



Pope John Paul The Great

Be Not Afraid



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Grand Knight's Notes

Joe's Jots

Included in this month's newsletter is a form known as the Fraternal Survey. This form is to be filled out by each and every member of the council. No names are to be put on the forms. It is a listing of all the activities you did. Supreme uses it to correlate the facts that it prints in their ads stating the orders activity. Please think about it and record the number of hours and visits you put into the activities listed. We will add up all the categories and send in one master list. This is to be calculated from April 4, 2005 and estimated to carry through until December (estimate) 2005. I have made arrangements so that you can put it into the church box in the lobby. Be generous because it has been shown that brothers tend to underestimate what they do. Remember, it need not be a council function. It just needs to fit into the categories.

The past month was a good example of what the Knights can do when they work together. All the brothers who participated in the St. Luke Fest Weekend proved this. I truly thank each and every one of you for your true fraternalism. Next month is the beginning of the season leading up to the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

There is our regular meeting on Wednesday Nov 2 preceded by an officers meeting (everyone invited) on October 30th. This meeting we will try something different. I am going to ask that we meet in the St Michaels room at noon. This is to give those who attend more time for the family. We normally take only about one hour. The second meeting night which is usually a social will be a regular meeting which will be dedicated to the next six months of activities so that we can fulfill the requirements that the state and supreme mandate to become eligible for councils awards.

The state of the council is sound. There are some issues which must be addressed

one prominent one I mentioned in the past. is PKD (Penny a Knight a Day). This a vocation assistance collection used by the State Council to gather monies to give to the three diocese in Virginia to assist men in the pursuit of their calling to the priesthood. It requests all Knights to donate a penny each day and the council collects these funds and gives them to the state in January. The amount usually comes to \$3.65 a year. I know that we have not been in existence for a year but since this is showing our dedication and support of our priests, I know we will make our goal. This goal comes to about \$165.00. For your convenience there will be a canister available at the meetings to donate. Another way is to give the Financial Secretary, Kevin Trail, a check. If you wish to donate more, of course, you can.

Name Badges

Please send Mike Maliniak an email with the name you want on your badge. Cost is \$6.00. More to follow on this.

Upcoming Degrees

1st Degrees:

November 1st, (9056)
November 7th, (12378)

2nd Degrees:

November 9th, (12117)

4th Degree:

November 12th, Richmond Marriott

For information, contact Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- Fr. McGivney Assembly is looking at raffling off a fishing trip (8 hours) - tickets probably \$10. Drawing 6 Jan as PFN dinner (Aberdeen Beef barn)

- Pope Benedict Council and Fr. McGivney Assembly hosting a dinner dance the 1st Saturday in December (3 Dec) at Officer Club at Little Creek Amphibious Base (\$28/ticket). Also, hold a raffle twice a month for \$25 so you could get money back and will hold raffles at the dinner totaling \$500. All councils invited.

An excerpt . . . from the October Columbia Magazine

INSURANCE

“When Father McGivney founded the Knights, he wanted local councils to organize and conduct fraternal activities to benefit members, the parish and the community at large. He was especially concerned with the widows and orphans, because he knew first hand what it meant to lose the father and the breadwinner in the family. His own father died when he was a young seminarian. For Father McGivney, the most important fraternal benefit his Knights could provide was financial assistance to members' families affected by the death of a breadwinner.

Father McGivney had a pastor's heart matched with a penchant for practical and effective action. Under his direction, the Knights of Columbus replaced the practice of passing the hat to help a deceased member's family with a new structure that offered life insurance to its members. The pooling of insurance premiums at the Supreme Council created the basis for a financially sound program, and helped relieve local councils of the burden of supporting its widows and their families.

INSURANCE (Cont.)

As membership grew and individual member needs became more varied, the Order responded. **Associate (non-insurance) members were welcomed, but always with the desire and the objective of transferring them to insurance members at the first opportunity.** The availability of insurance was extended to members' juvenile sons and later to their wives and daughters. New products were designed to make insurance affordable to more members."

More to come from this article in the up-coming months!!

If you are currently an Associate Member and you wish to become an Insured Member, please contact us at the numbers below. We will schedule a confidential interview at your home, office or my office. As of this writing, we are making appointments for December.

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October

Family and Knight of the Month

The October Family of the Month is the Michael Maliniak family, and the Knight of the Month is Jess Dabu. Congratulations to them.