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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



WHY DID I BECOME A KNIGHT?

This is a question that we should all ask ourselves. Being a child of the 60's, a teen of the 70's, and an idiot of the 80's, GOD knows that have made many, many, many poor decisions and choices. Somehow, I actually survived.

I look at my life now and am amazed. I am overwhelmed with blessings. From my beautiful children, to our wonderful home, to a job that I actually like, and to my many friends and family. And, NO ONE can explain to me how I was able to marry Carrie!!!!

It is these blessings that have compelled me to find some way to "give back". The Knights of Columbus provides that avenue which allows me to give back, and hopefully, actually make a difference.

Why did you join the Knights? Hopefully your answer is along the same lines as mine. That being said, I am perplexed as to how many Brothers choose not to come to our regular business meetings on the first Thursday night of every month right after 7:00 mass. I understand work, coaching, being out of town, etc., but I find it hard to believe that everyone has one of these reasons.

The ability to participate in our events, and "give back, or make a difference, is something that I cherish. How can you do the same? By coming to the meetings and being an active participant in the meetings. I hope you remember being told that during your first degree exemplification. I do.

So, I pray that you do some reflection and maybe pray about why you became a knight. And, hopefully, make a more concerted effort to be at the meetings to help make our council the very best that it can be.

Your Brother in Christ,

Jerry

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NEWS FROM SUPREME

The Knights of Columbus formally announced a donation to cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada during their time in Los Angeles as they participate in next year's Special Olympics World Games. The Knights' \$1.4 million sponsorship will cover the costs of food, transportation and entertainment for every athlete from the two countries during their time in Los Angeles.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson made the announcement during a news conference on July 14 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Joining him at the announcement was World Games CEO and President Patrick McClenahan and Archbishop of Los Angeles José H. Gomez. "The Knights of Columbus were there with Special Olympics and its founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, from the very beginning," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Sargent Shriver, Eunice's husband, was a friend and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, and like him, we are here today to continue those efforts on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities. Our support exemplifies our commitment to the dignity of every person, our dedication to assisting with our neighbors' needs whatever they may be, and our deep appreciation for the great work done by Special Olympics." Anderson also announced that he is asking the leadership of the K of C in each U.S. state and Canadian province to increase the number of volunteer hours donated to Special Olympics this year.

In a 1986 letter, Eunice Kennedy Shriver reflected on the Knights' long involvement, observing, "When a great organization like the Knights of Columbus decides to support Special Olympics, I know that God is looking after his children." Patrick McClenahan, president and CEO of Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015, noted: "Anyone that is a part of the Special Olympics movement is deeply aware of the long and generous support by the Knights of Columbus, and today's pledge is another amazing milestone. We hope their donation inspires other organizations to be a part of what will no doubt be a life-changing experience for all involved in the 2015 Special Olympic World Games."

At Monday's event, the Knights were also named as a "Founding Champion of the World Games." Also at that event, Archbishop José H. Gomez also announced the Archdiocese's spiritual support for the World Games.

In keeping with its long history of support for Special Olympics, K of C councils donated more than \$3.5 million to Special Olympics in 2013. Members also provided more than 250,000 hours of service at nearly 20,000 Special Olympics events. K of C councils also donated an additional \$13.5 million to a number of other projects assisting people with intellectual disabilities.

NEWS FROM STATE

We have just completed the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. I want to congratulate our Immediate Past State Deputy, Jim Collins and his team on a great year. Today, July 1, 2014, we begin a new fraternal year. I want to thank you for giving me the honor of serving you as your State Deputy in this great State of Texas. It is with a great deal of humility that I take on this leadership role. We as Brother Knights in Texas have had many great years in Membership, Council Growth, State Charities, Star Councils and Programming. We should be very proud of the tradition that we have established here in Texas. Without good leadership in the local areas, and without your hard work, dedication and love for the Order, Texas could not achieve its stature as the best Jurisdiction in the Order. As members of the Texas Jurisdiction, we must truly believe in what the Knights of Columbus stands for to dedicate ourselves to the growth and strengthening of our Order in Texas. In saying that, please remember that we have an obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. For us to have a successful year, we must all work together as a team. This teamwork lead us to be united as ONE and thus leading us to the theme that has been chosen for 2014 - 2015 as :**"WE ARE ONE."**

We have had some great years in Texas, but as some of our Past State Deputies have said many times "We haven't had our best year yet." Will this be the year?

Vivat Jesus!

Terry Simonton State Deputy

INSURANCE NEWS

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you Call Leo Lowdermilk at (832) 338-6269 or (800) 460-2706. Or email him at

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

I hope and pray that each of you had an enjoyable and family filled summer. With school starting up and everyone getting back into a regular routine it's time to look at your calendar and pencil in a KC event or two for the upcoming months. We have plenty of opportunities coming up to come out and support your council, brothers and the community. Our next event is just around the corner with the Special Olympics Aquatic event at the Don Cook Natatorium on Lexington Blvd. This family filled event will be on Saturday September 27th from 7:45am-2:00pm. Many brother Knights and their families from our district will be there so please make plans to come out even if it is for just an hour or so. The participants love to see all the volunteers cheering them on as they go for gold. If you plan on attending, please send me an email and let me know so that we can plan ahead. Also, there will be a sign in sheet so please check in when you get there and remember to wear your council colors!

Our theme in Texas this year is "We Are One". Per our Worthy State Deputy Terry Simon-ton, "It means that it is necessary for all of us to stand together to help defend life from conception to natural death, defend marriage between one man and one women, support those who are intellectually and physically challenged, come to the aid of those who are in need following a natural disaster, pray for an increase of vocations, visually show support of our clergy (both in word and deed), reinforce the practice of our faith through selfless demonstration, and be a shining example of what is good with our Order through our youth, our families, our community, and our parishes."

Vivat Jesus,

Gary Blanchette



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- At our August meeting our council presented the Knight of the Month Award to Brother Arthur Cruz and our Family of the Month Award to the Jancar Family. These awards are very well deserved as the recipients are all very active in the council and the parish. Congratulations to them and thank you to them for their service.
- After several masses our council sold briskets and half briskets to the parish. We were allowed to cook and sell 30 briskets and these were sold out after 9 AM mass on the 24th. The briskets were prepared and cooked at St. Laurence the week of Aug 24th and were passed out at the PLC over the Labor Day weekend. Thank you to all of the brothers that stepped up and helped to sell and cook and clean for the briskets, and also those who helped to pass them out at the PLC. The fund raiser was a great success and as always, the briskets were delicious.
- **AND FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY::** Brothers if you participate in any of our council activities, please take some pictures with your camera or cellphone and if you take some that you think are good pictures and represent the efforts and work of our council, PLEASE forward them to me at our website email address or to my email address gsbent@flash.net. If later on you've lost my email address you can find it at the bottom of the Council Activities pages in our monthly newsletter. You may also go to our website at www.kofc14617.org and at the bottom of the Home Page there is the council email address which is knights@kofc14617.org. If you send them to that address they will come through to me. As Summer ends and our council gets busy, I urge you to forward me pictures so that I can include them in future newsletters as the newsletter should include pictures of all of our projects. And if you happen to be in the pictures you send, that's great ! Let your family and friends and brothers see how hard you work to make this council a success. Nothing gets more brothers involved in our council events better than seeing pictures of other members stepping up and helping. And as you all know, some of it is work, but you always seem to get back much, much more than you put in.



Our August Knight of the Month Arthur Cruz



Our August Family of the Month The Jancar Family

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



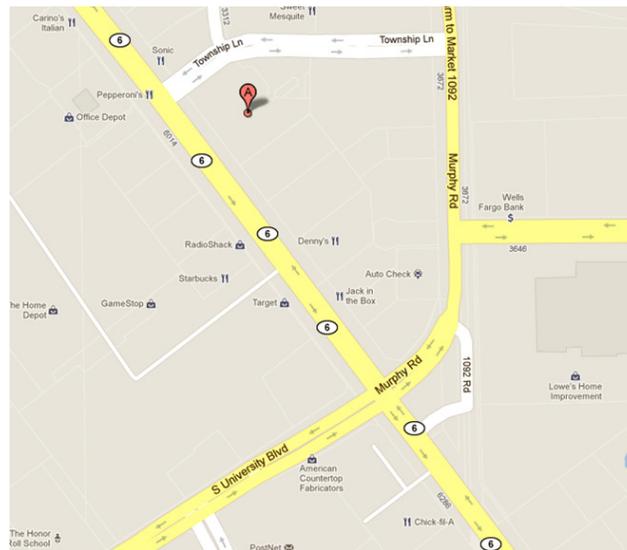
LIFE CHAIN
3:30 P.M.
October 5, 2014



Promote a culture of Life - join over 20 area churches to display signs advocating Life. Spend ninety minutes converting hearts and minds to remove abortion from our nation. Help us build a culture of life that protects women from pain and exploitation and saves babies from the scourge of abortion. You may hold a pro-life, 18" x 22", from several. This is an ecumenical event held with more than twenty other Christian Churches from Murphy Rd to SH 59. The program is sponsored by Christian Voices for Life,



St. Angela Merici has the east side of SH-6 between Murphy Road and Township Lane. Park at Capital One Bank's lot



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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT



Greetings Brother Knights !!

I want to thank you for being committed to the principles of who we are as Knights... Charity, Unity and Fraternity... And for those who want that little Lagniappe – Patriotism. In Matthew Chapter 13 versus 3-9

... And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was

scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Brothers, I invite you to go with me out into the field and sow a little seed. The field looks so lush, the ground having been just tilled, the rich soil just waiting to receive the seed to bring forth a bountiful harvest. Stepping into the field, some of us follow the furrows in the rows, just dropping the seeds in front of us, making sure that the seed is only in the 'good soil'. Some will even kick over some soil to cover the seed so that the birds cannot eat it up and protect the seed from the scorching sun.

Then there are those brothers who will be a bit more frivolous and scatter the seed over several rows at time, trying to get as much in as possible. The seed still in good ground, but may not be as fruitful as it may not be covered and receive the attention to get it started to grow.

With the fertile ground sown, there are still areas around the edges. This is where the truly adventurous fling the seed, hoping to extend the harvest. It is here that some will fall on the rocky ground, some amongst the thorns and weeds, and some on the path where the birds will eat it.

So Brothers, what seed have we planted on this journey? The seed of Columbianism... The message of who we are as Knights, what great works and deeds are done in our name. How we support both Church and State in the enabling virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. How we are in union with our clergy. And are perceived as the staunch defenders of the great principles upon which all lawful authority and government are founded.

Now then, the Brothers who so meticulously sowed their seed, taking care to give it all it can to grow, are the Brothers who are invested with helping bring new members to our Order, but not just as a 'number' but as a true Brother Knight, to step forward at harvest (the 1st Degree) and immerse themselves into the council in activities and participation.

The Brothers who spread the seed over several rows, also bring in the new members, but perhaps without the new Knight being immersed as quickly into the council, these brothers rely on others to help the new Knights become welcomed into the council. This is where the concept of Fraternity can really shine.

What about the seed sown on bad ground? Imagine, if you will, that after the planting, a large rain storm comes with blowing winds. Soil is brought from the field and deposited on the fringes. Some of the rocky ground may now have soil deep enough to allow a seed to grow. The deposited soil may cover up the weeds and thorns, killing them off so that some of that seed may prosper. And the birds may be denied some of their feast if the soil covers the path as well.

Can you guess what the message of this tale is? Brothers, the seed of Columbianism needs to spread to **ALL Catholic Men**. At harvest time let your council's Admissions Committee make the recommendation of acceptance or rejection of the prospect. If they do their job, the seeds in the rocky ground, or mixed with the weeds or even eaten by the birds, will be rejected... but those seeds that survived those trials will be welcomed into the Order with open arms.

Here is a 'tease' for next month's message. Curious? Check out Matthew Chapter 25 versus 1-13.

VIVAT JESUS !

(Don't know this greeting? Become a 3rd Degree Knight)

Dennis Trainor, District Deputy District 74



WELCOME FR. JOHN CAHOON OUR NEW WORTHY CHAPLAIN



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AUGUST/SEPT BIRTHDAYS

August 08 Matthew D. Tomasello,19 Arthur A. Cruz, 19 Fr John Rooney,23 Willie C. Session. September 03 Gary E. Gunn, 05 COLIN M. KIERNAN,06 Joe M. Blalack,09 DENNIS J. O DRISCOLL,12 VICTOR V. BENTZ,13 MARK D. MONTALBANO,15 JAMES C. MC ALLISTER,19 MARK A. RUBAL, 19 WILLIAM G. LACKEY,21 Colin A. Kiernan, 29 Matthew D. Sarmiento, 30 Armando C. Salas, 30 BRENT M. DIEZ

Our Prayers Are With You



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Our Men and Women in uniform both living and deceased

Our Holy Father and all of the clergy especially our new Pastor Father John Cahoon.

The repose of the soul of our brother SK Bob Lowdermilk

The innocent unborn.

Bro. Bill Copenhaver, Jared Goolsby

St. Angela Merici Parish.

The intentions of all our Brother Knights.



- Sept 4—Regular business meeting at PLC after 7 PM mass
- Sept 6—PLC Workday at 8 AM
- Sept 9—ADGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 at 7 PM
- Sept 13 & 14—Membership Drive at Ministry Fair
- Sept 15—1st Degree at ST. Thomas Aquinas Council at 7 PM
- Sept 16—4th Degree Assembly meeting at Council 4204 at 7:30 PM
- Sept 18—Officers' meeting at PLC after 7 PM mass
- Sept 20 & 21—Life Chain sign up at all masses
- Sept 27—Special Olympics Swim Meet at SL Natatorium 7:30 AM
- Sept 27—Major Degree
- Sept 27 & 28—FFL Diaper Drive
- Sept 28—Corp Communion 9 AM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Regular business meeting	5	6 PLC Workday
7	8	9 ADGH Chapter meeting	10	11	12	13 Ministry Fair Membership Drive
14 Ministry Fair Membership Drive	15 1st Degree at St. Thomas Aquinas	16 4th Degree meeting	17	18 Officers' meeting	19	20 Life Chain sign up
21 Life Chain sign up	22	23	24	25	26	27 Special Olympics, Diaper Drive
28 Diaper Drive, Corp. Communion	29	30				

- Oct 2—Regular business meeting at PLC after 7 PM mass
- Oct 4—PLC workday at 8 AM
- Oct 4, 5 & 11,12—Trunk R Treat Sign Up after all masses
- Oct 5—Life Chain at 2 PM
- Oct 12—VA Hospital visit meet at PLC at 7:30 AM
- Oct 14—ADGH Chapter Meeting at Council 3077 at 7 PM
- Oct 16—Officers' Meeting at PLC after 7 PM mass
- Oct 18—Convent mowing at Dominican Convent at 8 AM
- Oct 18—FFL Gala at SL Marriott
- Oct 20—1st Degree at Council 4204 Hall at 7 PM
- Oct 21—4th Degree Assembly meeting Council 4204 Hall at 7:30 PM
- Oct 25—Trunk R Treat at 6 PM

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			1	2 Regular business meeting	3	4 PLC Workday, Trk R Trt Sign Up
5 Life Chain, Trunk R Treat Sign Up	6	7	8	9	10	11 Trunk R Treat Sign Up
12 VA Hospital, Trk R Trt Sign Up	13	14 ADGH Chapter meeting	15	16 Officers' meeting	17	18 Convent mowing, FFL Gala
19	20 1st Degree at St. Theresa	21 4th Degree meeting	22	23	24	25 TRUNK R TREAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	



May God continue to bless our Council and St. Angela Merici Parish. May He guide us and lead us to serve Him by serving our fellowman through our many council activities.

