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Grand Knight's Message

Building the Domestic Church

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For years, the Knights of Columbus' Programs have been tied to service. The Program Manual is entitled Surge...with Service. It is from this manual that we get our six program categories of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth. But for those who have been keeping up with Columbia magazine and Knightline you might have noticed a shift over the last few years to Building the Domestic Family which has been taking a more prominent role across the six categories.

St. Michael's Council used these categories to respond to the most urgent needs of the Church, and community, particularly through charitable and social outreach. Additionally, we have been focusing on the well-being and support of Catholic family life. The family is the first and primary place where we experience and are formed in our Catholic faith.

As the world's largest Catholic fraternal and family organization, The Knights of Columbus has a responsibility to dedicate our time, talent and resources to ensuring that our parishes our beacons of the new evangelization. So, it is no surprise that this shift from "Service" to "family" will become more permanent in the next year or so, as Supreme begins to roll out a new Programs plan. This will be keeping in-line with what Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said,

"Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life."

The proposed new program categories are: Faith Formation (a combination of Church, Vocations, and Council), Family Life (a combination of Family, Youth and Young Adult), Community Outreach, and Culture of Life. Through the Order wide Building the Domestic Church initiative, Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that promote the New Evangelization, strengthen our parishes and grow the Order.

In the end, though category names may change, we will continue to promote the family as a "domestic church" where husbands and wives, parent and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith. To perform its important mission of evangelization, each family needs to find support in the sacramental life of the parish. To support the evangelization of family life today, we must be even more fully integrated into our parishes.

I know we are up to the challenge.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Ercolano, Grand Knight



Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director's Message

My fellow Knights,

We continue in the second half of the Columbian Year with a steadfast commitment to our six core activities our council focuses on:

1. Supporting our Church activities
2. Supporting Community activities
3. Supporting our own Council activities
4. Supporting our Culture of Life activities
5. Supporting Family activities
6. Supporting Youth activities

On a personal note, I struggle to find the time to devote to the Knights. As a man who has "more than a full time job - " (I am not retired but instead have a 60+ hour weekly work commitment), who balances family and all the struggles daily life brings, I can honestly tell you, our council needs other Knights to help to support our activities.

After eight months in this role, I appreciate the "core group" who are there always. I myself stood on the sidelines with respect to the Knights requests for help for my first ten years in the parish and volunteered in other areas to support our church and just paid my dues. I am not sure if this message will create a change for any of you - I acknowledge that time spent is never returned- but it is invested.

Are there any minutes of your future you can "step up and invest" for your Knights' focus areas?

Do you hear the call now? Are these focus areas important enough to devote some time to?

Our church, our community, our council, our Catholic culture of Life, our parish families, and our youth need you and a small amount of your time.

Shawn Reynolds

Deputy Grand Knight and Programs Director



2018 KNIGHTS CRAB FEST & FAMILY BUFFET – ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS!

Worthy Brothers,

Our 2018 event is in the books. We set a record for attendance (283). We set a record for Beverage Sales. We set a record for Raffle Ticket Sales. And most importantly, we set a record for net profit - **\$6,576.11**, up \$1,122.42 from last year. That means our Council will get a 25% share of this or **\$1,644.03** and our youth groups will be receiving \$4,932.08, which does not include the tips for the Holy Family Center Servers (which are also up this year). **Be sure to be at the March General Meeting on March 7th at about 6:45PM as that's when we'll be presenting the checks to the youth groups.**

We had a lot of really good things going for us – a new Chef, **Michel Malecot**, who is a 3rd Degree Knight with Our Mother of Confidence Parish in University City, an improved menu that Chef Malecot helped us put together, and the fact we were asked to sell alcohol during evening performances of the Cross and the Light musical in the Holy Family Center the following weekend. All that said, we've already identified things we can improve on for next year and will make this event even more profitable and more enjoyable for our guests.

I would like to thank Chef Malecot for his great work, and also my three main partners, **Front of House Manager Brother Ron Goins, Back of House Manager Brother Bob Pratt and Bar Manager Brother Bryan Dolejs**. They, along with **my fellow Brothers** in the Dining Room and Kitchen as well as **Deann Zellman**, the HFC Server Coordinator, really carried this event along with the **Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, High School Confirmation Students, Parents** and yes, the **Holy Family Center Servers**. A team effort for sure!

Please note next year's event will be on **Saturday, February 2, 2019**. We will be improving the menu again, but we will likely change the name of the event so people don't think the only thing we're serving is Dungeness crab! It will also have a more football/Super Bowl-oriented theme and it will be marketed and advertised differently so once and for all, we can **SELL OUT** the Holy Family Center.

Thanks again for all of your help, support and good thoughts. We did a great thing here!

SK Chris Vaughan
Knights Crab Fest Chair



Free Throw Contest

The Knights annual Free Throw Contest was held on Feb 3rd in the St. Michael's School gymnasium. Councils from St. Michael's and St. Gabriel's were represented. Congratulations go out to Max Anger who was both the council and district champion in the boys 14 age group. He went on to participate in the chapter contest held on Feb. 25th. I wish to extend my thanks to those council brothers who assisted on the day of the event. Your efforts went towards making it successful.

Vivat Jesus,
Mark Wreschinsky
Youth Activities Coordinator



Essay Contest

By all accounts, this year's essay contest was a big success. We had full participation of the St. Michael's School 8th grade class and my thanks go out to Ms. Sallie McCready, faculty member at the school who facilitated. We had many essays to judge and a special thanks to those brother Knights who helped in that endeavor.

The Worthy Grand Knight and myself were able to pare them down to the final four winners, who were:

- 1st Place - Kathryn Schneider
- 2nd Place - Elizabeth Tabornal
- 3rd Place(2) - Stacy Widyono
 Ava Enriquez

Vivat Jesus,
Mark Wreschinsky
Youth Activities Coordinator





Cross and the Light Support

Last month, the weekend before Lent, St. Michael's sponsored a Diocesan-wide evangelistic event: The Cross and the Light. Over 250 volunteers were needed to support this event which spanned across three days as it presented the greatest love story ever told with contemporary music, lights, and technological advances that included the use of cell phones to augment the show experience.

St. Michael's Council was asked to provide volunteer support and coordination for the pre-show bar sales as well as parking lot and traffic support. Many thanks to Brothers John Giltner and Joe McCabe who chaired and coordinated each of these areas respectively.

For the three evening performances of the Cross and Light play. There were on average approximately 400 attendees each evening. The parish was very appreciative of our efforts. The following brothers gave up part of their Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings to help with the bar: **John Beauharnois, Robert Boele, Bryan Dolejs, Tom Drzewiecki, Joe Schlientz, Bill Uberti and Chris Vaughan.** We sold 671 tickets for adult beverages at \$1.00 each (This was a religious themed event) and received an additional \$4.00 in tips. We had so much help the chairman had little to do, but enjoy everyone's company. You must have the Alcohol ABC training to serve adult beverages, but you can help at future



Pictured (left to right): Brothers Chris Vaughan, Bill Uberti, Joe Schlientz, Rob Boele, Tom Drzewiecki, Bryan Dolejs, and John Giltner (Chair)



Pictured (left to right): Brothers Joe McCabe (Chair), Mike Foster, Wayne Rogers



A Minute with the Membership Chairman

The council will be holding a Membership Drive on one of the weekends in April. We need your help, just 10-15 minutes after the Mass you usually attend. I will be there for all Sunday daytime Masses. We especially need your help after the two 5:30 pm Masses. Form 100s, information pamphlets, year books and a KofC table cloth will be in the flower room. Only recruitment material will be on the table. Let's offer the gift of Knighthood to every practical Catholic man. This gift will draw him more deeply into our Faith, (**Think Into the Breach** sessions with Deacon John) and enable him to feel community through the ties of brotherhood and service, that will empower him to demonstrate spiritual leadership to his family and his community.

We, Knights of Columbus are known to be the "Right Arm of the Catholic Church" in support of our clergy and parishes. We "*Change Lives and Save Lives.*" (**Think of our Culture of Life Programs and the Intellectual Disabilities Drive**). Our faith-filled activities are related to the overall goal of living our faith and evangelizing our faith through our deeds and our actions, all of which serve as the cornerstone to membership recruitment.

Recruitment is simply every Knight's responsibility. Recruitment opportunities can happen anytime, anyplace.. Invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus. Surveys show the main reason Catholic gentlemen say is the reason they have not joined the Knights of Columbus is because no one ever asked them to join.

Fraternally,

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP

Council Membership Chairman

Advancing through the Degrees

For those of you who are looking to advance in your goal of becoming a full Knight by becoming a Third Degree Knight, please consider attending a Formation (2nd) Degree and/or Knighthood (3rd) Degree on the following dates and locations. If interested in attending, please contact the Worth Grand Knight at wgk.stmikes@gmail.com or Brother John Giltner at johngiltner@att.net.

Formation (2nd) Degree

Thursday, March 1 – St. Pius X, Chula Vista (6:30 – 9:00)

Wednesday, April 18 – Good Shepard, Mira Mesa (6:30 – 8:30)

Thursday, April 19 – St. Mark's, San Marcos (7:00 – 9:30)

Knighthood (3rd) Degree TBD



NAKY

What is a NAKY? A NAKY is a man in our parish who is **Not a Knight Yet**. You probably know eligible Catholic men who would make good knights. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet? A NAKY is someone who can help our order and our parish with their skills, Faith, energy etc.

When prospecting a NAKY, share our fraternal benefits only available to Knights. Our insurance program, scholarships and pro-life initiatives, often are the "selling points" to a potential member. We exist to keep our families together and protect them. Many men become Knights because to be able to buy insurance coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, they will become proud members.

Imagine what our parish will look like in 10 Years? How many priests will be servicing San Diego Parishes in 2027? Most of our current priests are in their 60's. Fewer Priests mean more duties for the Laity. The Knights of Columbus must rise to the occasion and increase our numbers. We must realize this fact and grow our Membership.

We need more men to help. We have more work ahead to keep our parish running.

The more members equals more charity.

We have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Council General Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month and Officers Meetings the third Wednesday. All members are welcome to attend each meeting.

MARCH 2018

- 2nd – Fish Bake (Holy Family Center)
- 4th – Memorial Masses for Fr. William Mooney (7:15 Mass)
- 4th – Blood Drive (Parish Hall / Gym)
- 6th – Priest and Religious Appreciation Dinner (Holy Family Center)
- 7th – Council General Meeting (Knights Room)
- 9th – Men's Retreat Dinner Support
- 9th – Fish Bake (Holy Family Center)
- 16th – Fish Bake (Holy Family Center)
- 21st – Council Officer's Meeting—all are welcome (Knights Room)
- 23rd – Fish Bake (Holy Family Center)

APRIL 2018

- TBD – Membership Drive
- TBD – First degree
- 18th – Springtime Pancake breakfast (Tentative)

MAY 2018

- 5th – Electronic Waste Recycle – Church Parking Lot by Parish Hall

JUNE 2018

- 17th – Father's Day Marriage Vow Renewal (9am Mass)
- 17th – Memorial Masses for WSK Jim Gordon (7:15 Mass)