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STAR COUNCIL



Brother Knights

I sincerely hope that your summer is going just perfect and that you spend as much time with your families as you can. As we roll into August, we already have a lot of planning to do for the next 3 months. This month we will have the Installation of Officers on August 23rd, in the OLOH Chapel. If you have never attended this event, or if you have, please come out and show your support for your newly elected Brother Officers.

Also, if you have not been getting my email updates, please send me your current email address at Theckstonpj@comcast.net.

Best regards and Vivat Jesus.

Pat Theckston,

Grand Knight

STAR COUNCIL

Star Council is the highest award for excellence that a Council can receive. It requires the earning of three preliminary awards. A Council must earn the Fr. McGivney award by meeting the quota for membership set by Supreme, our quota was a net gain of 22. The Founders Award for our quota of 8 new insurance members and the Columbian Award for accomplishing 4 successful programs in each of our 5 standing committees i.e. Council, Church, Community, Family, Youth and Culture of Life. In addition, a Council must host or participate (with a candidate) in 4 First Degree Exemplifications during the Columbian Year. And finally, submit all the necessary paper work documenting everything. This is the 19th time we have won this award and we can all take pride in our Council's record of excellence. Let us continue to build on this record.

Vivat Jesus.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the month for August is John Harry (Council Warden). Our Family of the month for August is George Fuchs and family (Service to the Council).

FAITH IN ACTION

Surge With Service has been the umbrella for all the service programs leading to the Columbian Award, a requirement for Star Council. It covered our 6 standing committees i.e. Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Culture of Life. As of July 1, Surge With Service is replaced by **Faith In Action**. This umbrella covers 4 standing committees i.e. Faith, Family Community and Life. All the programs that we normally do can fall into one of these categories. Each program is worth 1 point and we would need 16 for the Columbian Award. However, these 16 points must include 4 special programs (worth 2 points each). We will talk more about these as the year progresses. So it appears that this new Columbian Year will be both interesting and challenging. Stay tuned.

ANNUAL DUES

This is the month of August and there are still some of you who have not yet paid their annual dues. Please take care of this important matter NOW. Thank you.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On July 5th, our Council sponsored a blood donor drive in the Parish Center. Thanks to the support of our members and friends, we collected 56 pints. Supplies are short, particularly during the vacation months, and help was needed. We thank Dan Riiff, Bob Calabro and Bob Witkowski for managing the program

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Council will install officers for the new Columbian Year on Thursday, August 23rd, in OLOH Chapel. The ceremonies will begin with Mass at 7:30 PM followed by the installation by our District Deputy, Frank Brandis. All officers are expected to be at the Chapel at 7:00 PM for a brief rehearsal. Family members are welcome and refreshments will follow in the Church gathering space. **There will be no Council meeting on this date.**

CHAPLAINS CORNER

The many distractions in our world today seem to draw man's mind away from God and from the main purpose of his life on earth---the salvation of his soul. Many, especially in the prime of life, seldom give thought to their finiteness, that is to say, their limitations and weaknesses. Many a person will not admit that his very existence depends entirely on God, and what he is and what he possess are free gifts from God. He prefers to judge things according to worldly standards in his pursuit of riches, pleasures and applause. Instead of loving and thanking God, who is the giver of all good things, often man loves himself all the more for his worldly success, and looks for recognition from those around him.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

The number of companies providing a traditional pension has been steadily dwindling since the 1980s. Individual retirement accounts have become the common vehicle for building a retirement nest egg. You may have heard of the 3 legged stool of retirement: this was the combination of: 1) social security income, 2) pension income, 3) savings/investment income. When nearing retirement without a pension, you need to create your own plan to draw steady income from the assets you worked hard to accumulate. You may even be concerned your nest egg will not see you through retirement. You can't know how long that may be. The Knights of Columbus Single Premium Annuity (SPIA) is designed to provide periodic income payments to the annuitant. This is a contract whereby you pay a single premium upfront in exchange for the guarantee of an income stream for a set period, or for life. It is a form of insurance. For further information please call me for an appointment.

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PAPAL BENEFICIARY

Pope Francis is the latest beneficiary of the Knights of Columbus insurance program. While at the Vatican last week for a meeting of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented a check for more than \$110,000 to Pope Francis on behalf of a recently deceased priest who was a 45-year member of the Knights. Supreme Knight Anderson explained to the Pope that the priest designated the Holy Father as a beneficiary of his Knights of Columbus life insurance and annuity policies as a sign of his "solidarity with the Bishop of Rome and desire to support your charitable concerns." After the meeting, the supreme knight added, "Every day our insurance products help our members take care of their families. I can't think of a better way for a priest to take care of his family — the Church."

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, August 3rd after the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the Chapel to schedule a devotion time. The month of July was well attended. Let's keep the momentum going.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following members or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: James Breen, Tim Cammarota, Paul Chatburn, Tom Conway, Frank D'Amico, Kevin Dunne, Michael Finucane, Michael Hammerbeck, Robert Galasso, John P. Iovacchino, Joe Juhas, Jason McArdle, Christian Malatesta, Robert Merkl, John Milligan, Mrs. Kathleen Mikos, John Pagano, Sal Russo, Alex Skelly, Gerald Straub, Frank

Talarico, Dennis Westfall, John Whelan, Matthew Whelan and Carmen Valentino.

The following members will celebrate their anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. Albert Belmont III, Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Olaya, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Vogelsong. CONGRATULATIONS!

If we missed someone please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy08012@comcast.net.

EDITORIAL

We begin by congratulating our newly elected Council Officers and pledge our support for the coming Columbian Year. Our Charity Mania program, that offers players participation for the 17 week football season for only \$20, is off to a good start. If you haven't played yet, there is still time right up to the start of the season.

Take note that the Parish Festival has been rescheduled for Sept. 13-15 because of the earlier weather cancellations. We will, once again, operate the beer garden. Our regular meeting has been rescheduled for the week before i.e. Sept. 6th.

Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 3 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Aug. 9 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Aug. 9 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Aug. 23 Installation of Officers (7 PM Chapel)
- Sept. 3 Labor Day
- Sept. 6 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)**
- Sept. 6 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)**
- Sept. 7 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Sept. 8-9 Baby Bottle Boomerang (All Masses)
- Sept. 13-15 Parish Family Festival (Carnival)
- Sept. 15-16 Membership Drive (All Masses)
- Sept. 22 Hoagie Sale
- Sept. 27 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)





SUPREME COUNCIL

Supreme Council Office, HQ - New Haven, Connecticut
Supreme Knight, the CEO for KofC
Leadership, oversight, & administrative support

JURISDICTIONS

More than 75 State Council organizations
Mandate to drive regional activities
Governed by principles of the order

DISTRICTS

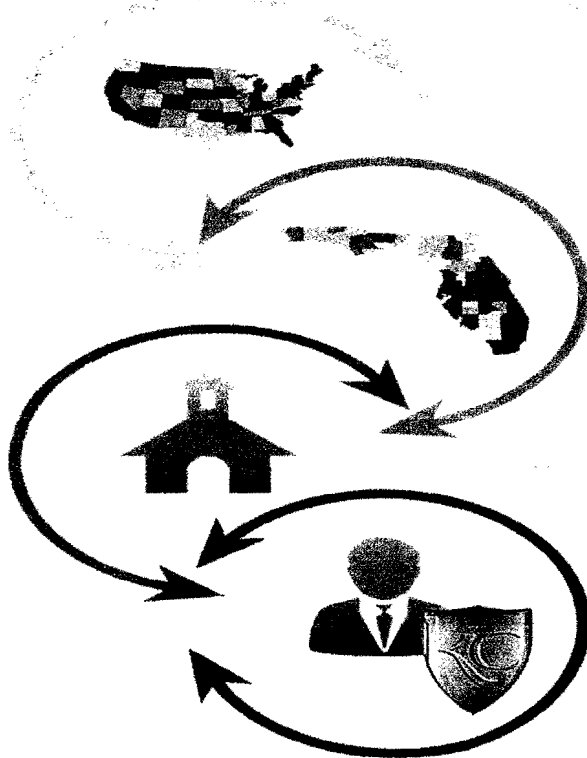
3,269+/- District Councils
45 +/- 4th Degree Provinces
Aggregation of several local councils / assemblies
Governed by principles of the order

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

15,000 +/- Local Councils
3,000 +/- Assemblies
Basic unit of the Knights
Based within Parishes. Some with their own community halls

INSURANCE AGENTS

1,400 +/- Certified Knights across KofC
Every Council assigned an agent, a Knight
Responsible for offering products to member families



Supreme Council Office

The Knights of Columbus international headquarters is located in New Haven, Connecticut. Led by the Supreme Knight, the chief executive officer of the Knights, the office provides administrative support and leadership for our more than 15,000 local units.

Jurisdictions

The Supreme Council has more than 75 state council organizations to help guide regional activities that are consistent with the principles of the Order.

Districts

Each state council is divided into districts - groupings of several local councils.

Local Councils

Local councils are the basic unit of the Knights. Most are based in parishes, though some have their own council hall within a community. Each local council works to assist with the needs of its community consistent with the principles of the Order. A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders; in fact, with its many programs, it can help change the community, town, city or neighborhood in which you live. However, a successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in the way it works. Each local council evaluates the needs of their community and implements those programs and activities that are most needed in their area. The Knights of Columbus **Service Programs** activities are designed to engage the council members in various activities across a host of categories.

Insurance Agents

Every council is assigned a certified insurance agent, who is a Knight, and whose job it is to provide our top-rated products focused on the financial needs of members' families.