



KNIGHTS

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Notes



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Brother Knights,

October is one of several Membership Drive Months that we hold each year. It is a chance for every council to recruit new members through newsletters, church drives, Explore Dinners, Insurance Nights, and a host of other programs designed by the local council to promote membership. It is much more than standing at the back of church one weekend and setting out a Form 100. Oh it is much more than that! Standing there by a table is not inviting. It is not reflective of the fun we have, the quality and quantity of work that we do, and it is not very welcoming. This October, spend some time planning a different drive. Don't do it like you always have. Ask new faces to spend some time on this project.

The Fast Start Contest really should be called the All Star Game Contest. That's because all new members through December are joining a great organization and also getting a chance to win 2 tickets to next year's All Star Game to be held at our home field, Target Field. AND the Proposer also gets a chance in a separate drawing to win a pair of tickets as well! Check out the details in the contest guidelines on page 11. It's our way of adding a little extra "thank you" from the State Council.

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We have created a Twitter Account to connect with those who tweet. A Facebook Page has been created as well as LinkedIn, Pinterest, Google+, and others to get in touch with those who are younger than me; those who often use these social tools. We want to be a part of that style of communication. If you have gone onto our website, you may also notice that we have started a State Deputy Blog. I am posting comments and pics (that means pictures for guys my age) that are current and often real-time. Keeping up with it all is interesting and challenging all the time. But it is the thinking of our Marketing Team that with these steps we should be able to raise awareness of the Knights of Columbus and at the same time attract new members from all age groups, even the 20 year olds. Yes we have a great story for all age groups! Last month I provided some thoughts on Retention. I would enjoy hearing your thoughts pertaining to this subject. At the September Ceremonial Meeting, there was a great discussion on the meaning behind our degrees. When was the last time you were to a first, second, third, or fourth degree exemplification? At the degree, a Catholic man learns. He learns about himself and his faith. When was the last time you attended and observed? I encourage you to not only observe, but to show your support for our new members. Go! It is worth the time to invest in you! The Marion Hour of Prayer Program kicks off with a brand new prayer service. The schedule on page 10 is set up to allow each council to have a prayer service. Use this as a tool to build awareness of the Knights in your parish. Please continue to pray for vocations, to pray for our Catholic leaders; Pope Francis, Archbishop Nienstedt, Bishops Hoepfner, Kinney, LeVoir, Piche, Sirba, and Quinn, our pastors and priests, deacons and members of religious orders. It is at times like this that they need our prayers as much as we need them in guiding our souls.

Vivat Jesus

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE ON THE WAY

We want to let you know early on, the the Knights of Columbus will be again selling religious Christmas cards. They have been ordered, and we will start selling the in early November.

They were quite popular last year, and the prices are right, so we have ordered a few more than last year

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN SET FOR NOVEMBER 12 AND 13th

After each mass on Saturday and Sunday, November 16th and 17th, we will make the Knights of Columbus prominent at the masses and will have Knights in the Gathering Space ready to talk to prospective Knights after the masses.

Father McNea has given his full support and I am sure he will do all he can to help us. So let's have a lot of help by all of us! We plan on having a couple of Knights in full regalia at each mass to

get some attention, and we will have advance notice in the bulletin.

We will bat some other ideas around, but this one this extremely important- IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBER OF ST. FRANCIS THAT IS A POTENTIAL KNIGHT, TALK TO HIM!

We desperately need young blood in our Council. We have 31 Knights that are Honorary or Life Members out of a total of 94 Knights. They are all 70 years old or more. We were up to 102 Knights last year, but we have lost eight either by death, moving out of the area, or transfers. So please help with the membership drive.

If you have a potential candidate, but want someone else to talk to them, let me know. If you have some ideas, come to the meeting and let us know. One thing sure, we need YOUR help!

Vivat Jesu,
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Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays

RONALD LAPIC	4
CLARENCE O NEIL	24
WAYNE TECHAU SR	24
NEAL GRAHAM	29

Dates To Remember

- Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Tuesday, November 12th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Sunday, November 17th**
KC Deluxe Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Sunday, January 19th**
KC Deluxe Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Tuesday, March 11th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Sunday, March 16th**
KC Deluxe Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Tuesday, May 13th, 7:00 pm**
Monthly Meeting in St. Clare Room
- Sunday, May 18th**
KC Deluxe Pancake Breakfast