



Tennessee Knights of Columbus

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Responsibility – If it is to be – It is up to me
What Works – Team Work!

One half of the Christian world is the result of the decision of one Catholic Layman – Christopher Columbus. –Carl Anderson

Change of Command on the MR Board

At the board meeting held October 16th in Manchester, President Michael Anderjack retired from the position of president. The board members, acting on the nomination of PSD Michael Porter, unanimously elected John King, FDM, and FDD & PGK from Cordova council 9317 to the position. John has a long association with the Knights of Columbus as evidenced by his titles, as well as personal experiences with the board's objectives which give him a fine tuned sensitivity to the board's mission. Michael Anderjack was elected to the position of Director Meritorious.

PSD Marty O'Haver resigned from the position of Vice President for personal reasons and Wayne Tedford from Camden council 9754 was elected to fill that position.

Both of these gentlemen bring to the table many years of experience in the areas of organizational skills and leadership abilities. We look forward to the MR board moving in a positive direction and adding substantially to its record of accomplishments.

The thoughts and prayers of every Tennessee Knight are with them as they assume their new duties.

Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Steven Kenny, State Chaplain

Discover your faith! Discover the gift that God has given you! As we wind up the month where our nation honors Christopher Columbus, we Knights of Columbus must be well trained men on the Ship of the Church to ply the waters of our culture and become the hands and presence of the living God on earth as it is in heaven. Do not be afraid to read the catechism, to ask your chaplain questions about your faith and then to take the challenge to live your faith. Many times our wallets govern where we spend our time and how our talents are

used. Many times we become complacent rich men and forget that we could wind up like the man in Luke's gospel chapter 6, verse 23.

If you hear God call you to a new world will you go? Will you accept the challenge of leading men and even more leading families to be saints? Will you stand up for life and defend the weakest of our great nation? Be saints, not just saints with a little "s" but great saints in the Church! Now is the time for discovery, read what your bishops' are writing, listen and hear what your bishops' are saying, it's meant for you, it's meant for us priests, it's meant for our salvation. If you hear God calling you then stand up now like Saint Peter and Saint Paul and Saint James and rise to the call to be great Saints! Your wives, kids and your family will love you for it and God will bless you immensely!

News Around the State

What your Brother Knights are doing

District 17

DD Bob Householder reports that the Jefferson City council is active in support of an anti-abortion effort to inhibit the building of an abortion clinic in Knoxville. They have taken a leadership role in the area's Pro-Life activities. Morristown has had some members participate not as Knights but rather as parish members.

Family of The Month

Congratulations to our family of the month winners from Supreme for the month of September. They are Brian & Donna Gabor from council 8576 in Chattanooga and the family of Ken & Trish Wilkins from Council 9754 in Camden. Great job folks and we're proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Councils participating throughout the state this month included: 616, 3537, 3832, 3837, 6321, 7086, 8576, 9317, 9754, 14079, 14482 & 14902. Council's underlined ___ have participated every month on time.

Holy Cross Assembly

The assembly earned two awards at the recent Bienville Province meeting held in Little Rock. They were honored with the Patriot Award from Supreme Council for achieving second place amongst all the assemblies in the world. They also received the Bishop Stanley Ott award from the provinces.

Bill Gunter

Our immediate Former District Master received the Master of the Year for 2010 which was the third year of his four year tenure. He acknowledged and thanked all those who supported him but we thank him for his hard work, dedication and leadership during those four years. He brought the Fourth Degree to new heights while he was Master.

Knights support Mur-Ci Home

Tom Roche, District Deputy #9 reports that councils and assemblies in his area, led by Bishop Niedergeses, are once again seeking support for their annual program at which they supply a meal and Christmas presents for all the residents and their caregivers at Mur-Ci Home. There are about sixty five residents there so the cost can be substantial, but well worth it! In the past, the assembly has handled the program on their own but this year they are expanding solicitation of support from all of the councils and assemblies in the district. The project is being chaired by Mike Cherry, PGK, FDD. To learn more about this project contact him at michael.cherry01@comcast.net or 615-881-6689. Hats off to our brothers as they pursue making older folks happy at what can be a lonely time of the year for them.

St. Phillip Parish, Franklin

Dale Townsend, Grand Knight of our newest council in Franklin, reports that the parish is having a Jubilee Celebration in honor of the 140th anniversary of the original St. Phillip Church. The council is deeply involved with the program. Bishop Choby will be present, as well as an honor guard consisting of at least sixteen members. They are expecting about fifteen hundred to attend including many city and county officials along with historical society members. A truly ambitious project for a new council! This shows that they are not afraid to jump into the middle of things.

MidYear Meeting

Don't forget to make plans to attend the midyear meeting on January 8, 2011, at the Cathedral in Nashville. Catch up on where we are at the half way point and meet our Regional Program Director from Supreme, Richard McCloy, a really outstanding guy. In addition, we will be updated on the convention! So don't forget to bring everything, registrations, ads, etc. We want this convention to be as successful as possible, but it will take all of us to do it. For those staying over, we have a block of rooms at the Lowes Vanderbilt Hotel which is virtually across the street from the Cathedral. You must mention that you are with the Knights of Columbus to get the special rate of \$99. You must also make your reservations prior to December 7 or lose the rate. Let's make this one of the best attended midyears ever. Get a move on guys, we're burning daylight!!

One Lost Lamb

We are all lost lambs. Only when we are united in Christ in heaven are we found.

The "Me" generation mentality means that you are lost forever. This mentality leads to being self centered and worrying about your own self serving self. It is doing the devil's work for him. We need to start to see and understand what is going on in the world besides ourselves. That is what the Knights of Columbus can do for you. It will help to open your eyes wide to the world around you. Our Programs broaden your horizon. Many Catholic men say that any "Men's Club" will do that. This is thinking about themselves; social or otherwise. With the programs that the Knights bring, it can make that men's club into a Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights of Columbus will bring that man out into the world with the thoughts of others.

When we drop men from our rosters without really trying to see what problems that they might be encountering which makes them think they can no longer be a Knight that means that we gave up on that lost lamb. When we drop him that can't pay his dues without finding out why he can't then you have given up on him. We are all lost. We need to understand and help each other. We all have our own problems and those problems may not be the same for each of us. That is what the activation of a man or a whole council is about. Take care to evangelize all eligible Catholic men. This will help them and help you to get to heaven and be found. By trying to find out about every member in your council and see what they may have to offer; this is what activation is all about. Remember Not I, but We.

Ceremonial Corner

State Ceremonial Chairman, Byron Nestler

There have been six very successful exemplifications of the third degree and three that had to be cancelled due to lack of candidates. The difference? **Planning!**

In order to have a good exemplification the District Deputy, the Grand Knights of the host council and participating councils must begin preparing at least three months in advance of the degree. First degree exemplifications should be held all around the area from ninety to thirty days prior to the third degree. There should be no last minute exemplifications. Some of these first and second exemplifications should be held on weekends and some on week nights to accommodate candidates work schedules.

The host District Deputy must communicate the candidates name, council number, telephone and email to the State Ceremonial Chairman no later than fourteen days prior to the third degree so the State Deputy can plan the logistics of the degree and communicate with the candidates.

If we all work together and communicate we will have excellent exemplifications. Remember that your Ceremonials Committee is standing by to help in any way.

Thanksgiving

As we celebrate what has been provided for our families, keep in mind those that do not have as much as we do. There is an Irish ballad called “The Streets of London” where a lady has all her belongings in a shopping cart. While she is happy as she knows where everything is, some people do not even have a shopping cart. Thanksgiving is a time to show our Christian values and share with others.

Protocol

It is very important that all District Deputies follow the guidelines regarding visits when attending a council meeting. It is also important that Grand Knights follow their thirteen areas of protocol during a council meeting. Following protocol enables meetings to run smoothly and finish on time.

Your District Deputy and spouse should be invited to any functions your council promotes. Please keep in mind that, as the right hand of the State Deputy, he is shown respect. You will find your District Deputy will always be there to guide and assist your council. When your State Deputy is invited to a function please make sure that you have a welcoming committee for him and his spouse. If the function is out of his local home area please assist him in finding hotel accommodations when necessary.

Protocol is important. We sometimes take it for granted and forget the little things that make the Knights of Columbus a proud organization. For further information on protocol please review your Grand Knight’s Handbook or the Knights of Columbus manual entitled “Protocol”.

Teamwork

The ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to divert individual accomplishment toward congenial objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

A Vocations Prayer

God of all nations, we are grateful for Catholic missionaries who bring the treasure of faith to many lands. May the gospel, which shaped their lives, continue to shape our lives today. Bless every diocese with others to follow in their footsteps.

Amen

I am my brother’s keeper

Vivat Jesus,

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