

# Council Crier



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**Next meeting Wednesday October 5th @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend**

## From the Grand Knight, Bob Evanich



Congratulations to our council for not only being awarded the Santa Maria Award from Indiana, but for earning the distinction of Star Council from Supreme for the 2010-2011 fraternal year. The Star Council award is one of the organizations top awards. This award recognizes our overall excellence in the areas of membership, recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities. We don't do what we do to earn awards; we earn awards because of what we do. A big thank-you goes to Jay Stanley who dedicated much of his time to figuring out what forms we needed to submit to be recognized by the State and Supreme Councils.



Many of the activities we do are out of *Charity*, one of the founding principles of the Knights of Columbus. Whenever there's something that needs to be done around Holy Rosary, our Knights are the ones the Parish turns to; however, whether we are Knights or not, there's not one of us who would not jump at the chance to step up to the plate. So, earning these awards was for something that already comes naturally!

As you can see from the list of activities, we've been quite busy these first 3 months of the new fraternal year. We have had several Council activities which focus on another principle, *Fraternity*. Just being around other like-minded catholic men, no matter what the activity, helps each of us on our journey to heaven.



40 Days for Life kicked off on Sunday, September 25. Although abortion is an ongoing war, when we're not on the front lines, we sometimes get caught up in our everyday lives and don't engage in the fight. 40 Days for Life brings focus to this and is a time for us to pick up our weapon, the Rosary, get into the battle and stand up for those who can't. Contact our Pro-Life committee chair, Jerry Mattingly, to see how you can participate during the 40 Days campaign.

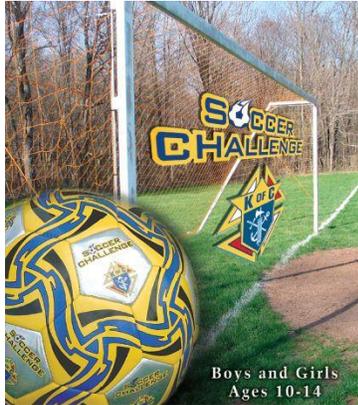
Finally, welcome to the new Knights to our council since our last newsletter: Sid Johnson, Kevin Richards, Jose Ocampo, Evan Williams and Kurt Schlegel.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Evanich, GK  
Santo Rosario Council

## Soccer Challenge Update

We held our Soccer Challenge after the parish picnic. There were 8 winners out of 17 contestants. Each player shot 15 penalty kicks with each kick scored according to where it landed in the goal. Winners will move on to the District Level competition which will be held at Nativity on October 8, 3:00 PM behind Weilhammer Hall. The winners from our council competition are:



<u>Age</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
10		Leo Ocampo
11	Jessalyn Friederick	River Weinschrott
12		Bryce Friederick
13	Lea Weinschrott	Neil O'Brien
14	Sabrina Cobb	Ivan Stanley

## Major Degree Opportunity

St. Pius X council will be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Although this conflicts with Respect Life Sunday, those bothers who are First Degree Knights might want to consider attending this one. In the future, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplifications will not be held on the same day. Becoming a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight gives you the opportunity to serve our council as an officer. Those interested in going can contact Bob Evanich at [bob.evanich@kofcsantorosario.org](mailto:bob.evanich@kofcsantorosario.org), or 317-614-5744.

## Third Annual Holy Rosary Parish Picnic

Despite the rain, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holy Rosary Parish picnic was a huge success. Thanks to Don L. Murphy for smoking 8 pork buttes overnight on Saturday and for grilling all the burgers and hot dogs, along with his assistants, the day of the picnic. A big thank-you to everyone who helped set up, tear down, take care of the trash throughout the picnic and for helping out with the Soccer Challenge. Once again, the success of the picnic was due to the selflessness of our brother Knights!

## From Financial Secretary, SK Jay Stanley

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011 seemed like a whirlwind for our council! 395+ hours of service to the parish and community have been tracked through our activities. This is a tremendous start to the fraternal year, and a reflection of how generous our Knights are with their time. As I usually mention, this does not take into account the countless hours our Knights volunteer outside the council. We just had another successful Parish Picnic. The Soccer Challenge was a tremendous success. Our cornhole tournament was beyond all expectations. These are a few of the many activities in our council. The opportunities are there. Please try to latch on to one, and get involved! Thank you for your great work brother Knights!

Here is a list of activities our Council was involved with over the last quarter, you don't need to help with all of them, but you are always invited anytime.

1. Indians Game
2. Cornhole Tournament
3. Holy Rosary Light Bulb Replacement
4. Parish Picnic
5. Holy Family Shelter
6. Food Drive
7. Coffee & Donuts
8. Family Movie Night
9. Kid's Play in the Park
10. Soccer Challenge

We also have the following events scheduled for the rest of the year. Please contact GK Bob Evanich and let him know which ones you can help with.

1. Assembly Dinner
2. Vocations Event
3. Memorial Mass
4. Knight of Reflection (Advent)
5. Holy Family Shelter
6. Food Drive
7. Movie Nights (Quarterly)
8. Coffee & Donuts
9. Adoration (1st Friday)
10. Life Chain
11. 40 Days for Life
12. Knight in New Orleans
13. Essay Contest

### **Ask Father Magiera**

Q: On the High Altar, on each side of the Tabernacle, are placed three candlesticks. What do they represent?

A: I have heard many reasons. Some are logical, i.e., two candles don't provide enough light. We all need light to see. I have read that six torches were carried before Roman magistrates on occasion as a mark of dignity.

The Church in Rome, when it ascended in influence, took over these symbols when civil authority lost its sway and the Church played a greater role in civil authority. There have been theological meanings assigned to the number. In fact, I've used this tool as well: There are seven Sacraments. Of those seven, only one stands alone and doesn't REQUIRE a recipient for it to "be." That Sacrament is the Holy Eucharist. At the same time, it is the Holy Eucharist, i.e., God Himself, from which all grace proceeds.

Ergo, the other six Sacraments "look to" and owe their efficaciousness to the Holy Eucharist. The six candles flanking the tabernacle, then, can symbolize the six Sacraments that look to the

Holy Eucharist, the greatest Sacrament, resident in the tabernacle. Gradually, the use of candles has been prescribed by the Church as things to be used in worship. The short answer is that there is really no reason for six candles or that there are many reasons for them.

Over the years, particularly with the liturgical changes resulting from the Concilium after Vatican II, rules for candles have been relaxed - sometimes, unfortunately, to the point that in some churches - who knows how many - there may even be no candles on the altar.

Happily, this is changing, particularly with the Holy Father's clear preference for the "Benedictine Arrangement" which we have at Holy Rosary on Sundays in the Ordinary Form celebration of Mass "ad populum" (facing the people) - six candles on either side of the altar crucifix.

### **From Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson**



#### **The Shrine of Blessed John Paul II will keep the late pontiff's vision alive for future generations**

Last month, I reflected on how we have all had the privilege to see and hear Blessed John Paul II, either in person or on television. We have known him to be a special friend of the Knights of Columbus. We have been inspired by his many messages to us and by the privilege to support so many of his pastoral initiatives.

I think future generations will look back on us with envy that this was so. And I think that if they envy us, they will also ask us what we did to keep his memory, his legacy and his vision alive.

Now, because of recent actions at our 129th Supreme Convention, we will be able to say that the Knights of Columbus will be at the forefront of preserving John Paul II's legacy for generations to come. During this fraternal year we will establish in Washington, D.C., a national center and shrine dedicated to Blessed John Paul II. It will include a permanent museum on the life and pontificate of this great pope with special emphasis on his visits to countries in which the Knights of Columbus are active. And it will give a lasting expression of his desire to foster unity and solidarity among all the people of our hemisphere.

With this initiative, we will also establish a new museum to celebrate the 500-year Catholic heritage of North America. This shrine will be a place where English-, Spanish- and French-speaking pilgrims from throughout North America will encounter the mission and legacy of one of history's greatest popes. It will be a place where they will continue to experience his blessing and a place where our children and grandchildren will learn about their great heritage as Catholics.

To this end, we will purchase the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., located just down the street from three other institutions that the Knights of Columbus has long supported: the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, The Catholic University of America and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I hope the new Shrine of Blessed John Paul II will have a special relationship with each of these institutions and also with the new John Paul II Center presently under construction in Krakow, Poland.

True to Blessed John Paul's vision, and using the story of his life as an inspiration, the shrine will be an opportunity to evangelize and spread the Good News of the Gospel. In a recent letter, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, expressed his support for our initiative, saying, "I offer heartfelt good wishes for its successful realization. I am particularly appreciative of the desire of the Knights not only to cultivate devotion to the late pontiff, but also to advance his insightful teaching on the complex and fruitful interplay of faith and culture in the New World. I am deeply gratified that your Order has wished to carry forward that vision as part of your commitment to the new evangelization."

Pope John Paul II visited the United States seven different times. He visited Mexico five times, Canada three times and the Philippines twice. Included in his trips was his participation at World Youth Days 18 years ago in Denver and nine years ago in Toronto. His first international trip as pope was to this continent as well — to Mexico City to visit America's mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Because of his tireless evangelization, an entire generation of Catholics has become known as the "John Paul II Generation," and certainly we are honored to continue to spread his powerful message of hope for our country, our continent and our world with the same energy and devotion that is the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus.

*Vivat Jesus!*

### **From our Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy**

The action taken by Standard and Poor's on Monday, August 8, does not reflect in any way on the business operations or performance of the Knights of Columbus. S&P's action – as their statement indicates – was caused by the downgrade of the rating of the United States in response to this country's debt crisis. According to S&P's statement on the methodology for their decision "the U.S. sovereign credit rating constrains the long-term ratings on these U.S. insurers." S&P's latest release cites the "very strong financial profiles" and "favorable business profiles" of the Knights of Columbus and other insurers affected by their rating revision. In addition, they cite the benefit the Knights of Columbus has from our "affinity relationships with our policyholders."

Because of our sound and ethical business practices and investment strategies, the Knights of Columbus is stronger today relative to the industry than it was five years ago. Over the past five years, the life insurance industry as a whole has seen a 6.8 percent decrease in sales. But during that same time, Knights of Columbus life insurance sales have grown by 20.7 percent. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, we have improved both operational performance and the credit quality of our investments. We continue to have the highest rating possible from A.M. Best (A++) and the highest rating S&P is able to give to any insurance company based in the United States (AA+). In short, there continues to be no more highly rated insurer in the United States than the Knights of Columbus, and our members can continue to have the highest confidence in our performance as a company and in the safety of the money that they have entrusted to us.

I'm at 317-532-7330 or [don.murphy@kofc.org](mailto:don.murphy@kofc.org). Contact me – let's talk.

Don R Murphy - Knights of Columbus Insurance

## **Volunteer Opportunities at Holy Family Shelter**

### **Volunteer – Guest Services**

Guest Service Volunteers offer a close relationship to the families staying at Holy Family Shelter. Persons interested in fulfilling this position must display excellent communication skills. Volunteers assist staff with the daily functions of the shelter. Duties may include filing, answering telephones, assisting donors with donations, and distributing hygiene items to residents. Guest Service Volunteers are generally scheduled 1x/wk or 2x/month for two to three hour shifts. We ask for a one year commitment for this position. All volunteers must complete an application, and attend an orientation and tour to prepare for duty.

### **Volunteer – Lunch/Dinner Servers**

Lunch/Dinner Servers provide assistance during weekend and holiday meal preparation. Duties may include food preparation, serving meals to residents, and cleaning the kitchen area. Lunch/Dinner Volunteers are generally scheduled one meal shift per month, but we also have opportunities from time to time for 1x meal volunteers. Lunch on weekends and holidays is at 1pm, and dinner is at 5pm. If your family or organization is interested in committing to any of these times please contact Emily.

### **Volunteer – Clothing/Donation**

Clothing/Donation Volunteers should be creative and detail oriented. Duties include inventory, sorting, and distributing donated items. Some bending and lifting is required. The Clothing/Donations Volunteers schedules are flexible.

### **Volunteer – Children’s Services**

Children’s Services Volunteers have many opportunities to assist the children and staff. These volunteers must be energetic and creative. Duties may include helping with childcare on evenings and weekends when classes are being held for the parents. Children’s Services volunteers have the opportunity to come in and host children’s activities such as arts and crafts, movies, dance, music, storytelling, etc. Children’s Services volunteers can be on an ongoing basis, or a one-time event. Must complete a volunteer application, and attend an orientation and tour to prepare for duty.

### **Volunteer – Repair/Maintenance**

Individuals who are skilled in the following areas would be a great resource:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Vehicle Maintenance
- General Home Repair

### **Group Work/Specialized Projects**

Groups and organizations may volunteer to host a holiday celebration, prepare and sponsor a meal, or organize crafts for residents. Groups may also consider helping with cleaning projects or offer to do a collection drive of items/money.

**For more information on Volunteering with Holy Family Shelter, please contact Emily Able at (317) 635-7830, ext. 19 or [eable@holyfamilyshester.net](mailto:eable@holyfamilyshester.net)**

## **Council Officers for 2011-2012**

Grand Knight	Bob Evanich
Deputy Grand Knight	Edwin Barron
Chancellor	Stephen ( Steve) Watt
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Magiera
Recorder	Timothy Rushenberg
Treasurer	Carlos Rivas
Advocate	Brian Murrey
Warden	Nino Morone
Inside Guard	Fred Feld
Outside Guard	Paul Neuendorf
3 Year Trustee	Don L. Murphy
2 Year Trustee	Don Benson
1 Year Trustee	Frank Oliver
Financial Secretary	Jay Stanley
Past Grand Knight	Don L. Murphy
Lecturer	Kurt Hostettler

## **Committee Chairs for 2011-2012**

Program Director	Jay Stanley
Church Director	Gary Willen
Community Director	Jerry Friederick
Council Director	Don Benson
Family Director	Edwin Barron
Youth Director	Vacant
Pro-Life Director	Jerry Mattingly
Membership Director	Frank Oliver