

THE CONNECTION

November/December 2003

Council 8150

Knights of Columbus

Calendar of Events

Nov. 25 Council Meeting – 7:30 pm
Nov. 28 Blood Drive – Parish Hall
Dec. 9 Council Meeting – 7:30 pm
Dec. 12 Virgin of Guadalupe Mass
Dec. 13 Council Christmas Pizza Party
Dec. 14 Council Breakfast

Christmas Card Sales

Christmas Cards may be purchased during coffee hours after the Sunday Masses during November and December. Cards will also be sold at the Holiday Bazaar in the Parish Hall on November 22.

Annual Council Pizza Party

This year's Christmas party will be held at Godfather's in Covington. We will meet in the Rainier Room at 6:30 p.m. Knights and their immediate families are invited.

Virgin of Guadalupe Mass

Council members who are Fourth Degree knights are being asked to serve as Honor Guard for this Mass. It will be celebrated December 12 at 6:30 p., in Holy Spirit Church.

Blood Drive - November 28th

Place: Holy Spirit Hall
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Family of the Month for October

Darrell and Lyndel Ehlers

In Memoriam

Please pray for the soul of Thomas Michael O'Connor, brother of Vinnie O'Connor.

Prayers

Please continue to pray for Mary Bazala.

Message From the State Deputy

November is a month of both thanksgiving and remembrance. I want to share some words with these thoughts in mind.

First, let me start by expressing my thanks and gratitude to those Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Field Agents and other council leaders who through their contributions, lead their councils in the support of our Church, Bishops and Priests. And in doing so, your efforts continue to make our jurisdiction and our order strong. This is our legacy as Knights of Columbus and as Catholics.

When I think back on the many contributions made by our members, I think of something that someone once said to me about being a member of this fraternity. Being associated with the Knights of Columbus provides a special feeling of belonging, of fellowship and friendship that we all experience when we are with other Knights and their families. Each time you work on a special project such as a festival, a breakfast, food drives, youth activities or a special community project, you must be just as amazed as I am at the talent, the dedication, the enthusiasm, and the comic relief that pours out from the knights that are involved.

What is it that makes these men so dedicated to the Knights and these projects? Well – it certainly isn't the salary. But it could be the satisfaction that is received from doing a job well or even just the sense of accomplishment. However, I think that there may be an even deeper more lasting reason.

We as Knights are brought together by our dedication to the main principle of the order – Charity. Charity is defined as "a disposition to relieve the wants of others". We Catholics tend to define Charity as "Love". I think that this is the simplest and most well understood reason for doing what we do. All of the Knights of our councils that are involved in our projects work not for the glory, not for the personal satisfaction, but for the good of the order and the principles of charity for which we stand.

There are many members of your councils, who through no fault of their own cannot get involved in our projects. Family demands, job demands, scheduling demands, etc. All of these are valid reasons for these Knights. But perhaps these men are another source of real strength behind what we do and how successful we are. These may be unsung members who continue to pay their dues and help when and where they can. I trust that you feel very satisfied if these members continue to contribute where and whenever they can. And I think that you will agree that their support of prayers and warm wishes of encouragement make them an important part of your council.

November is also a month that traditionally many of our councils choose to celebrate a Memorial Mass for those members and family members of our Council that have passed before us to their eternal reward. This is an important tradition that every council should support. It continues to remind us of where we have come from. It also provides a continuing legacy for the work that we do as Knights.

Finally, let me share with you some early information being reported on the *Barnstorming for the Bishops* Membership campaign of October. Although the reports are still coming in on council's activities, it appears that the number of new prospect leads that have been generated from this effort may result in achieving 200+ new members. It is encouraging to hear from councils on their successes in this regard. I encourage all Grand Knights to schedule their admissions team to meet with these new members and immediately schedule these candidates for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees.

In closing, I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus,

Pat Maloney, Your State Deputy

Brother Knights:

November 18,2003

Many thanks to all our membership for your support of all our programs. We accomplished all requirements to earn the Orders highest Knights award, Star Council for years 2002,2003 and on our way to accomplishing this for 2003 & 2004.

I would ask you to take the opportunity to ask a fellow parishioner to become a Knight of Columbus. Most do not become a member because they haven't been asked.

We are an organization of Service to the church. Our church at this time needs Prayer Partners for children, preparing to celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation. This is an opportunity to affect the life of our children by your service. Please consider this worthwhile cause. Call our Elementary Faith Formation Leader, Lynne Elzinga,(253)859-0444 ext.12. The Church Needs Your Help.

Again, Thanks to all for your continued support and Wishing all the best for the Holidays!

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Sheffield
Grand Knight