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From the Desk of Grand Knight
Bart Hulsmeyer



November meetings on the 12th and 19th
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St Vincent De Paul
Building

NOVEMBER IS HERE

Believe it or not, it's true. How fast the time flies. Just yesterday, was the beginning of summer. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the past year and of all of the Knights of Columbus accomplishments and to thank God for all He has done for us. It is also a time to start thinking about Christmas. Not getting presents for the family, but the present that God sent to us in His Son. **Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.**



Thanksgiving Baskets

We are asking for volunteers again to pack the boxes and deliver them to the needy of the parish. We will be asking the members of the Parish to be generous once again and donate non-perishable food products. Our members will distributed the bags on November 1st and 2nd and again on November 8th and 9th.

There will be some changes to the packing of the boxes this year. The Gym is used for the Deacon Program that is being held at Sts Peter and Paul.

Come and help out. It is a task that can be made easier with many hands. If you can not carry boxes to make the deliveries, that is OK. You can stock the boxes with the can goods. Chuck has first dibs on the Turkey distribution. Hopefully, we can get a corporate sponsor.

STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL SERVICES MARKETS AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

From Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators, and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception.

Nevertheless, I am able to report to you that because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has not been material—far smaller than for many other organizations. We purposefully avoided investing in the highly structured and highly leveraged investments that brought disaster to some of America's most well known companies.

As Standard & Poor's noted just one month ago when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year, our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, with a liquidity ratio of 246% at year end 2007, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." S&P also called our capital adequacy "among the strongest in the industry," and said that our "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality." Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong."

Our surplus stood at more than \$1.7 billion on June 30 of this year, providing an unusually large cushion of protection against market turmoil of the sort we have seen in recent weeks. In one crucial area that sets us completely apart from some firms which had leveraged their debt to dangerous levels, we have no debt at all on our balance sheets.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can rest secure in the knowledge that you are protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the entire industry.

WE DID IT!

Tootsie Roll Drive was a Success

The final number are not in yet but we had a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to all the Brother Knights who volunteered their precious time and talents. We managed to raise just about the same as last year, thanks to the generosity of the people of Hopkinsville. This will go a long way in our efforts to help the special needs people of the community. One of our projects is helping Trace Industries. Bart recently presented our donation to them. He presented the check to Jimmy Coyer and Vernica Peters. Trace is an organization that also helps the special needs people of the community.

Culture of Life

The Supreme Council will assess all Councils with a Culture of Life Donation of \$3.00 per member. This is for advertising and legal fees associated with fighting for our Faith and Christian Life. Arizona, California and Florida have Propositions opposing same sex marriages. In California, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council donated towards advertising and getting out the vote. We are also supporting State Propositions to enact Parental Notification Laws and bans on Abortion.

We need to be aware of all of our politicians. Not just at the Congressional Level in Washington DC, but at the Local Level as well. This is not any Political Party issue. It is a Culture of Life issue. This is a fight that needs to be fought and the Knights of Columbus is leading the way.

Public Rosary

The Public Rosary held on October 11th was very good. The turn out was not triple last year's but it was large. We could have had some more Knights in attendance, but some were busy helping out at the school. Thanks to all who prayed with us.

Fourth Degree

Fr. George P. Boehmiche Assembly #2753 will meet on November 9th at St Michael's In Oak Grove. The meal will be served at 6PM and the meeting will start at 7PM as usual. The Honor Guard participated in the Mass of the Rite of Order of Deacon for Josh McCarty. They looked good.



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If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children or grandchildren. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

Contact your field agent or myself to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that we'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

Insurance is voluntary, death is not. It is never too late.

Our Future



Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a prospect.

Welcome our newest members

Curtis Easley Jr
Dan Gardner
Frank Raber

They took their First Degree on October 29th.

Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. Consider asking some one to become a Knight. Please call Bart Hulsmeyer (498-3202). We'll be glad to answer your questions. Our Council needs to grow. New Members bring new life and excitement with them. And this rubs off on us. Bring in a new member this Columbian Year. This is a Challenge to all Members. Get a new member. We are going to have another First Degree on November 19th at PADD. We have three candidates waiting for the Degree.

Pope Receives Knights of Columbus



Members of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus were received in an audience at the Vatican on Friday, Oct. 3 by Pope Benedict XVI. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "On behalf of our more than 1,750,000 members and their families in the United States, Canada, Philippines, Mexico, the Caribbean and Poland we pledge greater efforts in building a new culture of life in all the countries in which we work."



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER



1	Josh McCarty Deacon Mass	
1-2	Hand out Thanksgiving Bags	
5	Corporation Meeting	
8-9	Hand out Thanksgiving Bags	
8-9	4 th Degree Exemplification	
11	Veterans Day	
12	Business Meeting	
19	First Degree at PADD	
20	Pack Thanksgiving Boxes	
22	Distribute Thanksgiving Baskets	
27	Thanksgiving Day	
30	Corporate Communion	

DECEMBER

1	Alcohol and Drug Awareness Poster Contest	
6	Christmas Parade	
6	Christmas Party at Dot's	
6-7	Hand out Christmas Bags	
10	Business Meeting	
12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
13-14	Hand out Christmas Bags	
20	Distribute Christmas Baskets	
25	Christmas Day	

Our annual Council Christmas Party



The party is scheduled for Saturday 12/6 at Dot's Family Restaurant starting at 6:30 PM. Details and invitations are being finalized. Tony Esposito and Dick Dymek are co-chairs for this event. \$14.00 per person.



Did someone say Birthday



It has come to our attention that there a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was sung on November 1st in the Gym during the Reception for Josh.



Happy Birthday Fr John

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Don't forget Josh and Byron in your daily prayers on their journey to Priesthood.

Bingo Schedule



Arrive for Bingo before 7PM on Thursday and stay until closing. If you can not work on your scheduled night call another Knight or Chuck Pucket. Bingo is **important** to the Parish and if it is **important** to the Parish it is **VERY important** to the Knights of Columbus.

Nov 6	Tony Esposito	885-4324
Nov 13	Tim Barnes	885-6606
Nov 20	Bill Rush	885-2888
Nov 27	Doyle Shelton	886-3560
Dec 4	Tommy Craft	885-8632
Dec 11	Greg Jones	885-9175
Dec 18	Tom Buehrle	886-4556



November Adoration



4-Nov	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605	25-Nov	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050
4-Nov	2:00-3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454	25-Nov	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504
6-Nov	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382	27-Nov	12:00- 1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754
6-Nov	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330	27-Nov	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461
11-Nov	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523	2-Dec	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605
11-Nov	2:00-3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617	2-Dec	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454
13-Nov	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	4-Dec	12:00- 1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382
13-Nov	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606	4-Dec	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330
18-Nov	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	9-Dec	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523
18-Nov	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	9-Dec	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617
20-Nov	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	11-Dec	12:00- 1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
20-Nov	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	11-Dec	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606

Knight of the Month



Pat Covington is the Knight of the Month for November. Pat organized the Knight's repair of the school trailers and is involved throughout the year in a number of our activities. He coaches the girl's basketball team for Sts. Peter and Paul for seven years. He is the part owner/president of the family business; Christian County Grain. He has lived in Christian County his whole life growing up in Pembroke and now living in Hopkinsville. He supports his wife Lisa and has a daughter Sarah who graduated from Sts. Peter and Paul and is now a sophomore and University Heights Academy.



Family of the Month

The Family of the month is the Chris Thomas family. Chris worked with Pat Covington doing the lion's share of the repairs on the school classroom trailers. He and his wife Melodie have three children, Marlee age 12, Noah age 10 and Landry age 7. Chris helps keep score for the Saints basketball teams as Marlee plays for the girl's and Noah for the boy's team. Chris and Melodie work behind the scenes to support the teams. The boys play soccer, baseball and basketball while Marlee concentrates on basketball. Chris helps at the annual fish fry cutting fish back in the kitchen and supports/participates in the annual Knight's golf scramble.

Senior Knight of the Month



Dr. Emmanuel Battah is the senior Knight of the month. Doctor Battah is a charter member of the 7847 council and has 32 years of service as a Knight. He is an honorary life member of the council. Emmanuel was born in Bagdad, Iraq. He became a Knight when he and his wife Arsha were living in Rome, Georgia. They came to Hopkinsville in 1977 as that is where the Lord led them his wife tells. Emmanuel is a board certified surgeon, but has been in Family practice since 1984. He works in private practice and is considered semi-retired as many of his patients are presently in nursing homes.

Some Photos of Josh McCarty



Josh Waiting



Procession Starts



Josh with the Knights
Honor Guard



The Bishop Enters



The McCarty Family



Josh is before the Alter



The Bishop confers
Deacon on Josh



Josh prepares the Wine



Some of the Food for
The Reception



Josh gives the Blessing

The Ceremony of the Rite of Deacon was a sight to behold. The pictures do not show the majesty of the Ceremony. Our Parish was blessed to have this important event. Josh greeted old friends and was available to anyone who wished to talk to him or take pictures. The Reception following the Ceremony was also great.