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**GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER**

Brothers

Advocacy has its rewards. We have learned that the threat to the Knights tax status in the state of Washington has been taken off the legislative table. The knights will continue with a tax free status. Another issue, still unresolved, is the reconciliation of the health care legislation; specifically the availability of federal funds for abortions. The Senate version is more accommodating than that of the House. This would be an opportune time to contact your senators and congressman and urge them to retain the House language as regards federal funding of abortions.

Our fraternal year is developing quite nicely; thank you. Membership is growing, come by and meet our most recently exemplified members: Joe Booker, Ben Santini, Joe D’Rosario, Edgar Herrera, Bob Hall and Mario Zapata. Work parties for our fish fry dinners and breakfasts have become that much more enjoyable with their enthusiastic participation.

On the activity front, our Fish Fry Fridays are progressing smartly, thanks in no small part to the continuing efforts of the Kapule family and a robust response to our call for volunteers. St. Patrick’s Day is right around the corner, scheduled for Mar 20<sup>th</sup> and we have secured the hall for a long awaited Luau Dinner on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

On the development side, a parish food drive is scheduled, coincidentally with St Patrick’s dinner. Although efforts to support the local food bank are sustained by a number of our knights, our council could do with a more structured effort to provide volunteers for our local food bank - this is a call for one enterprising knight to organize a plan of action for our council.

In closing - nominations for a new slate of officers is now open. Nominations are to be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> and this effort is in the hands of our trustees. Our council always needs new and fresh faces and ideas, please consider a position as an officer of Council 8150.

Thank you all for your involvement and support.

Rob Ugarte,  
Grand Knight

## **A PLEA TO ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN THE E-MAIL LIST FOR COUNCIL 8150**

The computer age has made communication possible without the use of telephones or the US Mail. In fact we haven't effectively used the phone tree for at least two years. The current team leader phone calls are pretty haphazard in spreading the notices to all members. We thank those 10 that responded to the newsletter and joined our e-mail ranks during the last month. We ask that all members, who have provisions for e-mail, join their ranks. It will continue to streamline commutations for Council 8150. If you receive this newsletter in printed form, your address is not on the e-mail list.

One benefit of e-mail is cost savings that will make more money available for charity. The cost of the newsletter gets higher as postage goes up, it now amounts to \$3.84 a year for each member that receives a printed copy and no cost for those that on the e-mail list. Presently we have 58 members and 12 courtesy copies on e-mail and there still are 68 members and widows having their newsletter mailed to them. This is an improvement from our last report: Now, out of the monies we collect for charity for the year, just \$260.00 goes for printing and mailing the newsletter. Another advantage is that the photos in the e-mail newsletters are in color.

Both K of C Supreme and State have ceased printing and mailing newsletters and memos and are on the e-mail system for mass communications.

It is most disappointing ,from a council viewpoint, that all are not on e-mail because most notices are not being relayed by telephone and those that do not have the e-mail address on the list are not getting the fullness of membership in the Knights. We try to send all e-mail messages by bcc addresses (blind carbon copy) which does not expose the list of addresses to others. We also try to keep all postings limited to K of C items.

If you have e-mail, and are not on currently on the e-mail list for council 8150, please me know your e-mail address, my address is [lcqually@msn.com](mailto:lcqually@msn.com) .

## **WHAT'S GOING ON IN COUNCIL 8150**

### **Welcome to New Members of Council 8150**

We have had four new members that were initiated in December and January they are: Edgar Herrera, Mario Zapata, Ben Scattini, and Robert Hall. Also, please welcome a new member that has moved here from another council, he is Joseph D'Rosario.

### **Congratulations to the New Members of the Second and Third Degree**

On Saturday March 6, seven members of this council had the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree confirmed on them. The new full members of Council 8150 are: Robert Hall, Mario Zapata, Ben Scattini, Kip Hilson, Edgar Herrera, Eric Tipton, and Joseph Auvaa. Also Deacon Prado received the full membership in the KofC.

### **Recruitment Award**

John Woomer was congratulated and presented a certificate by Grand Knight Rob Ugarte for recruiting 5 new members for Council 8150 this year. John is our Recruitment Chairman and he has put us all to shame by recruiting 5 new members this year and is still working on more. John proves that there are men at Holy Spirit Church waiting to join the Knights; we just have to ask them. Again, Congratulations John for a job well done.

### **Bingo**

We sponsored our first Bingo Night on January 23 and had an amazing turnout of about 40 people that won some money while the Knights amassed some funds for charity. We paid out \$138 in prizes and netted about \$335 for charities.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Mar 5- Fish Fry Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross**  
5:00pm until 6:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**Mar 9-Council Meeting**  
7:00pm-Rosary-Parish Activity Center  
7:30pm-Meeting

**Mar 12-Fish Fry Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross**  
5:00pm until 6:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**Mar 14-Sunday Breakfast**  
9:00am to 12:00noon-Parish Activity Center

**Mar 19- Fish Fry Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross**  
5:00pm until 6:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**Mar 20-St.Patricks Day Dinner**  
6:00pm-Parish Activity Hall

**Mar 23-Council Meeting**  
7:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**Mar 26-Fish Fry Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross**  
5:00pm to 6:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**Apr 13-Council Meeting**  
7:00pm-Rosary-Parish Activity Cen.  
7:30pm-Meeting

**Apr 18-Sunday Breakfast**  
9:00 to 12:00Noon-Paris Activity Cen.

**Apr 27-Council Meeting**  
7:30pm-Parish Activity Center

**FUTURE DATE TO SET ASIDE: Jun 5- Luau Dinner and Entertainment**

## CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY "MILESTONES"

### March Birthdays

Mar 2 Alex Fernandes  
Mar 7 Darrell Ehlers  
Mar 9 Floyd Tudor  
Mar 16 Joseph Auvaa  
Mar 16 Thomas Walker  
Mar 31 Philip Bailey

Mar 4 Alfred Fettig  
Mar 7 Joe Siemens  
Mar 13 Maurice Kinzler  
Mar 16 Benjamin Peralta  
Mar 23 Romeo Pattuinan

### April Birthdays

Apr 1 Bill Wilson  
Apr 10 Donald Iverson  
Apr 13 Mario Zapata  
Apr 15 Devin Craig  
Apr 28 James Meucci  
Apr 29 Rev Peter Duggan

Apr 4 Dennis "Buzz" Arndt  
Apr 13 Jerry Mayer  
Apr 14 Elmer Dalisky  
Apr 22 Frank Peters  
Apr 29 Joseph D'Rosario

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**FAIRY GOLD: ACCUMULATION vs. DISTRIBUTION**

One of my favorite movies from childhood in the 1950's was Disney's "Darby O'Gill and the Little People". It is based on a collection of stories concerning an old Irish crofter who spends his time in a battle of wits with Leprechaun King Brian to steal his treasure. While he occasionally gets the upper hand on King Brian, the wily Leprechaun always figures a way to keep his gold out of Darby's grasp. I am reminded of Darby's futile pursuit when I look at many of the popular strategies out there which promise you "financial independence." The problem with these strategies is that they are entirely focused upon the accumulation of money for this purpose, without giving adequate thought to the distribution of that wealth when you actually try to get your hands on it.

There are numerous pitfalls which can make your accumulated wealth disappear like King Brian's fairy gold. As many of us have learned from the financial market crisis of the past few years, accounts can run backwards as fund shares drop in value. There are penalties involved with early withdrawals, and the IRS stands ready to collect taxes on those funds you've considered "tax sheltered" while they've accumulated in your 401k or IRA account.

For most Americans, the biggest percentage of their net worth is in the equity of the house they live in. Gaining access to this source of accumulation is even harder. You can only access it by taking loans against its value (with sizable finance charges), or down-sizing your living arrangements. And here too, we've all seen the values of our property decrease. Selling in a buyer's market erodes it even further.

With the top-rated products and training available to me, as your Knights of Columbus Insurance advisor, I can help you to create a customized plan for financial freedom which focuses both upon worry-free accumulation of wealth, and optimal distribution when you and your family need it the most. These plans will keep your funds absolutely safe while they accumulate at competitive rates. Best of all, your funds can be available to you free from taxes and finance charges.

I can be reached at (206) 356-2098, or at [michael.stergios@kofc.org](mailto:michael.stergios@kofc.org) . Let's start the conversation about a secure future that's no fairy tale.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Mike Stergios, FIC -- Field Agent, Knights of Columbus



The Kapule Crew for Fish Fridays



The "Out Front Crew" for Friday Fish Fries and the Hungry Eaters

**Contributions to this newsletter**

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