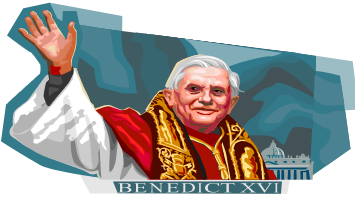


*A New Council & Our Second Hispanic.
Congratulations to District 19 and DD Jose Baeza*



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Responsibility – If it is to be – it is up to me

Our state goal is Circle of Honor, each council's goal should be Star Council If councils achieve Star than State will be in the Circle of Honor. That's the winner circle – Tennessee belongs there!

Tennessee is forging on with great progress in developing and implementing new ways to reach the growing Hispanic population!! We have recently welcomed a new council. We are looking forward to a third degree. And, we are actively recruiting Knights to help with this endeavor by serving on degree teams! Read on to learn about this exciting movement and ways you can help!

Welcome our Newest Council

Our second Hispanic council, San Felipe Council #15178, joins our growing state fraternity. A final degree and installation was held at St. Phillip's church in Franklin on Sunday, November 21, with thirty one Knights signing the charter at the conclusion of the ceremony. San Felipe promises to become a thriving council and joins the earlier instituted Our Lady of Guadalupe Hispanic council, also in Nashville. They have offered their services in spreading the Hispanic council concept throughout the state. This new council falls into District 19.

Supreme Council's Hispanic Coordinator, Levi Leyba, PSD, FDM, was among those that attended the installation. This was his third trip to Tennessee in support of our efforts. Levi is from Albuquerque, NM (you have to be from there to spell it right the first time). He explained that Supreme Council is excited about the Hispanic council concept and is supporting it fully.

They are providing considerable latitude in the formation process thereby reducing the time frame from start to acquisition of a council number. District Deputy Jose Baeza also attended and served on the degree team. Luis Bustillos our state Hispanic coordinator orchestrated the entire event with the support and assistance of 7764's Grand Knight, Dale Townsend and members of his council.

Historic Hispanic Third Degree Scheduled

Tennessee will hold its first Spanish Third Degree on January 9, 2011, at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Nashville.

Hispanic Degree Teams Being Formed

The need to have our own degree teams for our Hispanic brothers is obvious. Supreme can do little to help us other than to provide translator kits which really fall short of the mark in terms of quality degrees and getting the lessons across, particularly in the third degree. So, we are looking for bi-lingual members who are fluent in both languages- primarily from the Nashville area for the time being- to step up and volunteer for degree team duty. A first degree team is already formed in the Nashville area, but we will need a second and, of course, a third degree team. We want to move forward with this as rapidly as we can due to the potential growth of Hispanic councils. (A third one is already partially formed in Nashville and we are working on at least one in Memphis.)

If you have the language ability and the talent to do degree team work than please contact Jose Baeza, District Deputy #19, at 615-480-1046 or at his email address; DD19@kofc.org as soon as possible.

Degree work is wonderfully satisfying work. It gives you the opportunity to introduce candidates to the world of Columbianism and help set them on a path that will take them years into the future.

State Deputy's Corner

As I compose this article, I find it hard to believe that five months of the fraternal year have already passed by and December with all of its glitter, promise, cheer and holiday thrill is upon us. I am sure that many of you have been very busy during this time and that's a great thing! For those of you who are just starting to get things moving to get new members, you have some catching up to do... but I'm confident that you will succeed.

At the recent Supreme Convention our Supreme Knight used the phrase, "**I Am My Brother's Keeper!**" As we move into the next few months of our fraternal year, we become more aware of this charge by looking for ways to help and assist those less fortunate than we are. In October, we celebrated the birthday of Columbus. We realize how fortunate we are to follow in the footsteps of this world traveler and explorer who brought people to a better place than that in which they had been living.

In November, we said thanks to all of those members who have done so much in our local councils by showing us ways to help those less fortunate. Now, it is up to you to take this charge and move forward into the heart of the Columbian year!

So here's the question.... What are you doing over the next few months to assist those less fortunate? We have some noteworthy programs that can help you in this endeavor. As we move into the second half of our fraternal year, here are a few programs for you to consider:

- ✓ Food for the hungry
- ✓ Clothing drives for the needy
- ✓ Memorial services for deceased members
- ✓ Blood drives
- ✓ Wheelchair donation program
- ✓ Coats for kids
- ✓ RSVP for Seminarians
- ✓ Right to Life activities

The Grand Knight's handbook is the place where you have all this information at your fingertips. I encourage you to use it! Ask questions! Assign activity chairmen! If you need any assistance we, at the State Council, pledge to help you and your council to grow stronger!

The strength of our Order is dependent on the strength of the local councils and its members. As the leader of your council, I encourage you to review the handbook and participate in the many activities available that will help you and your council grow stronger.

Right now commit yourself and your council to holding one major project in each of the six categories: Church, Community, Council, Youth, ProLife and Family. Tell your DD that you and your council are committed to performing one major activity in each of these categories and then do it! The hardest part is getting the words out of your mouth.

I will be checking with the DD's to hear the good news. I know some of you won't do it and that is not negativism, just fact. But, I would love for 100% effort and for you to prove me wrong. It can be done if you have the will to do it.

Try it - you'll like it.

Tennessee's Family of the Month

Supreme selected two families from our state in October for family of the month. They were the family of Jon & Micheline Parkey from Council 6099 in Chattanooga and the family of Brian & Mary Davis from Council 9586 in Nashville. Our warmest congratulations to the latest winners.

Participation dropped to twelve councils in October. Going the wrong way, guys. 3832, 7086 and 14079 remain consistent having submitted family of the month each month since July 1.

Mid-Year Meeting

The meeting is coming up on January 8, 2011, which gives you time to recover from the holidays!! Don't forget to bring all forms, checks etc. with you. Please put them in a large (9x12) brown envelope with the council number on the front.

Keep in mind that everyone is responsible for making their own convention hotel reservations directly with the Cool Springs Marriott. (1-888-403-6772). Don't forget to state that you are with the Knights of Columbus in order to get the special rate and to allow the State Council to get credit for room count which helps reduce the cost of the convention.

We will be holding our District Deputy meeting on Saturday, 8 January, prior to the Mid Year meeting at Fleming Hall.

Required forms and dates

1-31-2011

- #1728 Fraternal Survey Mandatory Form
- #4584 Partnership Profile w/Special Olympics
- FT-1 Free Throw Participation Form
- 4001 substance abuse poster contest participation

2-15-2011

- #1295-2 Semi Annual Audit Mandatory Form

Food for Families Program

In a recent letter to all state deputies, George Hanna, Senior Vice President for Fraternal Services, pointed out that many councils had been working to make sure that families in their communities are able to enjoy a hot meal this Thanksgiving. They have plenty of company- for many individuals and organizations conduct "feed the hungry" programs during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Regrettably, once the holiday season ends, too often so does the outreach. As Knights –as Neighbors helping Neighbors – we can't allow this to happen.

I encourage you as individual Knights and as councils to conduct programs to help feed the hungry throughout the remainder of the fraternal year and pass it on to your followers. Focus your outreach on food pantries and soup kitchens in your respective communities. You can collect non-perishable food at weekend Masses. Many grocery stores will allow organizations such as the Knights of Columbus to collect food outside their stores. The key is to ask – and to work within the parameters that the store manager has established. The goal is to help keep food pantries well stocked all year round. Councils can also purchase or secure through donations enough food to prepare a meal at a local soup kitchen or in the parish hall. Then, they can do what Knights do best – roll up their sleeves and prepare and serve the meal themselves!

As an incentive for councils to conduct these types of outreach programs, the Supreme Council will count a qualifying Food for Families program as fulfilling all four of the Community Activities requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify, councils must complete and submit a form by May 15, 2011. The form is posted on the Supreme web site so it easily accessible by all councils.

As the Christmas season approaches, think about the many families less fortunate than you are and pledge to yourself that the Knights of Columbus will reach out to them through the Food for Families program not only during the holiday season but beyond.

Chattanooga Council Leads the Way in Coats for Kids

Chattanooga Council 6099 is leading the way in the state by undertaking the Coats for Kids program! GK Victor Williams announced that the weekend of December 4th will be their big drive. Brother Paul Smith, a member of Council 610 and also the General Manager of the Chattanooga market, is promoting donations for the drive at the well attended Chattanooga Christmas Market. Collection points have been established and Brother Knights are volunteering their time in two hour shifts to staff them. It promises to be not only a worthwhile event, but in all probability a highly successful one. They plan to have at least two Fourth Degree in full regalia to advertise the presence of the Knights.

Perhaps other councils in the state might consider following their example. You could make a lot of cold children feel warmer this winter and it could give you a warm feeling by doing so.

Never can tell, it might just turn out to have an added effect of being a good recruiting program.

State Convention Update

Here is a link that will take you to Marriott Cool Springs home page with the negotiated rate already entered.

<<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/BNACS?groupCode=KNTKNTA&app=reservationlink&fromDate=4/1/11&toDate=4/3/11>>

Or you can call 888-403-6772

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 brothers Keeper

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