



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PITTSBURGH / EAST END COUNCIL # 3530**



JULY - AUGUST, 2009

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**JULY 8 (Wed) St. Bede Parish Meeting Hall
Optional Rosary – 7:10P, Meeting – 7:30PM
AUG 12 (Wed) St Bede Parish Meeting Hall
Optional Rosary – 7:10P, Meeting - 7:30 P**

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

2009 / 2010 NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight: Dennis McManus (412) 521-3569
Deputy GK : Michael E Fader (412) 207-2173
Chancellor : Michael Sullivan (412) 241-2328
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Treasurer : Michael G Fader (412) 362-7156
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3 Yr. Trustee : Joseph Moncada (412) 731-5297
2 Yr Trustee William Seifert (412) 664-4391
1Yr Trustee : Richard Pugh (412) 521-1531
Chaplain : Rev. Ben Vaghetto (412) 661-3100
Pittsburgh Chapter: Dennis McManus, Michael E Fader Thomas McGinnis, Michael Cherubino, Michael G Fader, & Earl Price.

GK COLUMN CONTINUED

Over the years the ability of our Council to accomplish much is a direct result of our good fortune to have such excellent "cooks" in our ranks. Our Council's many achievements and awards are, by and large, evidence of the skill and energy of such men – Earl Price, Tom McGinnis, Mike Cherubino and, of course (the "head chef" of our Council) Michael G Fader.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read the list of the newly elected leadership of our Council and breath a sigh of relief that many of the names are guys who have spent a great deal of time in the "KofC Kitchen" At the same time, I hope that you will notice and appreciate the willingness of some "new cooks" to step forward and help stir the pot. As the fraternal year begins, please consider joining us as a leader or as one of the many hands that lighten the load in cooking up some good times and good work. God Bless You.

Dennis McManus

Grand Knight

Being a member of a fraternal organization comes more naturally to some people than others. Having shared my Mothers' womb with my fraternal brother, Ed for seven plus months back in 1954, I suspect that I am one of those for whom the sense of fraternity is more readily achieved, if never completely understood. In my attempt to compose some "words of wisdom" to share with you in my first "newsletter message" as Grand Knight, I was reminded of an incident of many years ago.

It happened at saint Kiernan Grade School. My brother and I were in the third grade and the Principal, Sister Rita Vincent, S.C, was making one of her periodic visits to our classroom to share her own "words of wisdom". She was explaining how to work together to serve others and achieve a common goal. To drive home her point Sister asked that we remember the axiom: "Many hands make work light". As the rest of the class accepted her comment without question, my Brother raised his hand. She called on him ("Yes, Edward?") and asked if he had a question. He said that he did. Ed said "Sister, you just said that 'Many hands make work light' but I thought that 'too many cooks spoil the soup'?"

Having had nearly a half-century to ponder this battle of truisms, I have come to the conclusion that both of them were right. Sister was right. Incredible things can happen when even a minimal amount of the time or talents or treasure of a large number of people are applied. The ability of the Knights of Columbus to donate 68 million hours of volunteer service (valued at \$1.3 billion) and \$145 million in cash to charity last year was more a function of sheer numbers than the herculean efforts of a few. It's what happens when 1.7 million men pitch in to help the needy and the outcast.

On the other hand, my brother was on to something too. For great things to happen you also need gifted "cooks" to take charge, write the recipe for success, assemble the ingredients and "turn on the heat".

DATES

Happy Birthday – July Happy Birthday – August

07/01: Craig Rippole 08/09: Paul Buckel Sr.
07/06: Michael Cherubino 08/15: Hank Rettger
07/07: Martin Ashoff 08/17: John Gault
07/15: Rev Joseph Carr 08/19: William Hahn
07/15: James Lally 08/19: Edward Lettieri
07/20: Dennis McManus 08/25: Daniel Klocek
07/20: Edmund LoPresti 08/26: Michael Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY :

07/03/77 : Hank and Cheryl Rettger
07/30/77 : Michael and Marjorie Sullivan

AUGUST :

08/06/94 : Roger and Sandy Brenner – Hill
08/16/80 : Robert and Jane Steineck
08/22/96 : Rev Frederick Nkwasiwe - Ordination

SICK

GK Mike Cherubino : Pray especially hard for Michael Fr. Tom Murphy, Dick Pugh, Earl Price, Bill Seifert

Pray for All Sick Knights / Family Members

DEATHS / DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY: Joseph Tarquinio (MGFader's FIL); Jack Gault (John's GFather)

AUGUST: Anna Wilwohl (B Siefert's MIL) ;

MEMBER AWARDS

Fr. Joseph Kurutz celebrated his 50th anniversary of Priesthood on May 30th. On June 5, he was our council guest at our #3530 Golf Foursome for SHP, and GK Mike presented him with 51 Golf Balls. Fr Joe was also selected our "Family of the Quarter": Fr Joe, Jesus, and The Catholic Church – A Wonderful Family

Fr Ben Vaghetto, our Chaplain, joined the Knights on June 27, 1979 – 30 yrs ago. At our June meeting, we presented him with KofC "Honorary Member" and "25 Yr " pins to make sure he had both these pins.

Tom McGinnis and Mike G Fader were selected as Co-Winners of the Knight of the Quarter Award.

Edmund LoPresti and Michael Sullivan were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their stand-out performances in council events during the quarter.

Congratulations to All These Knights!!

Food Pantry – Year-End Report

WOW! would be a One Word Description of our 2008/09 Food Pantry Project Results!

Knights who contributed "\$1,700" to the "08/09" campaign can be truly proud of our results!!! "What" was accomplished with your charitable donations.??? **Can you believe something like**

12 – 1 " (Each dollar you donated resulted in \$12 in good-quality food items being donated

to: The East End Community Ministry (EECM); St Raphael, St Rosalia, and Immaculate Conception-St Joseph Parishes; Fish Fry Condiments; School Lunch Programs, and support of one fallen brother's family members.

Final results are not in (as more purchases are to be made) but, **at least \$18,500.00 in quality foods, will have been distributed to the above-mentioned entities**

To date, eight years, \$57,500 worth of wholesome food products have been distributed to East-End Food Pantries.

Your Time to Step Up !

The above-mentioned results have been achieved by, on average, "28" of our members !! Imagine what we could achieve with **YOUR** "pledge" and that of many of your brothers – sitting on the sideline. **Times are Tough, and the Need for Food Pantry Support is Greater than ever.**

Mail-In the Pledge Form with YOUR PLEDGE (Payable by June 15, 2010) or E-MAIL your Pledge to fadmg55@comcast.net.

FOOD PANTRY & BISHOP'S PROJECT

Are the two defining projects of your council . Step Up and Be Counted – as a Supporter.

PGH SEMINARIANS TO CHIMOBOTE !

Bishop Zubik asked his Brother Knights to help him financially to send ten seminarians on a working tour of Chimbote, Peru – where Pittsburgh has a Mission. “Our Brothers” donated \$350.00 to this cause. (We know that many of you might have liked to “help out”. Please read your newsletters **and respond,** or supply us with your e-mail address so we can keep you apprised of these “Catholic Efforts” that the KofC supports.

ST RAPHAEL BAZAAR !!!

The annual St Raphael Bazaar runs from Thursday, Aug 6 to Sunday, Aug 9th. Hours are 7 – 10:30 PM, each night (Saturday – 6:00P.). If interested, SRP sells Raffle Tickets on a \$10,000 Total for \$1.00 each, 36 for \$30. Last year, The KofC ran the Poker Table which was a fun gig. If you might be interested in volunteering for a few hours, contact Rich McCague @ richardmccague@comcast.net.

ROUND TABLE HOURS

Tom McGinnis (tfn3530@kofc.us) is trying to put together a report on the hours each of us volunteers with our “parishes” – from 7/1/08 – 6/3/09. Areas include: 1) Parish Maintenance incl “cleaning”; 2) Aid to Needy; 3) CCD; 4) Parish Fund Raising; 5) Liturgical (readers, EuchMin, Choir, Ushers, Etc); 6) Youth, 7) Other. Please send Tom your numbers-immediately!

JULY 18 – 19 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Saturday – Sunday, July 18-19th, We’ll be doing a Tootsie Roll Drive at the K-Mart / Edgewood Center, from 9:00AM to 6:00P in three hour segments (9-12), (12-3) and (3-6). We need two (2) persons (Knights, Wives, Teens) for each shift. We’d like to see some New Members get involved in this project. **Call Mike E Fader (412) 207-2173, mikefader@verizon.net, to sign up for this event.**

NEW FRATERNAL YEAR / NEW PROJECTS!!

As we begin our new Fraternal Year, we’d like to get many of our newer members involved in our Key On-Going Projects, and possibly some new ones we’d like to add. First of All, we’d like to see Most of our Members financially involved in our Food Pantry Project (see form) and in supporting our Adopted Orphans (Honduras and Uganda). This is easily done **at meetings,** or pledge at fadmg55@comcast.net

LIFE INSURANCE CALCULATOR

You want the best for yourself and your family: A college education for your children, retirement for yourself and your spouse – something to pass on to your heirs. You may already have a plan in place to help provide these things. But is that plan adequate ?

Life Insurance is probably something you don’t often think about, but no financial plan is complete without it. And if you haven’t yet put a plan in place, life Insurance is a great place to start.

Council #3530 has a KofC Insurance Field Agent assigned to us, to help you planning for your family’s future. We recommend you contact him for a review.

The KofC has an on-line Life Insurance Calculator which is quick and easy to use, and can give you some instant feed-back on the adequacy of your plan.

Simply go to : www.kofc.org, click on “Insurance”, and click on “Life Insurance Calculator”, and fill in your information. If you have any problems, click on “calculator help” (probably a good idea as it gives you a definition of all the terms used in the calculator)

As we start our new Fraternal Year, we recommend that you schedule a sit-down with our council KofC Insurance Agent

Contact: Bill Fodiak, FICF, at (412) 487 – 9395

WHEN “FISHING”, USE THE RIGHT BAIT !!

A wise old Sales Manager told his Trainees: “If you’re going fishing, don’t bait your hook with Beef Steak because you like steak; bait you hook with worms, cause “that” is what fish like”! With that, he summed up “Marketing” which is giving the customer what he/she wants, not what you want to push !

We’ve done all kinds of things to attract New Members (Church Bulletins, School Bulletins, Special Fliers, Newsletter Mail-Outs, Etc) All with little results. **Why ? Cause we are using the Wrong Bait !!** Dick Pugh of St Rosalia Parish – has recruited ten or more new members in the past two years!! How ?? By approaching a fellow parishioner, talking to him about the KofC, asking him to join, and helping him fill out an application. A “recruit” **wants** to be verbally asked to join ; he wants to ask questions and get answers, and he responds to being helped to fill out the application.

Each of You – knows – several Catholic Men in your respective parishes – by name. You feel comfortable “small talking” with them. Arm yourself with several application forms, and never go to church or parish activities without them. Seek out a fellow parishioner and ask him to give you a few minutes to discuss the Knights & ideally **Sign Him Up !!!!**

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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

**Return Your Pledge Sheet With Your
Personal Pledge for 2009 / 2010
Payable Before June 1, 2010**

Chaplain's Column:

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GO BEYOND BOUNDARIES /
LET'S MAKE AN ALL OUT RECRUITING EFFORT !!!!!**

Brothers ;

When I arrived in Michigan to celebrate Bishop Paul J Bradley's installation as the Fourth Bishop of Kalamazoo, Michigan I saw our Brother Knights present for the beautiful installation Mass at Saint Augustine Cathedral. As I spoke to the men it was as though I was back here in Pittsburgh with our brother Knights even though I did not know their names or where they lived. Because we were fellow Knights we had a connection that others do not have. I was able to connect with them knowing that as Knights we share a common vision and goal. The support you have from your brother Knights and their families is so evident especially when a Brother Knight is ill or hospitalized. You can see how we pray for each other and always remember those who are unable to be with us due to any illness or infirmity.

This is what we are inviting our practicing Catholic men to - a great organization that loves God, the Church, and the community we live in. Don't be afraid to approach a man in your parish or in your neighborhood who is Catholic and ask him to consider joining a great confraternity of fellow believers. Whether we live in Pittsburgh or Kalamazoo or out of the country there is a brotherhood in the Knights that is so special !!!!

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus intercede for us and for our members and families.

God Bless You,

Father Ben , Chaplain.