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Knights of Columbus

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for Peace

September/October 2012

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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!

Brother Knights,

Thanks for your help with the pasta and parking lot during the peach festival. I am looking forward to your help with the October 14th and November 11th country breakfasts. Also there is a 1st degree ceremony November 8th at 7:30 before the 7:00 meeting.

Vivat Jesus,
GK Jim Smiszek

Calendar of Events

- September 28 - 7:00 Social and Benefits Night
- October 7 – Respect Life Sunday – Life Chain 2:00 – 3:30
- October 8-10 – Casino Bus Trip – Little River, Turtle Creek, and Soaring Eagle
- October 14 - Country Breakfast after all Sunday Morning Masses
- October 14 - Blood Drive at St. John Vianney
- October 18 – 7:00 Council Meeting, 1st degree ceremony at 7:30
- October 20 – Prep Bowl at Ford Field
- November 3–6, Texas Holdem at The River
- November 8 - 7:00 St. Kieran – Prayer Service for priestly vocations
- November 9 – 7:00 pm Memorial Mass – Fr. Doc will preside
- November 10 – 12:00 Flag Retirement Ceremony at St. Clement
- November 11 - Country Breakfast after all Sunday Morning Masses
- November 15 – 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Congratulations September Family and Knight of the Month!

Family of the Month: Jim and Joanne Parker, Knight of the Month: Joe Suminski
Congratulations to our Seminarian Eric Fedewa on becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight!

There are still a few seats left on the bus for the next Casino Bus Trip on October 8-10. The bus will visit the Little River Casino, Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel, and the Soaring Eagle Casino Resort. Wine Tasting and a Winery Tour are also included. If you are interested, please call Don Campbell @ 586-752-3731.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS AND SOCIAL NIGHT

We will have our next Fraternal Benefits/Social night, Friday, September 28th @ 7:00 p.m. Jim Parker will be our guest speaker. Please bring your wife, significant other or any other person whom may be interested in the Knights of Columbus. Our intent is twofold. Briefly, to learn about what the Knights have to offer to protect our families and secondly, to just have a good time with friends. Read the article at the end of this newsletter and bring your questions to Jim. The event will take place in the Gathering Area with some special ethnic food being served. Hope to see you there!!!

We Need Volunteers!!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – Come and get to know your fellow Brothers!!!



COUNTRY BREAKFASTS



Thank you to all the Brothers who helped at the last breakfast. The next Country Breakfast is coming up in a few weeks and we can always use help with cooking, serving, and especially cleaning up the gathering area when the breakfast is over.



TEXAS HOLDEM



Thanks to all the Brothers who helped out at the last Texas Holdem, only one person had to work more than one shift. Here is where we **really** need your help. It seems like it is always the same brothers who volunteer and some end up having to work several shifts. This is the second of four events coming up this year. Please think about spending a few hours with us.

We could still use some help unloading the Forgotten Harvest Food Truck at the Agape Center on Tuesdays.

Come to the next Council meeting to find out more details and sign up times for these fun events!
Or call GK Jim Smiszek @ 752-2856, DGK Steve Betka @ 784-8612, or PGK Tony Nardozi @ 524-0904.

We would love to see some new faces! See the Council website at www.kofc7018.org for details.
See the Calendar of Events at the top of this newsletter for the upcoming dates of the events.



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AND MEMORIAL MASS



We have a Memorial Mass on November 9th at 7:00pm and a Flag Retirement Ceremony the following day, November 10th, at 12:00 noon. They are both very moving and dignified events. The Memorial Mass is to honor our past members and all are invited. The VFW, Police and Fire departments, Boy Scouts, and Knights of Columbus Color Corps will be represented at the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Please make every effort to attend one or both of these events

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF OUR COUNCIL BROTHERS AND FAMILY OF OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE GRIEVING, ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR SURGERY, ESPECIALLY: George Tremblay, Dale Jenuwine, Russ Morgan's wife, Walt Sierakowski's wife, Larry's Foltran's brother, Pat Podolski, Gary Jenuwine, Pat Raleigh's brother, Sol James, Walt Hoenle, Rocco Tenaglia, Ace Cudillo, Dave and Dawn Hribar, Gary Thomas, Nancy Gaspari, Viola Johnson, Jill Gapczynski, Tonya Ales, Jean Dey, Leonard Berlotti, Dick Kabel, Leslie Racz, Annette Griffiee, Chris Gamrat, Brian Conlon's sister Sharon McPhee, Don Spanske, Irene Jordan, Diane Masko, Dave Kaiser, Larry Rinke, Dick Agusti, Mitch Jabczenski, Gordon McBride, Lauren DiNio – granddaughter of Dick Podolski, Howard Weiler, and Matt Mets.

News from our Knight of Columbus Benefits Representative – Jim Parker

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Since 2003, each September has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that 76 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. Sixty-eight percent of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement, disability income and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not protecting your family's future sooner.

The added value of LTC insurance

As life expectancy increases, the number of people in need of long-term care, in their homes or outside facilities, has grown also. Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. Since 2005, every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest that we schedule some time together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this significant, value-added benefit.

"Live On" or "Leave On" Money

As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focus shifts to those "golden" retirement years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relax at home.

During my career as a field agent, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to "dump" somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to "live on" or "leave on"?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products backed by the strength and security of an insurance provider rated among the top in the industry.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner.

Jim Parker

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Brothers, besides our **Council Website**, www.kofc7018.org, please check out our parish websites at

www.stclementromeo.com and www.ssjohnandpaul.org

Also take a look at the other Knights of Columbus websites – www.kofc.org and www.mikofc.org

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