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Winner of the Outstanding Missouri Council Newsletter Award for 2011-2012

COLUMBIAN AWARD

I am pleased to announce that our council was awarded the "Columbian Award" for our Service Programs for the 2011-2012 fraternal year. This award is something that everyone can take great pride in achieving, but Grand Knight Ron Mathias would like for us to "Shoot for the Stars" this year and earn the coveted "Star Council" award. But we need **your** help in doing this - recruit a new member and give him the same opportunity to serve our Church and Community through his Knights of Columbus membership



Insurance Agent Alex Murray send out 99 cards inviting male members from our parish to join our Order. If any of these men contact you asking for additional information on the Knights, please answer their questions honestly, or direct them to any officer. There is a lot of misinformation out there about the Knights, and we would like the opportunity to provide potential new members with the truth!

CHARITY

- We provided a meal for the Bearcat Football team after Mass on August 12. (Approximate cost \$300) See pictures on Page 3.
- We provided a BBQ Chicken Dinner for the Newman Center students on August 26. (Approximate cost \$300) See pictures on Page 3.
- \$100 to sponsor 5 of the new Gather Hymnals for St. Gregory's.
- \$334 to renew our council's advertisement in the St. Gregory's bulletin for one year.
- \$100 to Conception Abbey for their annual Rector's Appeal

Past Grand Knight, and current District Deputy, Rick Rogers sold us a deep freeze he had for the bargain price of \$100. We will use it to store the fish for our Fish Fries, and then we will use our kitchen in our meeting area to thaw it the day of the event. This way we won't need to inconvenience St. Gregory's Preschool. Thanks Rick!

RESPECT LIFE - Cell Phones / Digital Cameras

If you have any old cell phones or digital cameras you no longer use, please consider donating them to the Knights. The money raised will go to the Meet Life program. Last year, more than \$500,000 was donated to Meet Life, and 23 ultrasound machines were placed in Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout Missouri. We are making a difference! (Please have donations in by December 12.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

A complete list of upcoming council events is on Page 2, but I would like to highlight several important ones.

- September 22 - we will be having our annual Family Picnic (weenie roast) and Installation of Officers. It will be hosted by Ron & Carla Spire at their house (24697 Jade Road). Social Hour will begin at 6:00, Food will be served at 7:00, and Officer Installation will be held immediately after everyone is through eating. The evening will be topped off with a hay ride! This is a family event so please bring your kids or even your grandkids. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. **OFFICERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**
- October 7 - Our council will join together to pray the rosary for an end to abortion prior to the 8:00 Mass at the Shrine to the Unborn outside of the Parish Hall. Please join us if you are able.
- October 20 - We will be doing something different this year in that we are going to have a Memorial Mass in conjunction with our annual Knights Mass. Family members will be encouraged to bring forth framed pictures of deceased Knights. These pictures will be placed on a table somewhere in the front of the church. Prior to Mass we will pray the Rosary for these deceased members. Of course we are hoping that all ministry positions will be filled by Knights once again. We seem to have the hardest time finding Eucharistic Ministers so if you fulfill that ministry at St. Gregory's, please be willing to help out. We will have a meal afterwards in the Parish Center. Mark your calendars so that you can join us!
- November 2-4 - We will be participating in the Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities by handing out Tootsie Rolls. On Friday evening we will be at Walmart and HyVee from 5:00-7:00 PM; on Saturday we will work the Northwest Homecoming parade; and we will also distribute them after all Masses that weekend as well. Since our drive occurs after Halloween, we will be selling boxes of Tootsie Rolls to use as Halloween candy the weekend of October 27-28. We will need help from lots of members to cover all of these activities.
- December 1 - Nothing has been finalized yet in terms of the Kawasaki Holiday Party, but we understand that they have set December 1 as the tentative date. We have not been contacted to work yet, but we ask that you keep that date open if possible because much of the money we donate to charitable causes (see column 1) comes from working this fundraiser.

MEMBERSHIP

Remember, our council is most certainly not getting any younger. We have a large number of younger new members who are bringing new life into our council, but we still need more members in order to keep our council thriving! Toward that end - there will be a First Degree at Conception Abbey on Monday, September 24, and at Conception Junction on Thursday, October 11.

It is also very important that First Degree members go through the 2nd & 3rd Degrees at Conception Abbey on Sunday, February 17. Major degrees are only held in this area once a year. You will learn much more about our proud Order through our principles of Unity & Fraternity.

And finally, I strongly encourage all 3rd Degree members to become a Sir Knight by advancing through the 4th Degree at an Exemplification in Kansas City on April 20 at the Airport Hilton. This is a very formal affair which your wife is also invited to attend. Please see any 4th Degree member for additional information. Applications need to be submitted by March 20.

INSURANCE UPDATE

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LMRA) wants people to take note of the following five facts.

1: Nearly 75 percent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to financially protect a family in case of a premature death of the primary wage earner.

2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

Alexander Murray - Field Agent - 582-2202

2012-2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep. 22 - Family Picnic / Officer Installation [Social Hour 6:00, eat at 7:00] (Ron & Carla Spire's - 24697 Jade Rd)

Sep. 24 - First Degree (Conception Seminary College)

Oct. 7 - Pray Rosary before Mass (Statue to Unborn)

Oct. 10 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

Oct. 11 - First Degree (Conception Junction)

Oct. 17 - Bill Francis, Director of Diocesan Respect Life Office - Talk on HHS Mandate and Religious Liberty (Parish Hall)

Oct. 20 - Knights Memorial Mass (Rosary Prior to Mass - Dinner afterward in Parish Center)

Nov. 2 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at HyVee & Walmart

Nov. 3 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at NW Homecoming Parade

Nov. 3-4 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls after all Masses

Nov. 6 - Election Day - Please remember to exercise your civic and Knightly duty and vote - Please check out the Missouri Catholic Conference website for information on candidates and ballot issues www.mocatholic.org

Nov. 14 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

Dec. 1 - Kawasaki Holiday Party (*Tentative*)

Dec. 9 - Host Foster Kids Christmas Party (Parish Center)

Dec. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

Jan. 5-6 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry - 2013-

Jan. 9 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)

Feb. 2 - 5th-6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)

Feb. 2-3 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry

Feb. 6 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room) - **OFF SCHEDULE DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY!**

Feb. 10 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)

Feb. 15 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)

Feb. 15 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)

Feb. 17 - 2nd & 3rd Degrees (Conception Seminary College)

Feb. 23 - Fellowship Social (Knights Room)

Mar. 1 - Fish Fry #2 (Parish Hall)

Mar. 2-3 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry

Mar. 13 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

Mar. 22 - Fish Fry #3 - for Camp Quality (Parish Hall)

Apr. 10 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

Apr. 20 - 4th Degree Exemplification (Kansas City Airport Hilton)

Apr. 26-28 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)

May 8 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry)

Jun. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

For the most up-to-date information on council activities, please visit our council web page www.kofc1339.org and click on "Upcoming Events"



KEG OF SILVER

July - No Meeting

August - \$22.25 - John Lager (not present)

September - \$26.00 - Ben Lipiec (not present)

Members who attend a meeting put \$0.25 into the pot. One name is drawn from a list of all council members. If that member is present, he takes home 1/2 of the pot; if he is not present the total will roll forward to the next month. This continues until the pot reaches \$50.00 when names are drawn until a winner is present.



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new members into our council - John Jasinski, Matthew McConkey, Chad McCollough, and Tom Spire. These men joined at a First Degree held on July 18. All First Degree members are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to go through the 2nd & 3rd Degrees at Conception Abbey on February 17. All 3rd Degree members are encouraged to complete their journey into full Knighthood by joining the 4th Degree at an Exemplification in Kansas City on April 20.



FEED THE BEARCATS

For the second year, our Council provided a meal for the Bearcat Football team who attended Mass at St. Gregory's on August 12. Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw and dessert were served. Many thanks to everyone involved, but especially to Toad Hollar BBQ for preparing the pork; KFC for the cole slaw; Walmart for a \$100 gift card used to purchase the buns and the beans; and to all Knights who provided desserts. Everyone was very appreciative and no one went away hungry!



Players go through the Serving Line



NW President Jasinski Serves the Pork



Coach Dorrel Addresses the Team



Ron Spire, Ron Mathias, Joe Barmann & Ed Seipel load the chickens onto the grill



...and here they are after about 1 hour



NEWMAN CENTER BBQ

As has become our custom, we provided a meal for the Newman Center students following their "Mass in the Grass" to welcome students back to campus on the Sunday prior to the beginning of classes. These students were just as appreciative as the Bearcat Football team for the meal we provided! We also spoke to the male members in attendance about joining the Knights and forming a Round Table at Newman. We tried this last year but things fell through, so we are hoping for better results this time!