremendous ability to connect with people of all ages anywhere in the world. Historians will surely record him as a giant who changed the destiny of entire continents — and did so peacefully.

But his beatification is about John Paul II the man and his life of personal holiness. It is about the fact that, though he witnessed some of the worst carnage and oppression of the 20th century, he never lost hope. He preached the Gospel of Peace and called us all to a vocation to love.

Though he was the victim of an assassination attempt, he never lost faith. He forgave the man who shot him. He found constant strength in his relationship with God and his concern for his neighbors — no matter how marginalized they might be.

The beatification of Pope John Paul II means that Catholics, and indeed all people, have a model for the heroic virtue that each of us should strive to embody. He demonstrated a love of neighbor and defense of human dignity, a willingness to break down barriers and to dialogue with people of other faiths, and the sincerity to ask for forgiveness for himself and the Church.

This was a man who taught us how to live and who, in the twilight of his years, taught us how to die. He was during his life, and remains now, a man for all people, a man for all seasons and an example to us all.

In his last message to the Supreme Council on the occasion of the 122nd Supreme Convention in 2004, Pope John Paul II reminded us of his conviction expressed in *Ecclesia in America* that the lay faithful "are largely responsible for the future of the Church." He called on us "to continue to work as a leaven within society for the promotion of social justice, the protection of human life and all forms of loving service to those in need." These are words that Knights of Columbus everywhere, now more than ever, must continue to take to heart as a sure guide.

On the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination, John Paul II wrote the book *Gift and Mystery*, which he described as a personal testimony offered in a special way to the priests of the world. In it, he addressed these words to priests, which are also an extraordinary description of his own life:

"While the Second Vatican Council speaks of the *universal* call to holiness, in the case of the priest we must speak of a *special* call to holiness. *Christ needs holy priests!* Today's world demands holy priests! Only a holy priest can become, in an increasingly secularized world, a resounding witness to Christ and his Gospel. And only thus can a priest become a guide for men and women and a teacher of holiness. People, especially the young, are looking for such guides. A priest can be a guide and teacher only to the extent that he becomes an authentic witness!"

Surely Pope John Paul II was all of this and more. May the Knights of Columbus, through his intercession, follow his example more closely so that "in an increasingly secularized world" we, too, may become "a resounding witness to Christ and his Gospel."

Vivat Jesus!

From our Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy

On April 1st 2011 the Knights of Columbus will introduce 2 new products to continue in the tradition of protecting our Catholic families.

The first is a 10 pay whole life cash value insurance product designed to enable very quick cash accumulation and creating a paid up insurance benefit in only 10 years! This product, in conjunction with the new 8 year annual deposit rider, will allow for rich cash value growth enabling our members to supplement their retirement savings with the cash value of this product in a very tax favorable manner! It supplies a tax free death benefit to the beneficiary and tax free access to the cash value to the insured while alive! This product does double duty in that respect!

The second product is a long term income protection disability plan. This policy will cover the risk on our most valuable asset, our ability to earn an income! Disability income insurance is critical in that if we lose our ability to work, we not only lose our income stream but are also creating further debt, especially medical expense.

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

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@holyfamilyshester.net

2010-2011 Officers

Grand Knight	Don L. Murphy
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Chancellor	Jay Stanley
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Outside Guard	Edwin Barron
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1 Year Trustee	Fred Feld
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Church Director	Gary Willen
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Council Director	Edwin Barron
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