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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

We have arrived at a new year and we are on the verge of a momentous fraternal year! Beginning on July 1, 2012, our Council will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Special events marking this occasion are in the planning stages now, but it will be a year-long celebration from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

Also fast approaching is the annual Florida State Convention, which will be held May 25-27, 2012, in Orlando. Our Council will be sending two delegates and two alternates. Traditionally, the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knight, and the Financial Secretary attend, but if you are interested in going please let me know. Elections for delegates will be held at the February business meeting.

This brings me to the subject of Council elections, which are also fast approaching. Each of us is called to serve in ways we do not anticipate nor even prefer. But as Christians and faithful Catholic gentlemen, we answer the call. Council elections will be held in May, but in the meantime I ask that you prayerfully consider how you may serve the Council, the Knights, and the Church. I would love to hear from each of you how you envision your role with the Council in the future!

Vivat Jesus!
Luis R. Guzman
Grand Knight



COMMITTEE REPORTS



Council Activities

Council elections are coming up. As you prayerfully consider your next step in your involvement in our Council, the Knights, and our Church, please take a moment and reflect on the following quote which I would like to share with you:

“It took me a long time to feel safe in this unpredictable climate, and I still have moments in which I clamp down and tell everyone to shut up, get in line, listen to me, and believe in what I say. But I am also getting in touch with the mystery that leadership, for a large part, means to be led. I discover that I am learning many new things, not just about the pains and struggles of wounded people, but also about their unique gifts and graces. They teach me about joy and peace, love and care and prayer – what I could never have learned in any academy. They also teach me what nobody else could have taught me, about grief and violence, fear and indifference. Most of all, they give me a glimpse of God’s first love, often at moments when I start feeling depressed and discouraged... Jesus has a different vision of maturity: It is the ability and willingness to be led where you would rather not go.”

-Henri J.M. Nouwen. “*In the Name of Jesus.*”

Chaplain’s Prayer

O Lord, my God, teach my heart this day where and how to see you, where and how to find you. You have made me and remade me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, and still I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire; let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you; let me love you when I find you.

-Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033 – 1109).

Our Departed Brothers

This is a special message regarding our departed Brother Knights. Far too often, we lose a Brother Knight to the eternal reward of Heaven suddenly and with great sadness to those whom he has left behind. We know in our hearts we will see him again - just not yet.

No doubt this is a trying time for the family of our departed Brother, and our Order from its very founding is responsible for supporting his family members in their time of need. Family members frequently find themselves lost and have little or no awareness of how the Knights of Columbus can provide for their needs, whether emotional, financial, spiritual or fraternal. Many do not know that they can request an Honor Guard for the funeral, the Council Hall for reception, or that a prayer can be said for the family. In many cases, our Council is simply and sadly unaware that a Brother Knight has passed on from this life to the next.

With these issues in mind, I encourage each of my Brother Knights to write to me with instructions regarding your wishes should our Council be faced with your illness, incapacity, or death. Do you wish to have an Honor Guard? Does your family want to continue receiving newsletters/magazines or dinner invitations (they will always have a place at our table)?

For those of you who desire to share your wishes, please contact me at Lrguzman@live.com, call me at (407) 325-4605, or write to me at P.O. Box 1800, Orlando, FL 32802.

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Every Thursday and Sunday Night

K of C BINGO

Doors open at 3:30 P.M.

Warm-ups at 5:30 P.M.

Regular bingo at 6:45 P.M.

K of C Bingo Hall is a non-smoking facility.



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Financial Secretary's Report

Our Financial Secretary has been working hard to ensure the timely and complete collection of membership dues. But despite these efforts, he reports that nearly half of our members have not paid their dues for the 2011-2012 fraternal year.

Since the fraternal year is set to expire on June 30 of this year, we must assume that those members who have not paid dues do not intend to do so. The reasons for not paying dues can be numerous and varied, including simply not wishing to be a member of our council. If there are special circumstances that are preventing you from paying dues, please contact either myself at lrguzman@live.com or our Financial Secretary Jim Mowinski at jimmo@cfl.rr.com

If it is the case that those members who have not paid their dues simply wish to cease their participation and fellowship with our Council, please let me or Jim Mowinski know. Those members who have not paid their dues will otherwise be presumed to voluntarily cease their association with our Council and will not receive this newsletter and other mailings (invitations, announcements, etc.).

Personal Reflection

Just before a recent meeting, I was discussing the reasons a person might join the Knights with another member. This member, who had also recently joined, told me that he joined because we were the only organization made up of people who know what it's like to be a Catholic man in this world. This had me thinking: what did it mean to be a "Catholic man"?

Our Council meeting went on as usual that evening, with the typical errors and pitfalls, personal mistakes and impromptu soliloquies, debates, complaints, new ideas and precious few volunteers. Then we had a first degree ceremony espousing ideals too often quickly forgotten immediately afterward. There were the pre- and post-meeting discussions, everything

from football to politics to how the Knights and this Council are falling apart at the seams, on the verge of a comeback, or something in between.

Having gone straight from work to the Council hall for the meeting and all that accompanied it, I had no opportunity to eat so I was starving and tired. I got home around 10:30pm to a dark and sleeping house. There was no one to welcome me home or dinner waiting for me. There was an unfed cat and a pile of dirty dishes to clean. There was trash to take out and a hundred other post-meeting tasks.

As I finally lay my head down to sleep, I reflected on the evening, the work day, that morning's busy preparations for the day, and that I would do it all again tomorrow with the expectation of doing more. That's when I realized what it meant to be a "Catholic man."



Membership

We are always looking for good Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks. As Brothers in such a storied Order, it is important that we give other Catholic gentlemen the opportunity to join our ranks and share in our traditions and works. For that reason, we are always recruiting new members. Often we will do so as part of a nationwide organized drive, meant to energize our current members and encourage new ones.

In this sense, every event we have is an opportunity to ask potential members to join with us. I encourage all of you to invite someone you believe will make a good Knight to one of our events, whether to help with a fundraiser, BBQ, or one of our social meetings and our Christmas party. Be sure to take every opportunity to invite your fellow Catholic gentlemen to serve Christ and our Church through our Order.

Remember, every 1st Tuesday of the month is a social meeting to which you are encouraged to invite potential members. We hope to see many attend!

2011-2012 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

ELECTED

Chaplain	Luis R. Guzman	407-325-4605
Grand Knight	Tom Lawlor	407-416-5286
Dep. Gr. Knight	Tom Lawlor	407-416-5286
Chancellor	Dave Segbers	407-417-0677
Recorder	William Stansberry	407-323-6255
Treasurer	Joseph M. Koropsak	321-441-5407
Financial Secretary	Jim Mowinski	407-462-9618
Advocate	Carl W. Bailey	407-332-8571
Warden	Joseph Tolley	321-277-2153
Inside Guard	Willard Olsen	
Outside Guard	Joe Hagan	407-323-1335
1st Year Trustee	Ron Schwallie	407-417-0791
2nd Year Trustee	Brian A. Pung	407-833-8955
3rd Year Trustee	John Simes	407-333-0488



Council meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
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APPOINTED

Directors		
Program Director	Tom Lawlor	407-416-5286
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Church Representatives:		
All Souls	Willard Olsen	407-321-6576
Nativity	Felipe Cordova	407-327-0201
St Augustine	Carl W. Bailey	407-332-8571
Community Activities Director		
Council Activities Director	Joe Hagan	407-323-1335
Family Activities Director	Andrew Valente	407-324-9437
Youth Activities Director		
Membership Activities Director		
Health Services Director	Larry Kinser	407-302-3923
Public Relations Director		
Handicap Director	Jack Holt	407-865-2958
Committee Chairmen		
Vocations Committee	Dave Segbers	
Bible Placement Committee		
Keep Christ in Christmas	William Stansberry	407-323-6255
Bingo Committee	Robert V. Tolle	407-349-5030
BBQ Committee	Joe Hagan	407-323-1335
Retention Committee	Ron Schwallie	407-417-0791
1st Degree Team Leader	Joseph Tolley	321-277-2153
Sunshine Committee	Joseph M. Koropsak	321-441-5407
Pro-Life Couple	Tom and Autha Lawlor	407-323-6359
Columbus Club Officers		
President	Andrew Valente	407-324-9437
Vice President	Larry Marquis	
Treasurer	Brian Pung	407-883-8955
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