

Knightly News

Knights of Columbus – Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680 – Monthly Newsletter

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The Family Council, New Port Richey

September, 2010

Grand Knight's Message

By Joseph Menicola, PGK, PFN

My Brothers:

September is finally here and our Council will start to gear up for an active fraternal year. We will have our Regular Business meeting on Thursday September 2nd at 7:30 PM. at the Parish Hall.



I would like our council to muster up some good ideas that would increase our membership and participation in council affairs.

Our council is looking for a volunteer to serve as our Lecturer. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please get it touch with any of our officers.

We will be having a few Sunday dinners this year, but the council will need a volunteer or volunteers to take charge of tickets and the dinner themes. If we are unable to find volunteers to take charge of this project, will be forced to cancel them. Brothers I have said this before and I will say it again, THIS IS YOUR COUNCIL and together we CAN make it a success. IT'S UP TO YOU.

We will have our Knights of Columbus Quarterly Corporate Communion on Sunday September 5, 2010 at the 10:30 AM Mass followed by Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Hall, lets have a large turnout to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST. In the future we will be asking other Councils to join us in this celebration.

Sunday September 12, 2010 we will have our Pancake Breakfast and I welcome back all the

volunteers who helped in the past year to make them a success.

Our BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Sunday September 12, 2010.

Thursday September 16, 2010 we will have our Installation of the 3rd and 4th degree officers at 7:00PM at the Parish Hall.

Sunday September 19, 2010 is our K C Charities, a day at Tropicana Field. Our Tampa Bay Rays take on the Angels, looking forward to a great game.

Thursday September 23, 2010 Fr. Gerard E. Powers Assembly #2882 will hold their meeting at the Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

Our Carnival Committee is hard at work getting ready for next month, they will be asking for volunteers to help in the setup and tear down as well as working in other areas. Please see Brother Joe LaGuardia, or Kevin McMahon for details.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

God Bless, Fraternaly,

Joseph (Joe) Menicola, PGK, PFN
Grand Knight

**ANNUAL CARNIVAL
OCTOBER 21, 22, 23 & 24**

Chaplain's Message

By Father Joseph A. Pastick



Jesus, Son of God -- the Eternal Word -- became a (male) human being. He was sent by God the Father to establish the Kingdom of God -- Heaven -- so that *all* mankind could become children of God and inherit everlasting life. He united all who believe in Him

into His Mystical Body (the Catholic Church) with Himself as Head and the Holy Spirit as soul. As Catholics, we *believe* the *what* (who), the *why*, and the *how* of our Salvation.

By the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we see in the Cross of Jesus the “forgiveness of sin and life everlasting.” This activity of God in our mortal life is something *spiritual*. In other words, it is something *intellectual*. Our mind and our heart are primarily involved.

By His Word in person (i.e., Jesus) and His Word -- spoken and/or written -- God overcomes the fountain -- heads of sin (the “capital sins”), and fills our minds and hearts (intellect and will, the spiritual powers of our being human) with “light” and “love”.

Time and again I have urged you, my brother Knights, to read *The Columbian*. Now I urge you to spiritually exercise further by reading Catholic publications to instruct us to *understand better* the truths of our Catholic faith, the deeper meaning found in the Holy Bible, the means of advancing in holiness and love of God (the “spiritual life”), the issues confronting us in living fruitful and effective lives, and the strategy to overcome “the devil and all his works and pomps.”

To this goal I urge you to subscribe to one or more of these publications:

1. *U.S. Catholic*, a monthly publication of the Claretians. As in the purpose: “. . . we invite and help our readers to explore the wisdom of our faith tradition and to apply that faith to the challenges of life in the 21st Century. . . .”

2. *America*, a weekly magazine published by the Jesuit Fathers. In my opinion, you can find no finer publication each week of Catholic news and concerns (religious, political, economic, social, cultural, scientific and artistic) than by reading each issue cover to cover.

3. *Commonwealth*, “a Review of Public Affairs, Religion, Literature, and the Arts” which is published bi-weekly (monthly, July and August).

Dear brothers, by overcoming sloth and the abominable waste of so much time with TV, you will be developing your mind and heart. When Judgment Day comes, Jesus will welcome you to Heaven: “Well done, good and faithful Knight.” Your eternal salvation will depend on your use of time and the spiritual efforts you put into your day. Perhaps your spouse subscribes the family to *St. Anthony Messenger* or *The Ligourian* or some other monthly (or weekly) Catholic publication. Read it faithfully, or be accountable to God for wasting your time.

Please reread this exhortation again -- now!

Fr. Joe Pastick
Chaplain



SEPTEMBER, 2010

SEPTEMBER 2ND

3rd Degree Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30pm

SEPTEMBER 5TH

Corporate Communion – 10:30am Mass, coffee and donuts after Mass, Parish Hall

SEPTEMBER 12TH

Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am to Noon, Parish Hall

SEPTEMBER 12TH

Blood Drive during hours of Pancake Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 16TH

Installation of the 3rd and 4th degree officers, Parish Hall, 7:00pm

SEPTEMBER 19TH

KofC Charities Baseball Game, Tropicana Field, Los Angeles Angels vs Tampa Bay Rays, 1:40pm

SEPTEMBER 23RD

4th Degree Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30pm

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Lee Witt is home now recovering from surgery on his leg due to a fall at home.
727-863-1064

Joe Tengowski's wife, **Dottie**, had double knee replacement and is recovering at home. Give her and Joe a call at 727-868-6555

All members who know of any sick or distressed members notify **Dan Poulter at 727-376-7811**

3rd Annual Knights of Columbus Day at the Ball Park

Sunday September 19, 2010

Game time 1:40 pm

KC Charities Inc. Benefit at Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, FL

Home of The Tampa Bay Rays

Join your brother knights and families for a Knights of Columbus Family Fun Day at Tropicana Field. The Rays take on the Angels. Kids 14 and under get a Superman Cape. You do not have to be a Knight to join in the family fun so please join us for the day.

Tickets are only \$12 per person. Proceeds will go to KC Charities, Inc.

Parking at Tropicana Field

The Rays go green—Car Pool to Tropicana Field.

All vehicles with four or more passengers get **FREE PARKING** on Family Fun Days. For vehicles with fewer than four passengers, parking will cost \$10-\$15 depending on location.

To reserve your tickets

Contact

Clark Hill

727-376-8434 or 727-364-7090

Chill207@tampabay.rr.com

Make checks payable to K of C OLQP 11680

Mail to Clark Hill

11224 Wedgemere Dr

Trinity, FL 34655

Ticket deadline is August 20th. All tickets must be reserved and paid for by this date to allow time for distribution.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vito Cooling
Peter A. Altman
Richard Center
Gus Di Iorio
Frank France
Donald Gluchowski
Harold Grabow
Ronald P. June
Frank Klausch
Anthony J. Klemmer
Joseph A. LaGuardia, PGK, FDD
Daniel Miller
Peter Rossi
John Santiago
Coby Sheppard
Michael J. Vaporis
Edward F. Zeglarski
Donald F. Zisa

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David and Lynn Alves
John J. and Jane Cody
Louis and Lucille Gallina
Michael E. Gongola and Carol
Joseph A. and Jacqueline LaGuardia, PGK, FDD
Nicholas and Louise Martucci
Joseph and Marie Menicola
Lawrence and Annette Mercantini
Joseph and Dorothy Tengowski

Carnival Time

is right around the corner and once again we need your help. Anyone interested helping with set up, take down or working the carnival at either the beer tent, the soda tent or at the front gate, PLEASE contact me. This is our biggest charitable fund raiser each year and it only can be a success with your help and participation.

October 21 - 22 - 23 and 24, 2010

Set up/take down dates: Begin on the Monday before and end the Monday after. Contact me with the times and dates of your availability. I would like to see many of you that have not been to meetings volunteer a few hours to this worthy endeavor.

Thank you in behalf of the Carnival Committee and your Council.

Joe LaGuardia
Volunteer Recruitment Chairman
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jlaguard@tampabay.rr.com

BONES

There are four kinds of bones in every organization:

First there are Wish Bones:

They see the problem, talk about it, and hope that someone will do something about it.

Second there are Jawbones:

They see the problem, talk about it, talk about it some more, but do little else.

Third there are Knucklebones:

They see the problem, talk about it, and criticize what's being done about it.

Then there are Backbones:

They see the problem, study it prayerfully, roll up their sleeves, and do what needs to be done.

Are we a backbone of our Council. If not what kind of bone are we?

TEN THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON THAT DAY

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it... A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away..

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a housedress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things.. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return.. So... while we have it..... it's best we love it.... and care for it... and fix it when it's broken..... and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for friendships..... and old cars..... and children with bad report cards..... and dogs with bad hips.... and aging parents..... and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special..... and so, we keep them close!

I received this from someone who thinks I am a 'keeper', so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way... Now it's your turn to send this to those people that are "keepers" in your life. Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

TEN THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON THAT DAY.

- 1.... God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation..
- 2.... God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3.... God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4.... God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5.... God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6.... God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7.... God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8.... God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9.... God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation . He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.
- 10.... God won't have to ask how many people you forwarded this to, He already knows your decision.

Author unknown.

How I became a Knight of Columbus

By LeRoy G. Witt

This is a true story.

I was not born into a religious family, such as it was a large 160 acre dairy farm and expected by my Grandparents and my Father and Mother, when you have 60 head of cattle you must milk twice a day and add the other work that has to be done. The only time the family went to church was for funerals, weddings, baptism, etc. The beginning of my Catholic life was when I met my first wife at a 1937 Labor Day dance. We were both alone and we met and danced and I took her home and made a date with her in two weeks. When I got home I told my mother I just met the girl I was going to marry. On June 24, 1939 we were married in church by a Fr. Loafey. I became a Catholic before I was married. We moved around a bit, but we did settle in Greendale, WI and joined the St. Alphonse Church. We both became involved in church work. I joined the Holy Name Society and attended all of their affairs. In or about 1960, they were signing men up for the Knights of Columbus. They were to form a new council and all that signed were to be in their new council. At that time all the degrees were taken in one (1) day. It took a good part of one Sunday. We had almost 180 men taking the degrees. It took most of the day and evening as I remember it was quite an experience for all of us. I attended all meetings but I didn't get too involved. I was working some long hours and working out of town a lot.

In 1964, the company had me working in the iron ore area of northern Michigan for a few years. The company decided to build a distribution and repair plant in Republic, Michigan area. The job was open to anyone so I put my name in to build and manage the plant. I was chosen to take the job. So I was transferred to Republic, MI, but I moved to Iron Mountain which was 50 miles one way to Republic. I took the job on the condition I live in Iron Mountain. The company agreed and gave me transportation, a truck. Well it was a start, from doing everything like building the plant, storage tanks, railway siding and repair building. I was working at least 12 to 16 hours a day. About 8 months later, one evening someone came over to my house and it was the Grand Knight of the Iron Mountain K of C Council. I did transfer, but did not attend meetings. GK Ralph Izzi invited me to the next meeting and I attended. It was election night with about 100 members attending, by the way this council had over 1200 members. Well it did not take long and I became the Warden which I didn't know anything about. But they were a good bunch of men and took me under their wing. I became the Warden in 1965 and went through the chairs. I became the Grand Knight for two (2) term 1969-1970. I became very active in the State of Michigan. K of C made many new friends and I was appointed to the Michigan State K of C to a 4 year term as District Deputy from 1971 thru 1974, 4 years. I learned a whole lot about the Knights and I joined the 4th Degree and the Degree Team and helped run many degrees for a lot of years. I served as FN -- 1974 thru 1975. I was then appointed by the State to serve as Master of the 4th from 1976 to 1980. We had four exemplifications of my own and helped on many more. As Master I had 11 assemblies about July 1980. I was told I was to be transferred by my company to Duluth, MN, to a large acetylene producing plant. As Plant Manager to rebuild and put the plant on a 7 day, 24 hour producing plant which we did. It turned out to be the world's largest producing acetylene plant. It was the hard work of all the employees at that plant that made it happen.

Around November, 1983, I and my wife decided to retire and we did December 31, 1983 after 46 years with the company. Retired now for 27 years. Since then I moved back to Milwaukee, WI and then move to Florida in 1986 for good. I did not get back to being active again in the Knights until about 1990 in Fr. Felix Council. I was very active at the Fr. Felix Council. It was decided by Fr. Powers to form a Council at OLQP in 1995 or a few months earlier. I became the first GK, started with about 45 members. Started with some good people and we did well, but some members wanted to add more members, because they believe in numbers to get people to work. You can only have a successful Council if you have workers and it shows. We have some 190 members and only the officers work.

LeRoy G. Witt, PGK, FN

Our Lady Queen of Peace
Knights of Columbus Council #11680
Presents for Everyone...

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Menu:

Sausage patty, eggs, hash browns, grits,
Sausage gravy, pancakes
Coffee, tea juice

Pancakes are ALL YOU CAN EAT

Stop at the Parish Center after each Mass
and enjoy a hearty breakfast
Served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Enjoy the company of your
friends and fellow parishioners

Adults \$4.00 per person
Children (10 & under) \$3.00