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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother,

The election of officers for our council was conducted 10 Jun 2010. Unfortunately, we didn't have a Brother stand up and volunteer to be our recorder! We're still looking for a Brother who's willing to fill this position. In the interim, I am given no choice but to make all Brothers who aren't occupying permanent officer positions our council's Recorders! Someone will be appointed on the evening of the meeting and this will continue until we have a permanent Recorder. Thanks to all our Brothers for your support. Remember, we can't and don't get it done alone!

Grand Knight Juan Moran

Looking for a Membership Director

As most of you know, Pete Velazquez has done an outstanding job as our Membership Director, but he has decided that it is time for someone else to take over the reins as Membership Director so he can focus more closely on his duties as Deputy Grand Knight. He was also recently elected as the next Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly and is also the Vice President of Dickinson Festival of Lights. Please contact our Grand Knight, Juan Moran, if you would be interested in this position.

Looking for a Lecturer

Our Grand Knight is also looking for someone to take over the position of Lecturer. As you know, this position has been held by Marvin Griffiths for a long time and he has done an outstanding job fulfilling his duties as Lecturer. However, due to health problems, our Grand Knight is looking for someone to take over this position. Please contact our Grand Knight, Juan Moran, if you would be interested in this position.

Columbus Club of Dickinson Elections

The Columbus Club of Dickinson recently held elections to fill the four open positions on the Board of Directors and also elected the Officers. The election results are as follows:

President

Juan Moran

Vice President

Larry Armstrong

Recorder

Tim North

Treasurer

Tim Alexander

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Larry Armstrong

Two Year Director

Emmett Milner

One Year Director

Charles Suderman

Michael Moore

Pascual Velazquez

Ed Moroney

Richard Mayfield

George Ussery

Ken Suderman

Tim Alexander

Michael Dunn

Tim North

Come to our meetings!

Our meetings are the second and third Thursday of each month. The first meeting is our Knights of Columbus Council meeting and the second is our Columbus Club of Dickinson meeting. Both meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS! If you are a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, then you are a member of the Columbus Club of Dickinson. We have been making a lot of changes to things and would like to encourage everyone to come to our meetings. If it has been a while since you have been to a meeting, come on out and see what we are doing!

First Thursday Steak Nights are BACK!

We have started up our regular monthly Steak Nights on the first Thursday of each month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The price is \$12.00 per plate for an Adult Steak Dinner, \$6.00 per plate for children 12 years old and under. We are also offering limited Chicken Breasts for \$10.00 for an Adult and \$5.00 for Children.

Email Addresses Needed!

If you are receiving this newsletter in the regular mail, and wouldn't mind receiving it in an electronic format via email, please send an email to KnightTimes@dickinsonkccouncil.org and ask to be added to our email mailing list. We will only be mailing out a newsletter once a quarter, but will be emailing out an electronic Council Update each month. Check our website for the most current news and events!



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Javier Martinez

The Father Roach Council recently took the lead role in hosting the Summer 2010 Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus for the First District of Texas.

We had 103 Third Degree members that were exemplified into the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. They came from all over the First District of Texas, which includes the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston and the Diocese of Beaumont, and from as far away as Austin and Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. In addition to the 103 candidates, we had approximately another 150 Sir Knights that took part in the Exemplification. Some of these Sir Knights included our new State Deputy Tony Herreth, State Secretary and Former Master of the First District Jim Collins, outgoing Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Zapalac and our new Associate State Chaplain Fr. Jack Whitley. Our Diocesan Deputy Cruz Hinojosa Jr. was there as well as part of the Degree Team. The Exemplification was dedicated to Sir Knight Rev. Msgr. George A. Sheltz, the Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston, who took part in the Degree, and then also gave the key note address at the banquet. The current Master of the First District of Texas, Peter Tan, had some great help from Former Masters Paul Bettge, Fred Guillory, and Jim Collins and the rest of the degree team. We also had the fantastic support of both our Pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Paul Felix, and our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Larry Wilson. Fr. Larry was presented with a Fourth Degree Sword from his fellow Sir Knights that he never received when he joined the Fourth Degree back before he was ordained. By the end of the day we had about 250 Fourth Degree Knights.



Please welcome the five new Fourth Degree Knights from our own council. Robert Rose, Lucas Hinojosa Jr., Ed Sustrick, Paul Owen and Gary Navy, who is in the process of transferring to our council. We would also like to welcome LeeRoy Amador who is not a member of our council but has been very active at the Shrine of the True Cross for many years.

We had to get pretty creative to pull this thing off and could not have done it if it wasn't for the great support from the entire council and community. We ended up having seven buses and vans to move everyone between our great hall and True Cross Catholic Church. We could never have made our deadline in moving people back and fourth if it wasn't for the help of our Brother Knight Ron Morales, the Chief of Police for Dickinson, who provided a very nice Police escort for the buses and vans through town.

This event brought in a LOT of great attention to our council and our hall. We were able to sell over 100 meals at our steak dinner Friday evening, the best so far, and we were honored at the banquet Saturday afternoon. We were told to be expecting a donation to our council from the First District of Texas.

Since there is not enough room to thank everyone, we would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to everyone that helped throughout this entire process! We could have never done it without the support from everyone!

!!! THANK YOU !!!

HALL RENTALS

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Robert Menotti
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Robert Smock
Thomas Rochford
Abdias Ramirez
Gabriel Cuadra
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Jasper Liggio
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COME AND JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

The Father Roach Council #3217 now has a FACEBOOK account. Just search for Knights of Columbus Council 3217 on facebook and you will be sure to find us. Come and join our council's group and help make this newest venture a success!

Charity is never a one-way street. It is not simply something that flows from the giver to the receiver. With true charity, something is given, certainly, but something is also received.

In fact, anyone who has ever engaged in charitable work knows the truth of the words St. Paul attributed to Christ in the Acts of the Apostles: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

We see this theme in many places because it is so universally true. Anyone who saw the recent Academy Award-winning film *The Blind Side* will remember the moment when Leigh Anne Tuohy, the woman who took a homeless youth into her own home, is told by her friends that she has done a great deal of good for that young man.

She replies that the young man has done even greater good for her and her family.

Every act of charity, in fact, is an opportunity to not only give, but also to receive.

I experienced this in a very special way this past April during a trip to Haiti. There, fellow Knights and I distributed wheelchairs to those affected by the devastating earthquake that struck in January.

Haiti – one of the poorest nations in the world – is still struggling to recover. People who had little now have nothing. And those I met had lost even their ability to move freely.

The scene of devastation was incredible. At a tent hospital run by the University of Miami and Medishare in Port-au-Prince, we distributed the first of what will ultimately be 1,000 wheelchairs to injured Haitians.

What struck me most was not the suffering or the terrible conditions, but the joy that radiated from these injured, impoverished people. What we were giving them was an expression of God’s love, and what we saw in them was God himself – as Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to refer to Christ “in the distressing disguise of the poor.”

First hand, on that trip, I also saw what Pope Benedict XVI discussed in his most recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, when he wrote: “Charity is love received and given. It is ‘grace’ (cháris). ... Love comes down to us from the Son. It is creative love, through which we have our being; it is redemptive love, through which we are recreated.

Love is revealed and made present by Christ (cf. Jn 13:1) and ‘poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit’ (Rom 5:5). As the objects of God’s love, men and women become subjects of charity and are called to make themselves instruments of grace so as to pour forth God’s charity and to weave networks of charity” (5).

As an institution with charity as its first principle, the Knights of Columbus strives always to be a “network of charity.” But we are giving what we have first received. Love – caritas – is not a gift that originates with us.

As Pope Benedict noted: “Truth, and the love which it reveals, cannot be produced: they can only be received as a gift.

Their ultimate source is not, and cannot be, mankind, but only God, who is himself Truth and Love” (52). Love is a gift that we are first given by God, which we return to him by our worship and way of living, and which we are called to share with each other.

This is why Christ’s two commandments to us are to love God completely and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is why so many saints and blessed – Brother Albert Chmielowski for one, Mother Teresa for another – chose to live with the poor, to be close to “the least” of their brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).

They thereby chose to be closer to Christ himself and were better able to give his love to others. This is the reason that as Knights we focus on a strong spiritual life and a prominent place for charity.

In doing so, we can fulfill Christ’s two commandments: of loving God completely, and of sharing his gift of love with our neighbor, whomever that neighbor may be.

Vivat Jesus!



Upcoming Events

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm	2	3 Right to Life Mass - 10:00am
4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Council Meeting 7:30pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Columbus Club Meeting - 7:30pm	23 Installation of Officers - 6:30pm	24
25	26	27	28	29 4th Degree Meeting - 7:30pm	30	31

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm	5 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm	6	7 Right to Life Mass - 10:00am
8	9	10	11	12 Council Meeting 7:30pm	13	14
15 Assumption of Mary	16	17	18	19 Columbus Club Meeting - 7:30pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 4th Degree Meeting - 7:30pm	27	28
29	30	31				

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm	2 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm	3	4 Right to Life Mass - 10:00am
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9 Council Meeting 7:30pm	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Columbus Club Meeting - 7:30pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 4th Degree Meeting - 7:30pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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