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COUNCIL #7018

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for Peace

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COUNCIL #7018 MONTHLY MEETINGS @ 7:00/PM, ON THE 3rd Thursday of each month

Food & Refreshments are always served afterwards.

Come in and get to know your fellow brother Knights!

OFFICERS MEETINGS: All officers meetings are at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month!

Brothers; Vivat Jesus!

This is the last message I shall be writing during my term as your Grand Knight. I must first thank each one of you who supported me, advised me, warned me and volunteered for almost anything I requested. All of your work on every project just proved what I have maintained all year long...We have one of the most active Councils in the local area. I like the word "Dynamic" because it means marked by continuous productive activity and energy and that I can testify to. I also found during the past year that I am not as young as I used to be! I may think so but my body disagrees. Physical problems have reduced some of my ability so I guess it is time to slow down a bit. I have promised your new Grand Knight, Mitch Lenczewski all the help I am able to provide. I am also very confident that your new slate of officers are all very capable of providing the leadership all of you expect and I know everyone of you will respond to them as you have done for all our officers in the past.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the latest new members of our Council, Roger Bennett and Jeffrey Walla Jr. With Jeffrey Jr becoming a Knight, We now have three generations of the Walla family in the Council; Ed Walla (Grandpa) Jeffrey and his son, Jeffrey Jr. I think that quite an accomplishment both for the Walla family and for our Council. Congratulations!!

If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like to share, please call me at 752-1115.

Jim Burns - Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

- June 17, 7:00 Council Meeting – St. Clement of Rome – We will be retiring our original Council flag
- Statewide men’s conference at EMU on June 26
- July 15, 7:00 Council Meeting – Sts. John and Paul
- August 19, 7:00 Council Meeting – St. Clement of Rome
- September 3, Peach Festival – Pasta Dinner
- September 4-6, Peach Festival – Parking Lot Collection

Council Resolution to be voted on in May

At the June General Meeting, we will be voting on a resolution that was made in May for \$1000 for the Capuchin Retreat. The facility has been struggling to make ends meet and many members have mounting health care costs.

Congratulations New Council Officers!



Grand Knight – Mitch Lenczewski
Deputy Grand Knight – Jim Smiszek
Chancellor – Jim Burns
Warden – Keven Sands
Advocate – Don Smith
Recorder – Jim Szewczyk
Treasurer – Larry Foltran
Inside Guard – John Cassidy
Outside Guard – Andrew Russell
3 yr Trustee – Mike Tremblay

These Officers will assume their new duties commencing in July

Welcome New Brother Knights to Our Council!!!

Roger Bennett, Dan Caputo, Ted Hautila and Jeffrey Walla Jr.

We Need Volunteers!!!

Brothers, very soon we will be needing bankers for our next **Texas Holdem**. These events are some of our most profitable activities. Please consider donating a few hours of your time and volunteer for a shift. The dates have not been finalized yet, but a note will be sent out as soon as we know them.

As you all know, The **Peach Festival** is one of the busiest times of the year in Romeo. We need help with the **Pasta Dinner and Parking Lot Duties**. If we all work together that weekend, no one will be over loaded.

Every Tuesday, a “Forgotten Harvest” truck arrives at St. Clement with fresh produce, frozen meats and food staples for the Agape Center. This is a weekly obligation and we could use any help you are willing to give. The activity usually takes about an hour and a half or two to get the truck unloaded and sorted in the center. We meet about 12:30 PM each Tuesday and wait for the truck. Also, Sr. Val needs help on Wednesdays and Nancy Kaspari would like some help delivering food to home bound people.

We will also be starting the Tile Project and Memorial Garden work at St. Clement’s very soon.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these activities, please call a Council Officer or come to a meeting and tell us when you are available. It’s a lot of fun and you will get to know your Brother Knights better!

PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER’S AND THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF OUR COUNCIL BROTHERS AND FAMILY OF OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR SURGERY, ESPECIALLY, Dick Agusti, Elsie Battani, PGK Dale Matz, Don Smith’s mother-in-law, Louise Cooke, PGK Tony Nardozi, Greta Rumph, Maureen Burns, Jeff Brown, Dan Russell, Ed Theut, Dick Podolski’s granddaughter Lauren, Dave Kaiser, Jim Machak’s mother Margaret, Larry Rinke, Mitch Jabczenski, Howard Weiler, Gervais Kiley, Marilyn Karpinski, Sarah Remmel, John Cassidy Sr., Jim Burns, Keven Sands’ dad, and Mitch Lenczewski’s cousin Jeff Urynowicz.

I have mixed emotions when I receive Father’s Day gifts. I’m glad my children remember me, but I’m disappointed that they actually think I dress that way.

News from our Knight of Columbus Benefits Representative – Jim Parker

Teach your children well

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

I'm at 1-877-873-6549 or james.parker@kofc.org. Call me -let's talk

Approximately 25 members out of our 165 were in attendance at the May meeting at St. Clement. When was the last time we saw you at a meeting? How are you doing? Your fellow Brothers would like to know.

Brothers, do you have a talent or hobby you would like to share with the Council? Or have any ideas for an article to print in the newsletter? Let me know and I can post it here – or come to a meeting and tell me about it.

***** Brothers want to know how to get a new member? Just ask him! *****

Check out the Knights of Columbus websites – www.kofc.org and www.mikofc.org

Editor's Note

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the Major Degree Ceremony at St. Frances De Chantel. It was the first time I had been to that event in several years. It was quite emotional and I enjoyed it very much. It also made me reflect on the Principles of Our Order and what it means to be a Catholic Gentleman. I would recommend that if you attended a degree ceremony, you should do so. I guarantee that you will get a lot out of it. Especially if you sponsor a new member!

Another topic that got me thinking was when we reviewed our Catholic beliefs. When was the last time you took a look at your booklet "These Men They Call Knights"? It summarizes the main concepts of the Knights of Columbus in about twenty pages. It also briefly states some of the truths of the Catholic religion which are the bedrock upon which Columbianism is built and contains some basic prayers. Some examples of the truths are the Precepts of the Church, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the two kinds of Grace (Sanctifying and Actual if you may have forgotten).

One more thing Brothers, have a Happy Father's Day!