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Grand Knights Report

By Doug Johnson

Finding Stability in an Unstable World

We are all challenged by the daily stresses of life but certain times are more stressful and challenging than others. Our current times are certainly difficult. The U.S. economy is trying to deal with the fallout from billions of dollars of real estate losses while governments worldwide are taking measures to prevent a collapse of the global financial system. Some experts predict that the current economic downturn is likely to be longer and deeper than the recessions we have seen over the last half century as companies deal with falling consumer demand and lack of consumer confidence. The U.S. economy probably lost 2.4 million jobs in 2008, more than in any year since the end of World War II. Negative impacts affected the housing and automobile industries immediately and are now rippling through manufacturers, retailers and other sectors. Economic hardships are affecting all of us; family, friends and neighbors.

In difficult times, it is important to stand firm in the principles that define us Knights of Columbus and as "practical Catholics". We must remember that our order was founded during difficult times when a group of ordinary men lead by an extraordinary priest sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose. Their purpose, and ours, is devotion to God, support of the Holy Catholic Church, and support of our families, community, and nation. I ask all of you to reach out to brother Knights that may be experiencing tough times. Prayers, words of encouragement, and support are little things that can help us all weather this storm together. We should also support our brother knights by patronizing their shops and businesses.

Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do". We know what to believe, desire, and do. Let's all pull together to make a better world because ours is a noble and worthy goal.

Doug Johnson, Grand Knight

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1-3rd Degrees

Corvallis Council is sponsoring a 1-3rd Degrees on January 24th in St. Mary Gym.

1st Degree check-in 10:30am Degree at 11am
2nd/3rd Degree check-in & Lunch 12:00pm
2nd/3rd Degrees starting at 1:00pm

Ladies invited to attend a no host 'getting-to-know-you' Luncheon.

Please RSVP with Dick Paradis before January 16th
dicparadi@hotmail.com or 753-2934



Roe Vs Wade Memorial Rally

Pioneer Court House Square // Portland

Sunday January 18th 2:00-3:00pm

For more information or to register:

<http://www.50millionlost.com>

or

(503)463-8563

Father/Daughter Dance

Formal Evening of dance and fun!

Fathers, Grandfathers, Father Figures show your girl(s) how they should be treated!

St. Mary's Gym
Saturday February 21st
6:30pm

Tickets: \$8 Fathers
\$4 Young Ladies
Sold at Door

Snacks, Beverages and door prizes provided

Memory Photos Available

Help Needed
Set-Up at 3pm
Help during dance and cleanup

Contact Bob Kish to help or for more
Information 929-6884

Financial Secretaries Report

By Dick Paradis



Brothers,

By now all of you should have received your dues statements. If by chance you didn't get yours, let me know. If you are an Honorary Life member you are not required to pay any dues.

We have been assessed a \$3.00 per member for the Culture of Life Fund by the Supreme Council. It would help the Council if Honorary Life members could help with that assessment, since we are taking that \$3.00 out of our dues of our regular members.

All 1st degree members should have received a letter about the 1st & 2nd & 3rd degree that we are having here in our Council on Sat Jan 24th. We must know how many candidates we are going to have, so let me know ASAP either by phone at 753-2934 or e-mail at dicparadi@hotmail.com.

If you have any raffle tickets or money get them to me as we will have the raffle drawing at our meeting on Jan 13th.

I still have some Council shirts for sale for \$18.00 in large and extra large. As always let me know of any changes with any of our members so that I can keep all of the records up to date.

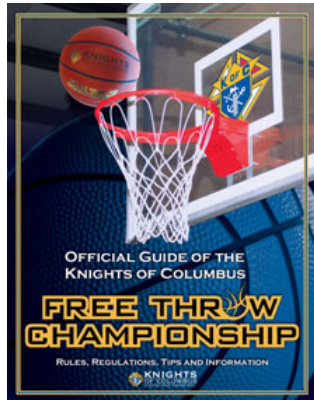
Thanks to all of you for all of the great job that you do in the best Council in the State.

Viva Jesus!

Dick Paradis, Financial Secretary
753-2934 or email at dicparadi@hotmail.com

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-Dick Paradis



KC Free Throw Contest

Saturday Jan 17th, 2009

Boys and Girls Ages 10-14

Linus Pauling Middle School Gym
 Free Event co-Sponsored by KC & Parks/Rec
 Contest begins after Elks (Approx 11am)
 Age eligibility is your age on Jan 1st 2009

HELP NEEDED!
 Knights needed for:
 Scorers, Judges, Check-in, rebounders etc.



January Birthdays

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Terrance Gerding | David Mandel |
| Robert A. Flint | John Kuske |
| Richard L. Gerding Sr. | Justin Gerding |
| Timothy Sullivan | Timothy Gerding |
| Stephen M. Geer | Paul Bousquet |
| Eric M. Sandoval | Peter Mittmann |
| Darrell Schumacher | |

February Birthdays

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|------------------|---------------------|
| John Peters | Jay Celorie |
| David Cudo | Michael Cihak |
| Mark L. Wright | Richard Gerding |
| Frank W. Adams | Nate Gerding |
| Gregg Oberlin | Peter Rosenast |
| Mike Hungreder | Nason J. McCullough |
| Jeffrey Barricks | Geoff Gerding |
| Frank P. Kessel | James H. Bousquet |



October Knight of the Month:

John DeMontigny

October Family of the Month:

Patrick Rausch Family

November Knight of the Month:

Jerry Jackson

November Family of the Month:

Doug Johnson Family



Lenten Simple Meals
 Bring the whole family!

Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in Church
 Meals served starting at 5:30
 February 27th
 March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
 April 3rd

Help Needed starting at 4:00pm until done
 (approx 8-8:30pm)



Knights Retreat Lead by Father Lucas

The Knights will have a Men's Retreat March 7th in the Upper Social Hall from 9:00am to 3:00 pm.

Father Lucas will lead the retreat and lunch will be provided.

To Register Contact:

Doug Johnson
752-1132
or

douglasedwardjohnson@gmail.com



Calendar of Events:

January

6	7-9pm	Officers Meeting	LSH
13	7-9pm	General Member Meeting	LSH
17		Free Throw Contest	Linus Pauling MS
18	2-3pm	50 Million Lost Rally	Pioneer Courthouse Square
24	10:30am	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Degree	GYM

February

3	7-9pm	Officers Meeting	LSH
10	7-9pm	General Member Meeting	LSH
21	6:30-9:30	Father Daughter Dance	GYM
25		Ash Wednesday	
27		Simple Meal	GYM

Updated Calendar information in web, print and ical formats can be found at <http://kofc1785.org/members/calendar.htm>



Congratulations!

Jack & Diane Noble
Travis & Michelle Pindell

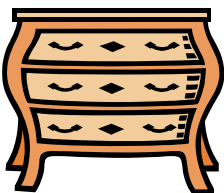
On the new editions to your families!

Dresser Project

We are starting a new dresser to be donated to the Options Pregnancy Care Center.

The Dressers are given to young ladies who choose to raise their babies.

Please bring clothes, blankets, baby items to our Council Meetings to fill the Dresser



Please submit articles, suggestions, comments about the Courier or our website to:

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