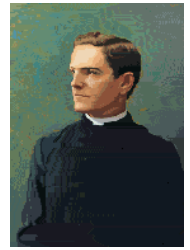




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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As we begin November and the seasons change, our council has experienced some successes and some losses. We have had four new brother knights join our council. I am pleased to welcome Fr. Charle Gnanapragasam, a priest assigned to St. Joseph's for the coming year; Tony Carella, a local contractor and long time supporter of the K of C Golf Outing; Anthony Paruolo, Jr., the son of our Las Vegas Director and Inside Guard; and Frank Bland, an accountant and active member of the Kings Park Soccer Club. Frank and wife Denise recently had their fourth child, Emily. Congratulations Frank and Denise.

Also in October we had Sir Knight Jim Sherrard, Jr. and Sir Knight Charles Herbert receive their 4th Degrees exemplification.

Congratulations to both of our new Sir Knights! I strongly encourage all 3rd Degree Knights that have been a member of our Order for at least 6 months to join the 4th Degree. Of the 1,700,000 Knights of Columbus worldwide, only 300,000 are members of the 4th Degree. It is a degree dedicated to patriotism and is the fourth principle of our order.

As I discussed in last month's message, October 4 was our

Installation of Officers and Past Grand Knights' Gala at Landing Country Club. The afternoon of the Gala 4 PGKs, the Chancellor, DGK and I presented Peter Brust the "Knight of the Year 2007" award in his hospital room at St. Catherine's Hospital. Twenty seven days later Peter lost his fight for life and went to join our Divine Savior. Peter was an inspiration to us all. His unselfish giving attitude taught us what our principle of "charity" really means. When he rose at a meeting to speak, we all may not have liked what he had to say, but we all knew he was right and that his one goal was for the good of the order. He was a friend and mentor to me and many others and he will be missed. Please keep his wife, Ann and his family in your prayers. We will be introducing a motion at the Nov. 10 meeting to change our annual scholarship fund to the Peter Brust Memorial Fund and authorize and additional \$100 donation to the Fund. Also, on October 30, Maryann Lupo, the mother of PGK's Joe and Greg Lupo also joined our Divine Savior in her eternal reward. Please join with me in expressing to Joe, Greg, their father and families our sincere sorrow at their loss and keep them in your prayers.

On a happier note, our District Deputy, Bob Gannon, and twenty eight brothers and wives joined Don

and Marge Jarka to celebrate Don's retirement as Financial Secretary to our council after 9 ½ years of service in that position. The party was held at Charlie Browns on October 30 and a good time was had by all.

Also on a happy note, the Childrens' Halloween Party was held on Sunday, October 26 at the council with approximately 50 children, parents and grandparents in attendance. Everyone had a good time and finished the day with a pizza supper. Many thanks to Tim & Helen McMaugh who planned and ran this successful spooky party.

On November 3 we held the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members at our council. Fr. Sean Gann, our Pastor and Chaplain said the mass along with Fr. Charles Gnanapragasam. Deacon John Trodden, PGK assisted. The service was well attended by our brother Knights, their wives and the wives of deceased members. A big thank you to brothers Jim Sherrard, George Ziegler and Charlie Herbert for their help.

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Remember the Vets

I want to thank Brother Frank Mercuri, PGK for stepping in to put this "Knight Light" together in memory of brother Peter Brust. In conclusion, I ask all of my brother Knights to make every effort to "Keep Christ in Christmas" this holiday season. Fraternally yours, Tom McCabe. Grand Knight



*Pieter Brust 1927-2008
In Memoriam*



*Past Grand Knights Honored at
October Gala*



Officers To be Installed at Gala



Installed Officers for 2008/2009

Children's Halloween Party



Corporation Notes

As it has been some time, this will serve as a catch up on Corporation happenings. With Tom McCabe's elevation to Grand Knight, we welcome Tom Jack as one of our new directors. Our annual audit was completed by committee members; Bob Normandin, Steve Carini and Kerry Dudkewic. All was satisfactory with no adverse problems.

Net proceeds from our Comedy Night fundraiser amounted to \$445 and October Las Vegas Nights' preliminary figure \$585. Our upcoming event is Las Vegas Nights again November 21 and 22. Due to new personal responsibilities, Bob Normandin stepped down from years of chairing these bi-annual Las Vegas Nights and we greatly appreciate his past participation. Volunteers Anthony Priolo and Mike Hartung have agreed to take new lead so please continue to offer your support.

Due to hall manager Phil McKeon's efforts, our rentals for the year thus far are just shy of fifty with cost to reserve remaining at \$295. Some of our building repairs have included floor being refinished and septic and electrical pumps replaced. Electric work has been completed for basement renovation with spackling/priming ongoing and painting outstanding to be followed by flooring. When painting is done for basement, we would like a new paint job for Council. Our Net Cash available as of October 31, 2008: General Account-\$4,410.01, Games of Chance-\$661.21, Raffle/Bell Jar-\$231.42, Renovation Fund-\$689.56 and Rental Deposit & Exchange-\$1,153.30. Our reserves for charitable donations equal \$498.76.

Jim Sherrard,
Recorder/Secretary

Golf Outing

Hi All, Can you believe that we have to start planning the 2009 outing and it's not even Thanksgiving? You bet-September 2009 dates are being reserved now and we don't want to be left out.

I am looking for golf course recommendations and need your input. Our past selections have been very good and everyone has enjoyed the golf, catering and camaraderie but prices are increasing and perhaps we should look at alternatives. In case you memory is shaky-2008/2007 Stonebridge CC, 2006 Hamlet Wind Watch CC, previous years at the Mill Pond GC and one stop at Middle Island CC. Bob Normandin

Chaplain's Corner

Thanksgiving & Christmas Greetings from Fr. Sean

It gives me great happiness to have the opportunity to send greeting to my Brother Knights and their families at this holiday time. We are entering one of the happier and most joy-filled times of the year and I hope all that these holidays signify and mean will be realized for you & yours!

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday and its foundation and origin are very spiritual. The thought of our first settlers, the Pilgrims, pausing amidst their toil and hardships to thank God for the blessings they had received are a lesson we all learned at a very young age. The celebration of this great day has lost most of its original meaning in our secular society. It's become an occasion for overeating, a jump on Christmas shopping, football... but not so much about thanking God for all the good gifts we have received and for which we should be grateful. Won't you please give thought to joining us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Joseph's this year? Let's try to set an example for others by beginning the day for the very reason it was founded - to fulfill our obligation to give thanks to the Lord for the blessings He so generously bestows on us.

I want to also thank and commend you, as Brothers, for the zeal and dedication you have brought to the work of Keeping Christ in Christmas. I can't tell you how often I have been driving and have spotted the bumper stickers that the Knights of Columbus have distributed far & wide. Thank you for helping the Church to continue to proclaim, in a culture that

often wants to erase or forget, the REAL & TRUE MEANING of Christmas. I hope and pray that the love Jesus, Mary, & St. Joseph knew on that first Christmas nite will be the gift you and your families receive this Christmastide. May the Prince of Peace fill your hearts and homes with the gift of peace in the New Year ahead. All the Blessings & Joy of these most special days to you & yours!
Fr. Sean

From Supreme

During this time of uncertainty, I would like to take this opportunity to answer any of the concerns that our members may have regarding the financial health of the Knights of Columbus. You will be happy to know that the Knights of Columbus is *financially as strong as ever!* The auditors from A>M Best and Standards and Poor's have recently completed their annual audits of our records. Once again, they have given the Knights of Columbus their highest ratings (A.M. Best rating A++ Standards and Poor's AAA).

In addition, the Knights of Columbus has a liquidity rate of 114.3 % What this means to you is that if every policy holder cancelled his contract and liquidated his cash value, the Knights of Columbus would still have sufficient funds available to pay any existing claims. Our insurance members can sleep well at night knowing that their insurance policies, Annuities, Long Term care Insurance and IRA's placed with the KofC are safe, as we remain among the strongest insurance companies in all North America.

Lawrence M. Sarraga PGK FICE
General Agent

