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Grand Knights Report

By Doug Johnson

Keeping Our Eyes Fixed On the Goal

As I was reflecting on many of the activities of the Knights of Columbus Council 1785's over the last several years, I was impressed by the level of commitment provided by our brother knights. It seems as if all of our service projects begin with an idea suggested at one of our general meetings or officer's meetings. We contemplate the benefits of a proposed project and determine if we have the resources and manpower to accomplish the task, accept the challenge, then jump in and do it. This is not without a certain level of anxiety and difficulty along the way, but what is impressive is the level of commitment provided by the knights and their faith that what we are doing serves God, church, community, and families. On one of our recent projects an observer commented that not only were we building things but we all seemed to be having a great time doing it!

I have been reading the book *Up from Slavery* by Booker T. Washington and he made a profound observation during a period of great hardship and turbulence in the South after the Civil War. He said,

"In order to be successful in any kind of undertaking, I think the main thing is for one to grow to the point where he completely forgets himself; that is to lose himself in a great cause. In proportion as one loses himself in this way, in the same degree does he get the highest happiness out of his work."

Washington's great cause was the education of poor black people, providing them with not only industrial, mechanical and agricultural skills but also with an abiding respect for the nobility of work and service to others. His accomplishments can be seen today in Tuskegee University which is world known for its programs in the sciences, architecture, business, engineering, health and other professions. As Washington first instilled, Tuskegee also focuses on "nurturing the development of high-order intellectual and moral qualities among students".

What is important is to select a noble goal and keep

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one's eyes fixed on it. I am reminded of the story, attributed to St. Benedict, of a man in the fifth century who came upon a construction site with three stonemasons laboring in the sun. The man asked each in turn what he was doing. The first was rather disgruntled and said, "I am forming this stone." The second replied flatly that he was "forming stones to be used in building this wall." The third man when queried enthusiastically replied "I am building a cathedral." One of the secrets of success of the Knights of Columbus is that "we are in service to one, in service to all."

Doug Johnson, GK

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World Day of Peace September 11th

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world";
 "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and
 minds are consumed with hatred";
 "give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a
 world where true peace and love reign among nations
 and in the hearts of all"

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/news/releases/detail/3996.html>

Editors Report

By Frank Kessel

This is the eighth edition of the Courier that I have served as editor. Now that I am starting to have some semblance of a process/procedure for it's bi-monthly creation. I am looking for ideas/feedback on what we can do to make it more interesting/useful for the members of our council.

I am also looking for anyone who is willing to contribute regular content/articles that relate to KC business.

Although I have probably beaten this horse to death, I want to remind everyone that you can get an electronic copy of the courier instead of a paper copy. This cuts down on our printing/mailling costs. We currently have around 40 members receiving the courier by email. This saves the council approximately \$150 per year.

In addition to printing the Council's calendar of events in the courier, we also have it available at our website <http://kofc1785.org/members/calendar.htm> Here you will find a web viewable version, a pdf version (which works well for printing) and an ical version. If you maintain your own electronic calendar on your local computer, you can use the ical version to automatically get our council calendar and it's updates. If you have any problems accessing it or our website, please let me know.

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Financial Secretaries Report

By Dick Paradis



Brothers,

We have just 4 months left in this year and there are still a few brothers who have not paid their dues for 2008. If you are one of those, please do so as soon as possible. Please, keep me informed of any changes with you, so that I can keep my records up to date. As a change please note that the phone number for Jim Iwaniec is 829-3230.

I have some council shirts still for sale if anyone wishes to have one. I have 3 large and 3 extra large available. The cost is \$18.00 each. Let me know if you wish to have one. Also, if you do not have a council name badge and want one let me know. Everyone should wear their name badge at church and any other event to let people know who we are and what we are about.

Are you a member of the Fr. Michael McGivney Guild??? Every member of the Knights should be a member. It is free and you receive a bi-monthly newsletter about the effort to make Fr. McGivney a saint. Pope Benedict has made Fr. McGivney venerable that is one of the steps to becoming a saint. I have the forms to enroll every member of our council and will do so. If you are already a member or you do not want to be a member please let me know so I can take your name off of the list.

Thanks to everyone for all that you do for the Knights and our council, which happens to be the best council in the state. Everyone should be proud to be in this council. I know that I am

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Standup Girl Dinner/Dance

Fundraiser for families Saturday, October 18 @ 6:30 PM in St. Mary's gym.

Knights will be helping by serving drinks. Brother Knight Jack Noble will serve prime rib, as last year. All money goes to support the standupgirl.com website, a prolife site which originated in Corvallis and is now maintained by Oregon Right-to-Life. Tickets will be \$12 (Individual), \$20 (couple), \$40 (family) and must be purchased in advance.

Contact Irene @ 752-1132 or Diane @ 929-6811. Let them know if you want to reserve a table with other Knights.

This event is cosponsored by St. Mary's Respect Life Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Daughters.



Saturday Oct 4th.

Gates Open 9:30am-Program 11:00am
Volcanos Stadium, Keizer OR (I5 Exit 260B)
Free Admission-Parking \$3 per car

Join Bishop Kenneth Steiner for:

- Community Prayer: Joyful Mysteries
- Eucharistic Procession
- Adoration & Benediction
- Confessions from 9:30-11am
- Community Resource Booths
- Concessions available
- Free will offering taken

<http://www.rosarybowlnw.org>
503-508-2321

Breakfast!!!

All Parish Breakfast!

Help Needed with all Shifts!
Set-up starts at 6am (always need strong backs)

September 28th
Gym/Kitchen

Breakfast served from 7:30-11:00am

Contact Brother Jim Iwaniec to help
iwancor@yahoo.com
or
829-3230



New members:

Dr. Steven Wirth

Maximo Stock

*Welcome to Council
1785 !*



Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Open Adoption Services

Looking to Expand your Family?

We have over **100 years' experience** placing children in loving homes. Our **next adoption orientation is October 17 & 18, 2008**. We also offer free one on one information interviews. Please contact Pregnancy Support & Open Adoption Services, 503-238-5196.

Faithful Citizen

By Matthew Rocha

Editor's Note: The following information/lecture was provided at the April Membership meeting and published in the May/June edition of Courier. It has been requested that it be re-published with the election coming up:

As we head toward the month of May, the upcoming Presidential primary, and enter full-swing into election season, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a few thoughts and some resources offered by our Church to help in forming your conscience and making moral decisions as a Faithful Citizen of our great Nation.

1. Are Catholics called to be active in public and political life? Absolutely! Consider the following:

A Reading from the Letter of James
James 2:14-17; faith requires action, faith without works is dead

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 3: Life in Christ, Ch. 2: The Human Condition
CCC 1915; 1918-1927; citizens are obliged to participate under the call to advance the common good. All authority is from God so Faith is necessary in the moral application of civil authority

2. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.

(From the 2008 USCCB Bishop's Statement, <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/church/statements>)
17. Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church....Conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to...make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith.

22. Intrinsically evil actions (such as taking innocent human life in abortion and euthanasia) must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned.

31. Decisions about political life are complex and require the exercise of a well-formed conscience, beginning with opposition to laws and policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

33. Prudential judgment is also needed to apply moral principles to specific policy choices such as the Iraq war, housing, health care, and immigration.

34. Catholics face difficult choices about how to vote. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil.

35. There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position may decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting this way is permissible.

36. When all candidates hold a position in favor of an

intrinsic evil, the voter...may decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate, or, after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods.

3. Prayer

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us today. Hear our prayers and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus. Help us to draw on the resources of our faith as we use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

4. Please take some time to inform yourself through resources freely available from our church leaders:

- <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org> Information and resources for voting Americans from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB, <http://www.usccb.org>)
- <http://www.usccb.org/og/> USCCB Office of Government Relations includes statements on federal legislative issues and legislative reports
- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/index.htm Website for the Pontifical Councils and their reports. Consider the Councils on: Family, Justice & Peace, Migrants, Health Care, Culture, Social Communications
- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/doc_doc_index.htm Documents from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
- <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/> online version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/> online version of The New American Bible (both of these are also available online from the Holy See, <http://www.vatican.va/archive/>)
- <http://www.kofc.org/un/publications/columbia/detail.cfm?id=4006> Article on "Church and State, Faith and Politics," by Douglas Kmiec from the [Columbia magazine](#) archives.



Congratulations!

2007-2008 Council 1785 Knight of the Year:
Bob Kish



2007-2008 Council 1785 Family of the Year:
Stan Nored Family



Congratulations Ray Costello

By Bob Rackham

Ray Costello was honored Aug 8. He was inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame after 60 years in aviation. Ray served in the army Air corps in WWII and the US Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Upon retirement, Ray managed the Oregon Aeronautics Div. for over 30 years. Ray, we are proud of you for your long, patriotic and honorable careers.



June Family of the Month:

Bob Kish Family

July Knight of the Month:

Mark Wright

July Family of the Month:

Dick Paradis Family



September Birthdays

Donald Woelfle
Jason Gerding
Bruce Morford
Rev Matt F. Lanz
John Fradet
Charles Renn

Douglas E. Johnson
Matthew J. Geniza
Jerry Jackson
John Morford
Gary P. Beck
Bruce Eckhardt

October Birthdays

Harold J Weihman
Raymond Garretson
Rev Michael W. Sprauer
Henry Gerding
Todd R. Schmidt
Robert Gisler
Danny Jackson
Francis Gerding
Charles E. Zaback

Timothy R. Gallagher
Patrick Long
Leo Clarke
Renato Geniza
Matthew P. Rocha
Andrew R. Doyle
Jerry Hortsch
Dr. Rudolph M. Henry
Dr. Steven Wirth

2008-2009 Officers

Grand Knight:	Doug Johnson
Dep Grand Knight:	Frank Kessel
Financial Secretary:	Dick Paradis
Treasurer:	Joe Heaney
3 Year Trustee:	Stan Nored
2 Year Trustee:	Rene Geniza
1 Year Trustee:	John Adamski
Chancellor:	Bob Rackham
Advocate:	Bob Kish
Recorder:	Paul Hoffstadt
Warden:	Jim Iwaniec
Outside Guard:	Gary Beck
Inside Guard:	Tom Peterson

Insurance Corner

By Jim Walton

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...

But it's coming - and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest:

"The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

Call me – let's talk.

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Calendar of Events:

September

2	7-9pm	Officers Meeting	LSH
9	7-9pm	General Member Meeting	LSH
11		KC World Day Prayer for Peace	
14		Monsignor Taafe Booth	Oktoberfest
20	10am	SOLV Beach Cleanup	Newport
28	6am-1pm	All Parish Breakfast*	Gym/Kitchen

October

4	11am	Rosary Bowl NW	Volcano Stadium
7	7-9pm	Officers Meeting	LSH
14	7-9pm	General Member Meeting	LSH
18	6:30-10pm	Stand-Up Girl Dinner/Dance	Gym
19		Membership Blitz	Masses
27	7-8pm	New Member Info/Social Night	LSH

*Above is work hours, breakfast served from 7:30-11am

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

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