

Knightly News

Council 10937

July/August 2006

Message from Grand Knight—Chris Mosley

Brothers,

Our new fraternal year began on July 1. As we begin our new year, I wanted to give you an update on the state of our council. Simply put, our council is doing very well. Currently, we have over 100 Knights in our council, more than half of which participated in at least one KofC activity last year. While we can (and should) improve that number, I can tell you that our relative participation percentage is very good.

Financially, we currently have approximately \$10,000 in the council's bank accounts. We have a budget designed to fund all of our planned activities for this fraternal year. We also have additional fundraisers in the planning stage which will help our ability to assist those in need at our church and in our community.

Perhaps most importantly, the council and its members are actively living the principles of our Order - that of being a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization. As Catholics, our council sponsors three seminarians and will lead a variety of spiritual activities, including perpetual adoration and a living rosary. As Family members, we will continue to honor and enjoy our families through activities such as the Wife Appreciation Dinner and Family Campout. Fraternalism continues strong as Knights get together for the pancake breakfasts, Beer & Brats and monthly happy hours. And we continue to serve our community through our Tootsie Roll drive, Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family project and other programs.

The past year was very good for our council. This year promises to be even better. The common denominator for the success of both years is you - the Knights of our council. After all, without you, the council could not do all of the good that it does. So I thank you for your service during the past year, and encourage you to continue your involvement this year. After all, it is because of you that we have such an outstanding council. Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!!!

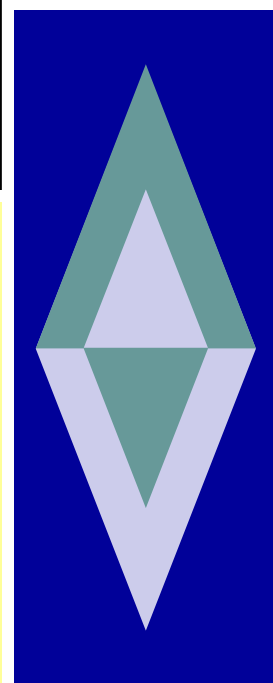
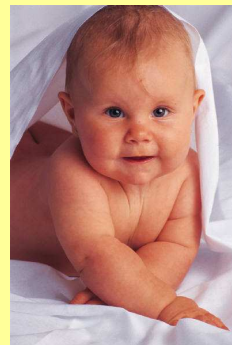
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Congratulations To Dave & Edie Suhr: Dave and Edie welcomed their first child on July 9. Kara Sophia weighed in at 5 lbs 9 ounce and 18.5 inches long. Although Kara arrived some four weeks early, all are doing well (and are somewhat sleep deprived). Congrats!

Congratulations To Edmund Schrobach: New Knight Edmund Schrobach and his wife had their first child on August 8 - a daughter named Olivia. Olivia, mom and dad are all doing well (Olivia is sleeping and eating - mom and dad are doing neither). Congrats to the entire family as they embark on a new and wonderful adventure!



July/August Beer & Brats/Happy Hour and Pancake Breakfast

We pulled off another successful Beer and Brats on July 8. We went through 160 Brats but failed to float the keg. We'll have to try harder on August 12th.

We had great help from: Don Zirklebach, Jim Curcio, John Piwowarczyk, Gary Mayfield, Roger Giudici, John Alfeld, Ron Reitsch, Larry Criner, and Chris Kennedy. Our Grand Knight Chris Mosley showed up after Mass and acted as the closer by manning the vacuum cleaner at the end. We did have donation jars out for the Haley fund but I didn't get a count on what we brought in.

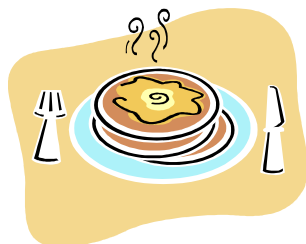


We had the third Happy hour of the summer on July 21 at the Lansdowne Arms. Roger Giudici, Jerry Lionetti and Chris Kennedy all came with their better halves. Brian Murphy and Bruce Felcyn showed up stag. This was the best showing so far this summer and everyone seemed to enjoy Lansdowne.

The August happy hour at the Lansdowne Arms was a success, Fr. Ken, Dan Cahill, the Giudici's, the Burkett's and the Kennedy's all showed up. We will have to see if the weather holds up for another outdoor happy hour in September, this one was a bit chilly (where is that Global Warming thing when you need it.)

We also had our monthly breakfast this month with good turn out of both workers and eaters. On the worker side we had:

Gary Mayfield
Ron Gerber
Richard Storick
Jim Curcio
Roger Giudici
Don Z
Tom Willie
Ron Reitsch
Dan Cahill
John Alfeld (filling in for Larry Criner in the dish washing duty)
Michael Burkett
Chris Kennedy



On the eater side we had 97 paid and 7 newcomers and we brought in \$365.

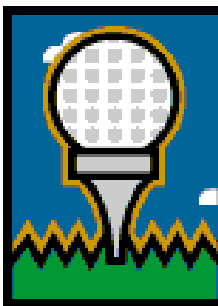
New Insurance Representative—Adam Giardino

We have a new insurance representative - Adam Giardino. Adam is a member of the Ave Maria council and recently became a full time Knights of Columbus insurance representa-

tive. Many of us met Adam at our June business meeting. We are very happy to welcome Adam to our council. Please contact Adam with any insurance questions or needs you may have.

Golf Tournament (Jason Mumm)

August 18th came and went, and nobody won the 10 grand hole-in-one prize. Jim Curcio's foursome won third place, one stroke ahead of the Mumm foursome. Charles Schley's foursome took home the honors with a stunning 10 under. It was a good event, and a great venue. Everyone who played in the tournament really enjoyed the stunning backdrop of the rock formations and grand features of Arrowhead Golf Club. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to the cause. I will have a final report on the financials later, along with a recommendation for a donation to the Sacred



Heart. I'm guessing, but since our participation level was far less than last year, our donation will probably be less than before. Special thanks to Patrick McAllen at the St. Mark Council for all he did to organize the tournament. And special thanks to Jim Curcio and Dave Moore - our fellow Knights who helped get us some hole sponsors and players.

God and the Scientist

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning'."

"Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show me"
So the scientist bends down to earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God,
"Get your own dirt."

Hurricane Relief Efforts - Thank You

As many of you know, Chris Kennedy has spearheaded our efforts to help our Brother Knights in councils affected by Hurricane Katrina. We have made two \$1,000 donations to Mississippi councils 12166 and 12271, and another \$1,000 donation to the Sacred Heart School. The following is a communication we received from Larry Tabor - Mississippi State Deputy.

On behalf of all the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, I wish to express our sincerest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for your council's generosity in support of our State's disaster relief operations. Our Jurisdiction, like Alabama and Louisiana, has suffered much as a result of hurricane Katrina. Donations made in the name of charity have assisted greatly in our recovery efforts.

On September 13, 2005, I had the honor to host a visit by our Supreme Knight, Mr. Carl A. Anderson. He assured me that the entire Order had us in our prayers and financial assistance would be forth coming. Little did I know at that time how many of our Knights had been affected by the storm. Nor did I have an idea how many churches and Catholic schools had been either destroyed or severely damaged.

Thanks to donations from Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., State Jurisdictions, individual Districts and Councils, Mississippi Knights and their families have received over \$315,000 in financial aid. In addition, truckloads of much needed relief items have been sent to our area and thousands of volunteer hours have been given to help restore the lives of our members, parishioners, and Catholic school children.

Many prayers of Thanksgiving have been said and many more will follow as we try to express our gratitude for the assistance that has been given. Your contributions to Councils 12166 in Pascagoula and 12271 at the Sea Bee Base in Gulfport, and Sacred Heart Elementary School in D'Iberville will go a long way in assisting them.

*A special thanks goes out to **Brother Chris Kennedy** for his efforts in coordinating with us to ensure the donations were sent to those in the most need.*

May God shine upon you and the members of your Council. We will pray for your council's future success. If there is anything we can do to return the favor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With assurances of prayers and best wishes, I am,

Larry J. Tabor
State Deputy

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How To Order A Knights Of Columbus Shirt

Each member can order his own shirt by contacting:

Creative Threadwork, Inc.
Attn: Sue O'Neil
303-420-1103

Sue has done our shirts for a while now, so she will know the colors and the basic embroidery needed. Just give her a call and she will take care of the rest. She also has a website that you should visit when ordering a shirt. <http://paxchristi.org/ministries/kofc/shirts.htm>

July Meeting Minutes

The Council was called to order at 8:02am by Grand Knight Chris Mosley. Prayer was offered by Ron Rietsch. The minutes of preceding meeting were approved as posted for June. The role of officers was noted.

Applications for Approval

Richard presented the following applications for consideration. The Council approved all 4 applications.

- Dave Moore
- Sean Sweeney
- Jose Gonzalez
- Ron Mazur

Grand Knight Report

Beer and Brats tonight. July starts our new Fraternal Year. State of the Council Report given. We are in good shape overall. We have over 100 members to date; over 50% are active. \$10,000 currently in bank. We are doing a good job following and living the core values of the Council via meetings, family events, social events, wife appreciation, etc. We are encouraged to do more, when and where we can. Chris called attention to a couple of items we need to have picked up.

Chaplain's Report

Fr. Ken reported the following:

- Beer and Brats - July 8—2nd event. We could be cooking outside but eating inside tonight
- Use of Buttons to promote Knights Membership
- "Question about the Knights? Ask Me!"
- Garage sale is August 4 and 5. We can buy things now, if we want. \$7,300 made from last year. Drop of items continues thru July
- Parish Photo Directory. Sign-up via Office or Bettinger for your photo time; still time to get your family's picture taken. Last directory was 6 years ago. See Info in bulletin. We are only at 20% participation right now
- Volunteer Dinner is Friday, July 14 at 6:30 pm

- 2007 Parish Trip to Italy. Info Meeting on July 20 in Great Hall at 7pm. The more people we get to sign up, the lower the cost. Fr. Ken has flyers for us with more details.
- Bulletin - Check for more details and info for other events
- "Chillin and Grillin" Event planned for Early Fall. Aug 1 thru Sept 5 = registration. Chris to talk to Steve to secure a Beer Tent for event
- Religious Education - Over 1100 kids taught by volunteers. Still need volunteers to teach and touch the lives of others. Chris to sent out newsletter to request participation
- Just Faith is a great way to learn more about the teachings of our faith. Will start up again this fall. Talk to Tom and Paula for more info.
- Petitions for Initiatives - "Definition of Marriage between a Man and a Woman". "Banning of Partial Birth Abortions" 68,000 signatures needed to get initiatives on the state ballot. See Fr. Ken for info on how to be a petitioner and the guidelines on how to process. Fr. Ken needs 3 more petitioners to help secure signatures.
- Catholic Herald to run a Feature on Pax Christi. Reporter to attend Mass and Beer and Brats tonight

Treasurer's Report – not given this month

Financial Secretary's Report – not given this month

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions (8/06)

General: That orphans may not lack the care necessary for their human and Christian formation.

Missionary: That the Christian faithful may be aware of their own missionary vocation in every environment and circumstance.



Committee Reports

Auditor – No report given

Membership—Roger and Richard are working to create new signage. Send any digital pictures to Richard for KofC Board. 1st Degree team is being created and assigned for our Council. Dry Practice Run planned for July 20

Haley Fund Management – No report given

Church Director Report – Dan Cahill—Christmas cards being prepped for sale. Dan to provide more info. We need to reserve time on Church calendar

Youth Report – No report given

Family Report—Christmas party is planned the weekend before Christmas. Depends upon availability of Retreat House; dates TBD. Spaghetti Dinner is 2nd Saturday in October. Will be tied in with faith formation activities for family. Family camp-out is Aug 18-19. See Ron for details. Family soccer outing planned for October.. We are working with St. Marks to promote our events jointly. St. Mark's Valentine's Day Formal. Start thinking about dressing up with wife to attend. Family Happy Hour Events – great time to talk. Next one is for August – date TBD. See Chris K for more details

Beer and Brats—July 8th - we still need cooks and cleaners for tonight's event

Golf Tourney—Jason is planning; Jim assisting. Friday August 18 at 1 pm before family campout outing. St. Mark's and our Council are having difficulty getting registrants. We could have to cancel the event if we don't secure enough paid registrants by July 18.

Community Report – John—Events to be covered/managed are:

- Golf Tourney
- Tootsie Roll Drive planned for October
- Thanksgiving Dinner Gift Basket Donations
- Transportation assistance for Nov. election day
- Transportation assistance for Mass
- Adopt a Highway Program
- Disaster Relief Kits

Defib. Update – Tom - In May, the Council proposed and approved a motion to spend the \$1,200 that has been budgeted to purchase one machine and train a core group of Parish staff. Need to fill-out a voucher for Pete and have a check cut. Tom to continue to work with Fr. Ken on which staff should get training.

4th Degree Update – Tom—6 Knights in full-dress at recent parade. 4th Degree on July 22 at Queen of Peace.

Unfinished Business

Motion was made to approve the budget. Budget was approved as written by the Council.

New Business

Tom thanked the Council for its quick help to volunteer with the move of a disabled parishioner (who ended up not needing our help)

Field Agent Report - Adam

Presentation given on how to use insurance vehicles as an investment for retirement, to avoid future tax burden, and cover future major cost items (i.e., Long-Term Care, kid's college, etc.). Presentation covered how a \$5,000 annual investment can work for different age groups over time

District Deputy Report – Not given this month

Under the Good of the Order

Foster Adoption Presentation – Cheryl Garcia, Foster Care Case Manager at Catholic Charities, Denver. She explained how foster adoption works with her organization. Works with children from 0-18. If you are not interested, or can't be a foster parent at this time, mentoring and communication outreach assistance is also needed. We can reference the brochures that Cheryl left us. Over 700 kids are in need at this time. Many are not in a "forever" home at this time. There is no cost to care for the child. The State offers anywhere from a \$600-1,000 stipend to assist with the care of a child

Prayers were offered for the following:

- Deane Gerber's Mother
- Bishop Hanifen's Sister

Chaplain's Summation

Prayer about "Charity" – July 8. Message: "Do not handicap your child by making their life easy."

Closing Prayer and Ode

Read by Ron Rietsch

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am. Minutes recorded by Jim Curcio

August Meeting Minutes

The Council was called to order at 8:02 am by Deputy Grand Knight, Ron Rietsch. The opening prayer was offered by Chris Kennedy. The role of officers was called and noted. The approval of the July meeting minutes was deferred until the September meeting.

Applications for Approval

Richard presented the following 2 applications for consideration for membership. Council approved both applications for membership

- Brian Kinkade
- Craig Dodd

Grand Knight Report – Presented by Ron

Ron presented the following:

- Ted is the June Knight of the Month
- Chris is traveling out of town
- Received letter from Alternatives Pregnancy center thanking us for our sponsorship of a walk team in June. Check needs to be cut to pay for sponsorship
- Beer and Brats tonight – final one of summer
- Council asked to keep track of the regular charitable, giving activities that we do individually within the community. Knights are to use a tracking form (provided) to keep track of what we do. Please turn into Ron at end of year so he can put together report for National
- We received a thank-you letter from the local chapter that benefited from our Katrina Fund donation
- Brother Ed Schroback had a baby daughter Olivia

Chaplain's Report

Fr. Ken reported the following:

- 1,100 youth being covered by our RE program. Large importance is put into securing a safe environment
- 2007 Parish Trip to Italy. Planned for May 7-17. Deposits already rec'd from 6 people. The more people we get to sign up, the lower the cost. Fr. Ken has flyers for us with more details
- AED - Tom Odle doing great work to secure equipment and training. Training for how to use = \$40 (covers CPR as well). Set for Sept 30 and Oct 5 from 9am – 1pm. See fact sheet given out by Father.
- Parish Photo Directory. Last opportunity this month. Sign-up via Office or Bettinger for your photo time. You receive a free directory and 5x7 photo. Last directory was 6 years ago
- Census Update - Planned for September. Will confirm if we have 1706 families presently counted. Goal is to verify membership + attendance patterns. Staff will call to verify registration for those who do not complete registration form. Fr. Ken to provide script.
- Beer and Brats tonight, Aug 12 = 3rd event. We could be cooking outside but eating inside tonight.
- Pancake Breakfast. Next one is set for Aug 27. Great use to promote Knights Membership and welcome parishioners

Treasurer's Report – Al and Charles

- In process of transition from Al to Charles
- No major expenditures since June
- We are in good shape. All checks cut since June
- Al asked: Do we have a payment that is needed for Disabled Vet's drive from 2005?

The Pink Dress

There was this little girl sitting by herself in the park. Everyone passed by her and never stopped to see why she looked so sad. Dressed in a worn pink dress, barefoot and dirty, the girl just sat and watched the people go by. She never tried to speak. She never said a word. People passed by her, but no one would stop.

The next day I decided to go back to the park in curiosity to see if the little girl would still be there. Yes, she was there, right in the very spot where she was yesterday, and still with the same sad look in her eyes. Today I was to make my own move and walk over to the little girl. For as we all know, a park full of strange people is not a place for young children to play alone.

As I got closer I could see the back of the little girl's dress. It was grotesquely shaped. I figured that was the reason people just passed by and made no effort to speak to her. Deformities are a low blow to our society and, heaven forbid if you make a step toward assisting someone who is different.

As I got closer, the little girl lowered her eyes to avoid my intent stare. As I approached her, I could see the shape of her back. She was grotesquely shaped in a humped over form.

I smiled to let her know it was OK; I was there to help, to talk. I sat down beside her and opened with a simple, "Hello." The little girl acted shocked and stammered a "hi" after a long stare into my eyes. I smiled and she shyly smiled back.

We talked until darkness fell and the park was completely empty. I asked the girl why she was sad. She looked at me with a sad face and said, "Because, I'm different." I immediately said, "That you are!"; and smiled. The girl acted sadder and said, "I know."

"Little girl," I said, "you remind me of an angel, sweet and innocent." She looked at me and smiled, then slowly she got to her feet and said, "Really?" "Yes, you're like a little Guardian Angel sent to watch over all people walking by." She nodded her head yes, and smiled. With that she opened the back of her pink dress and allowed her wings to spread, then she said "I am." "I'm your Guardian Angel," with a twinkle in her eye.

I was speechless -- sure I was seeing things. She said, "For once you thought! of someone other than yourself. My job here is done". I got to my feet and said, "Wait, why did no one stop to help an angel?" She looked at me, smiled, and said, "You're the only one that could see me," and then she was gone. And with that, my life was changed dramatically.

So, when you think you're all you have, remember, your angel is always watching over you.

Financial Secretary's Report - Jason

- Receipts = \$881 from pancake breakfasts; numerous other receipts
- Cash In = \$1836.56 in for pancake breakfast, Haley fund, donations, Beer and Brats, etc.
- Cash Out = \$1929 for Fall Festival and Golf event
- We are chasing a number of memberships that have not been paid as of yet. Two Knights want to withdraw. Supreme said we cannot help a member withdraw their membership.

Committee Reports

Auditor – Steve - Audit report to be wrapped up by 8/15.

Membership – Richard - Richard reports 6 total new members to join. To be inducted Sept 7 at 6pm at St. Marks. 1st Degree team is being created and assigned for our Council. Dry Practice Run occurred July 20 in front of Ted

Haley Fund Management – No report given

Church Director Report – Dan Cahill - Wants to contact our Seminarians about Pancake Breakfast. Per Ron, we have been asked to take over the Coffee and Donuts event. Involves making communication to volunteers to ensure event is hosted after AM masses on Sunday. Dan has been asked to write up an article in Parish Newsletter about our Council, covering what we do, numbers involved, etc.

Youth Report – No report given

Family Report – Roger - Camp-out cancelled due to lack of interest. Christmas Party is planned the weekend before Christmas. Depends upon availability of Retreat House; dates TBD. Spaghetti Dinner = October 7th. We will advertise in September. Will be tied in with faith formation activities for family. Family Soccer outing planned for October.

Pancake Breakfast, Happy Hour, & Beer and Brats - Chris

July Pancake event did not occur. Chris to get with Ron on securing written ingredients list and outline of SOP's to prepare and implement in case of need in future if Ron not present. Peaches on sale tonight at Beer and Brats. Ron to have all information tonight. Chris to send email about Happy Hour

Golf - Is a "Go" for Friday August 18 at 1 pm. 40 people planned to participate. Hole Sponsors and Other Sponsor opportunities still available. Participation has declined steadily in last 3 years. Jason to talk with Pat regarding a more simpler method for fundraising to support Retreat House involving an event that is more closely tied to Christmas season (e.g., Christmas trees)

Unfinished Business

- Jason asked that anyone follow-up with him about Foster Adoption Presentation – given by Cheryl Gar-

cia, Foster Care Case Manager at Catholic Charities, Denver at July meeting. See July minutes for details about process.

- 4th Degree Knights - Focus is on patriotism. Ted recommended that 4th degrees could assist with voter registration and driving people to vote.
- Ron said we might change the date for next meeting, most of officers are at St. Mark.

New Business

Steve promised we would be ready for the Beer Tent at the Chillin' and Grillin' event

Field Agent Report - Adam

- Spoke about the use of internet to obtain great term insurance quotes
- Advised us to be aware of the rating of these low-budget companies due to their limited experience and shaky financial stability
- Knights are rated A++ (highest possible) by AM Best and have kept that high rating for last 26 years
- Distributed literature and business card for us to follow-up with him.

District Deputy Report – Ted

- We are behind on various reports to District and National
- Ron to check with Chris on status
- 2nd Degree Ceremony has been revised. Ted did not have a schedule for any known, planned 2nd and 3rd Degree events. He will let us know ASAP when he has a new schedule
- Tootsie Roll campaign coming up. We share with Ave Maria
- We were not represented at the District meeting last month. Report given by Ted to Chris about Degree ceremony schedule
- Presented info about Group Ticket Sales for Nuggets and Avalanche. \$21 and \$35 per ticket
- Other churches looking at AEDs

Under the Good of the Order

Ron asked about status of the traveling crucifix. Is a prayer box that is available for members for sick and home bound. Ron wants to start back up; willing to build more. Ed Schroback and family for lack of sleep with new baby.

Chaplain's Summation

Prayer – Celebrating birthday of Fr. McGivney. Columbus linked themes relate well to our American principles

Closing Prayer

Read by Chris Kennedy

Closing Ode

Read by Chris Kennedy

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 am. Minutes recorded by Jim Curcio.

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno

"With hurricanes, tornadoes, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?!!?"

This is a beautiful photo of a giant flag in Arizona.
The photo is authentic and un-retouched.
The picture was taken on regular Kodak 35-mm film.
The person who took the picture could not believe the image
created by the sun's rays.



Nice of them to share with the world!