



Knights Log

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Grand Knight's Message

Jeff Maschler

Greetings brothers!

First a hearty welcome to the incoming leadership team of officers. Congratulations on a well run campaign! Now let's buckle down and get 'er done!

Reminder – no taco/pancake events until September.

How does it feel to belong to a group of men who donated over \$139 million to charity in the last fraternal year and dedicated over 60 million man hours? At 17.20 an hour that's over a billion dollars in charitable giving by the Knights of Columbus last year alone.

Did you know that only 2 percent of Catholics are Knights of Columbus? Note too that the Catholic Church expanded 45% under the leadership of Pope John Paul II. I think for our council the numbers are more like 10-20% of the parish is Knights, and our growth rate is probably only about 25% - still considered high within the Order. It would seem there is still enormous potential for growing our ranks.

We are fortunate. Our council, though relatively small, has a core of about 50 brothers – or almost half - who regularly attend meetings, volunteer for events, and do the business of the council. (Most of this core group posed for a picture during our last road pickup.) This year, the core includes a Chaplain (praise God!), our local district deputy, two parish deacons, and two fourth degree assembly officers. I firmly believe that one way to expand our council is to be an example to the rest of the community. These men are clearly an example. On behalf of our community, thank you for your selflessness and efforts to make this world a better place! And on

behalf of our council, thank you for being an example to us.

Recognizing the enormous potential, Supreme has put a new emphasis on recruitment this year. So I encourage you to make a friend, be a friend, and invite a friend to Christ – or a Knight's event and let our examples speak for themselves.

Another way to grow our ranks is to retain the people we have recruited. Activation is the process of getting a Knight involved and should begin the day of membership. Some of the tools of activation Supreme recommends are: major degree attendance, timely communications, recognition, and a targeted new member program. It is extremely important that the retention process begins the very first day the Catholic gentleman becomes a brother knight. Getting a new member actively involved in creating for him and his family that desire to give up their time and talent is a positive move toward retaining their membership.

We *are* a Catholic family services organization. Be an example to the world!

Viva Jesus!

Ladies of the Knights Update

Shelly Maschler

The Ladies Auxiliary members would like to offer a special thank you to Jeannie McNeil for her hard work and dedication over the past two years as President of our Auxiliary. We have all grown in spirit and leadership under her direction. A warm welcome to the new board for the next two years: Shelly Maschler, President--Jean McGuire, Vice President—Dana Ware, Treasurer—Cathy Hanchett, Secretary—Mary Jane Smith, Hospitality—Shirley Larouere and Mickey Cote, Historians. Thank you

very much for electing me. I know our dear Lord will guide us to do great things!

God Bless
Shelly Maschler

Pro-Life Support

Dave Miller

There is a way to support Pro-Life without actually sending them a check. I became aware of it from an article in the April 3rd KnightLine. Pro-Life has a search engine run by 2 Catholic men in the Chicago area. The father of one of these men just became a 4th Degree Knight. Each time you use the search engine, money is generated for Pro-Life organizations. Don't get any easier than that! The address is:

www.ProLifeSearch.com

This search engine is equipped with the SafeSearch filter which excludes pornography and other objectionable materials. So beside supporting the Pro-Life cause, you are also protecting your family from objectionable materials, what a great deal!

Your Prayers Do Help

Tony Marcotte

Thank you everyone for praying for me. The tumor is not growing at this point. We are very thankful for that.

Grand Geek's Message

Jeff Maschler

This is a subtle reminder that your contact information is tracked via the yahoo groups website. You can link to this site by clicking the yahoo icon at the bottom of our public page <http://kofc-11730.org>, or directly by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/kofc-11730>

On this site you will find: 1) the members list, 2) the public roster, 3) calling tree, 4) advertisements (brochures, signs, stationary), 5) past meeting minutes, 6) the official public council calendar, 7) Event photos, and 8) an email archive. Note that this site is not public – you must be a member of the yahoo group kofc-11730 to contribute.

But that membership is free to all council members. If you haven't already joined, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com>, get a yahoo id and request membership in yahoo group kofc-11730. Only when

you have your yahoo id, can you maximize the potential of our group site. Note requests are run through a moderator limiting membership to our council (and invited guests) only. Also, only yahoo group members can send to the council's official distribution list (kofc-11730@yahoogroups.com). (Spam proof!) And only yahoo group members can update their contact information on this site.

Consistent with the spam-proof concept - please use this distribution list for council matters only.

For now I think I have our distribution list synced up with Rod's latest list. Note if your email address changes, you will be responsible for updating it on the groups website. If you don't get frequent email updates from our council, please come talk to me.

Viva Jesus!

Jeff

Your Insurance Corner!

Mike Balchus 488-6816 balchus@aol.com.

YOUR INSURANCE CORNER. Did you know that your K of C offers fraternal benefits to our permanent life insurance plans that are available only to brother knights, at no cost? For example did you know that if we do permanent plans on both the husband and the wife, and both qualify for standard rates as non smokers, and the ratio of coverage is not more than 5 to 1 which means if one is covered for \$50,000 the other must have at least \$10,000 or not more than \$250,000 in coverage we provide a benefit exclusive to us. Those policies will come with a rider that states if either should predecease the other before age 65 the K of C will pay the survivor the benefit from the plan of the deceased, and, and , and, the K of C will pay the remaining premiums up to age 65 on the policy of the survivor. That is a great benefit at no cost. Did you also know that if you have a permanent plan with the K of C and your plan has a death benefit of \$50,000 or greater, the K of C will allow you to take out half the plan in advance if your physician states that you have a terminal illness and less than 12 months to live? Think for a moment about what your needs would be if you were faced with the knowledge that you were to die within 12 months. Do you think you could put that insurance money to good use? I know I could. Interested? Call me or e-mail me at (719) 488-6816, I'm your council agent and friend Mike Balchus.

Birthdays of July

12 Michael Fortner
13 Fr. Fredrick Lang
14 Scott Pashby

17 Timothy Peterson
25 John Stizza
26 James Stewart

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr Michael Butler	4952351	Financial Sec.	Dave Miller	495-0289
Grand Knight	Jeff Maschler	495-8538	Treasurer	Gary Ware	633-6885
Dep. Grand Knight	John McGuire	495-3120	Recorder	Joe McGirr	599-8829
Chancellor	Jeff Kusman	599-8812	Warden	Osa Tuck	495-7277
Advocate	Don Hardin		1 st Inside Guard	Dick Slusser	494-1450
Lecturer	Jimmy Stewart	488-9416	2 nd Inside Guard	Michael Kelly	
3 rd Year Trustee	Rod McNeil	548-8440	Outside Guard	Mike Pecora	
2 nd Year Trustee	Brian Livie	303-681-0378	Insurance Agent	Mike Balchus	488-6816
1 st Year Trustee	Pedro Gonzales	495-4623	District Deputy	Mike Hogan	495-0605

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Shelly Maschler	Hospitality	Mary Jane Smith
Vice President	Jeanne McGuire	Historian	Shirley Larouere , Mickey Cote
Secretary	Kathy Hanchett	Past President	Jeannie McNeill
Treasurer	Dana Ware		

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Ten Fabulous Years

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

JULY		
Date	Time	Activity
12	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
19	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security
21		State Golf Tournament Kings Deer Golf Course

AUGUST		
Date	Time	Activity
9	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
16	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security