



Pope John Paul The Great

Be Not Afraid



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The Grand Knight's Corner

From The Grand Knight:

Brothers,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and reflect back on the past year, it is very heartwarming to see what we have accomplished so far this Fraternal Year. You and your families constantly give of yourselves to make life better for those around you. Many of the little things you do go unnoticed by most, but you do not put forth the effort to gain recognition, which makes your gifts that much more special. Saying "thank you" seems somewhat inconsequential. But for the many who do not realize what is going on around them in the church or community and for those who reap the benefits of your generosity but do not know to whom to express their appreciation, may the joy of this Christmas season continue for you in the coming new year and always.

Peace to you and your families and a blessed new year,

Mike

Recent Accomplishments

- Blood Drive/Health Fair
- Light up Christ/Social
- Church Cleanup/
Ceiling Tile Replacement
- Faith Formation Party
- Building Fund Donation
- Christmas Midnight Mass
- Family Blessing

Future Projects

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
(1 January)
- Business Meeting
(2 January)
- State Mid-Year Meeting
(12 January)
- Financial Planning
Seminar/Social
(16 January)
- Adopt-A-Highway
(19 January)
- March for Life -
Washington, DC
(22 January)
- Spaghetti Dinner
(25 January)

Degree News

Brothers,

Upcoming Degrees:

January

- 17th First Degree

February

- 20th First Degree

March

- 5th Second Degree
- 8th Third Degree
- 13th First Degree

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is being planned for March/April 2008. Get your application (Form 4) in now.

Check the Council Planning Calendar (link on website) for details on Degree locations and times.

Membership

Membership Director position is vacant - let the Chancellor, DGK or GK know when you can schedule your next milestone.

Carry an application (Form 100) with you and give it to someone that will help us carry on the great work we do for the church and community.

Honorary Life membership applies to those who are 70 years of age and have 25 consecutive years of service or 50 consecutive years of service regardless of age.

COUNCIL NEWS

Blood Drive

Another successful blood drive was conducted. Thirty-four pints of blood were collected. The Ladies Auxiliary provided another wonderful feast. Unfortunately, a number of donors were turned away for various reasons but not to fret, our next blood drive is only a few months away (May) and you can also stop by the Blood Donation Center at Pembroke Mall. many thanks for your support and for saving lives!!!

Veterans Support

We have made another donation to the VA Medical Center. Your support is most appreciated. Next donation is planned for Memorial Day. Just drop the items into the box in the commons.

Fraternal Surveys

2007 Fraternal Surveys are due. Please turn into the Parish Office or bring to the next business meeting. It is important that we document what we have done and provide the information to the State and Supreme Councils.

State Convention

108th Annual Convention is in Roanoke May 1-4, 2008

Council Resolutions and resumes for those Knights seeking a position as a State Officer are due to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Resolutions for delegate to the Supreme Convention are also due by Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

General Resolutions are due 60 days before the convening of the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will convene on Friday, May 2, 2008. Therefore, General Resolutions are due to the State Advocate no later than Monday, March 3, 2008.

If possible, all Resolutions be provided over the signature of the Council Grand Knight.

Life Insurance

In honor of the Knights of Columbus 125th Anniversary, the Board of Directors has authorized the "New Member Plan" to be offered to all Knights, regardless of when they joined the Order. The permanent life insurance protection costs just \$50 per year. Contact Grand Knight if you are interested.

Brother Paul Mulcahy is no longer a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus. According to the terms of his contract and bylaws, he is not to conduct insurance business for the Knights of Columbus nor is he to market any insurance product to members of the Knights of Columbus.

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First Degree Team

We are planning to revitalize our First Degree Team efforts and be able to support upcoming degrees. If you are interested in being part of the Degree Team, please contact the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight. Practices will be scheduled beginning in January. If you have a book and do not wish to continue as a member of the Degree Team, please turn the book into the Financial Secretary.

Month of November

Knight of the Month is Bob Evans and Family of the Month is the Art and Hazel Fritz Family.

Congratulations to all of them.

Membership Drawing

Last meeting the name drawn was Paul La France. The next "pot of gold" will be \$70. Just show up at the meeting (2 January) and you could be a winner!

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Visit the council website and use the link to the planning calendar to get information on upcoming activities.

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Grand Knight	Mike Maliniak
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Evans
Chancellor	Mars Marcelo
Financial Secretary	Roger Martinez
Treasurer	Art Fritz
Advocate	Mars Maxino
Warden	Remy Varias
Recorder	Atlee Ladao
Outside Guard	Brandon Newsham
Inside Guard	Ivol Sexton
Trustee—One Year	PGK Edwin Malixi
Trustee—Two Years	PGK Joe Leyes
Trustee—Three Years	PGK Jim Newsham
Lecturer	Ted Dumont.
Membership Director	PGK Joe Leyes
Church Director	Jess Dabu
Community Director	Art Fritz
Council Director	Lance Spencer
Family Director	Gil Fontimayor
Youth Director	PGK Jim Newsham

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Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI)



Knights of Columbus License Plate Frames

Available at the January State Council Meeting

\$5.00 each

All proceeds to benefit VKCCI

Buy extras to sell at Council meetings

Please bring your checks or cash to the meeting on January 12th

Knights of Columbus Emblem

The Emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883. It was designed by James T. Mullen, a New Haven native and Civil War veteran, who served the Order as its first Supreme Knight from 1882-1886.

The emblem incorporates a shield mounted upon a formée cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is associated with a medieval knight, and the formée cross is an artistic representation of the cross of Christ, through whom all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.



Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus. The short sword is the weapon of the knight when engaged in an errand of mercy.

Thus the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white, and blue are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the color of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God, and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim, and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white, and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the Martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith. Red, then, is the symbol of Faith.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man, and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

The Emblem of the Fourth Degree

The Triad Emblem of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus features: the Globe, the Cross, and the Dove.



A Blue Globe with the lands of the Western Hemisphere in White
A Red Cross with gold borders, and gold knobs at the ends of the Cross
A White Dove.

The Dove, the classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth or Globe. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, like that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land.

Our Honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher (Christ Bearer) Columbus (Dove of Peace), symbolizing the Paraclete.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead...the most blessed Trinity.

The Globe God the Father, Creator of the Universe
The Cross ... God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind
The Dove God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

The colors of the symbols are Red, White, and Blue, the colors of the flag of the country in which our Order originated. They are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree: **Patriotism**.

Bearer of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honorably as Christian gentlemen in their private and public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations. Likewise, the Fourth Degree sword represents the bearer's reverence for the Eucharist and the Pope, bishops and hierarchy of the Church, and displays publicly his willingness to protect his Church and priests.

Considered under a religious aspect, we have the honor and privilege of wearing on our swords and our lapels the sacred symbol of the Most Blessed Trinity. This should always remind us to live a good Christian life, and that we should never bring dishonor on the emblem we have been privileged to wear. By this, others may see our good works, through which we will glorify our Holy Religion, our Honored Order and our Beloved Country.