



KERNER KNIGHT

October 2009

Council 8509

CALENDAR

- Oct 5 7:30p Officers meeting – Commons
- Oct 10 6:15p Lasagna Dinner – Salesian Hall – Sal needs HELP
- Oct 12 7:30p Business Meeting – Commons
- Oct 24 – 4th Degree Exemplification – Durham
- Oct 24-25 after Masses Stewardship Fair – Salesian Hall
- Nov 2 7:00p Officers meeting - Commons
- Nov 8 9:30 Pancake Breakfast – Commons
- Nov 8 Fruit Sale Starts
- Nov 9 7:00 Business Meeting - Commons

Greetings from the Grand Knight

Why Do People Volunteer?

People volunteer for many reasons, sometimes altruism, sometimes personal, but always for a purpose. For many people it is a way of giving back to God, Country or Community. You may be attending a cancer survivors meeting and the guest speaker be a cancer survivor himself or herself. You may hear that a family member received excellent care in the hospital not just by the staff but also by people who volunteer their time to make it a little easier and want to repay a kindness they themselves received. You may hear about a youth group leader, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Squires, to name just a few, who want to make a difference in someone's life because their youth leader made a difference in theirs. This, Brother Knights is what Charity is built on "Volunteerism" to give your time to help make a difference in someone else's life. To make it just a little easier because you know down deep God has give you a bigger purpose.

I have only been a Knight for a few years, however, when living in Houston I volunteered for the fire department for 15 years. It was hard work, training to obtain the same certification as a paid fire fighter. Having to wake up at 2:30 in the morning and go help someone you don't know, knowing you have to get up and go to work in a few hours. It was tough at times. The things I saw can never be forgotten. From the birth of a child to the death of car accident victims to suicides to the elderly. It has had its good times and it is bad. With all that said, I would do it all over again because it has made me who I am today. It teaches you how precious life is that God has given us. Please remember, the next time you may need an emergency worker, many of them are volunteers.

As Knights we volunteer in different ways, we give our time to Charities. How do we do this? By supporting our fundraisers, volunteering our time to sell dinner / breakfast tickets, cooking, parking cars, the air show, operation LAMB. By doing this we can support our church and many organizations that can make a difference in someone else's life. To help make it just a little easier for them, to give them a chance at life. A situation we may have had to overcome ourselves with someone else at our side. Yes, it is difficult at times to squeeze a few hours in here and there but, all you have to do is go and visit a charity we help, LAMB, Room at the Inn, The Food Bank, look at what our few hours of volunteering can give. We can put a smile on a face, a chance at life, a chance for them to become independent, to give company to the lonely. One day the people we help today may be helping us tomorrow.

Thank you for your time.

Next Council meeting 7:30 pm Monday Oct 12thsee you there!

Vivat Jesus

Tony Belline GK

Remembrance

Brother Jim St. John, past Grand Knight and Charter Member of Council 8509 last month. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard was at the funeral home and the Mass. Jim started the R.S.V.P. Program at Holy Cross, one of our longest running programs. Keep his family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Keep Brothers Les Buchan, Fred Schaefer, Mike Karn, and Craig Hoyt in your prayers. Also Sister Columbiette Mary Ann Albright.

Knights & Family Of The Month

July: Knight of the Month – Mike Karn Family of the Month – Mike, Tammy, & Melissa Asher

August: Knight of the Month – Lance Cancro Family of the Month – Joe & Lori Lozano

Air Show

Received a check, but the vendor had mix us up with another group. Should have the final numbers next issue.

Highway Cleanup

On Saturday 9/19/09 the Knights of Columbus Highway clean up turned up 10 trash bags and 3 small bags of aluminum. We would like to thank the following knights for giving up a couple hours of there precious time to help with the task, Herb Pennington, David Thomas, Bruce Baden, and Rick Perez. Total man-hours 6.

God Bless, Ricardo Perez

Refund Support Vocations Program

In 1981, the Knights of Columbus formalized a program called **R.S.V.P.** The goal is to help support seminarian students in their journey to priesthood. They have expenses like anyone else going to college today, and this is where we come in. The Knights of Columbus at Holy Cross help raise the funds through donations and by collecting aluminum for recycling. We raised close to \$1,000 each year.

Please bring your aluminum to the Knights meetings each month

Put your bags in the **Green Recycle Bin** out back of the Commons. If a large bag, leave near the Recycle Bin. If you have large bags or other recyclable metals, I can pick them up for you. It helps if you have rinsed and crushed the cans. We are able to carry more aluminum to the recycle center.

The recycle center just has increased what they are paying for aluminum cans to 45 cents/lb!
Mike Asher, 310-3482 home / 970-1513 cell

Operation LAMB

The recession has had an impact on charitable giving this year. We are finding this our as we approach companies and individuals who have given in the past. We were fortunate to secure some store locations earlier this year. Along with the Golf Outing we have raised \$5,144.00 so far. You can see why parking cars at Tanglewood and the Air Show is so important. I am waiting to hear back from several stores for the fall. If you can get the company you work for to contributor to LAMB, that would help. We can get you a brochure. **Joe Lozano** 310-4045 jlozano123@triad.rr.com

Room At The Inn

The staff at Room at the Inn has made a request for used furniture. They are in need of chest of drawers and night stands as well as a small desk. If anyone has these items and would like to donate them to this worthy cause, please call at 996-3788 or go by their office on West Mountain St. They are located on the second floor of the white concrete block-house across from Pierce Jefferson Funeral home.

Dave Shepherd

Toys for Tots

It's that time of year again. The Knights of Columbus help collect toys and identify needy children in our area. We have been assisting the Marines distribute toys to these children for over ten years. We provide the Toys For Tots Program a list consisting of the **child's name, sex, age, parent's name and address**. This is their requirement. We request this information from various groups and individuals to help identify these children. Our deadline with the Marines is December 4th.

If you can supply us with some needy children, we will make sure we get toys for them. You can e-mail the information or mail it to us. If you would like to deliver these toys to the families you have identified, we would welcome you to share in this wonderful opportunity. Your children will benefit the true meaning of Christmas; a memory that will always remain with them.

We also share these names with the Angel Tree coordinator. This way the children not only receive toys, but clothing items. It might be an individual who has lost their job, a parent, or other circumstance that has befallen the family.

I am also asking that you start bringing canned and boxed food to the meetings for these families. Instead of checks or cash, we could use grocery store gift cards to use for meat or turkey to supplement the canned goods. We could also use gift cards from Wal-Mart and Target for children over 13 for a gift. The Marines are not able to provide 'toys' for these kids.

Herb Pennington (785-1948)

Craig Schwarz (402-3012)

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Roth IRAs: A Less Taxing Way to Save

Did you know that you can establish a Roth IRA through the Knights of Columbus? If you haven't set up a Roth IRA for this year, there's still time to take advantage of this great way to save for retirement.

You can now save up to \$3,000 per year, minus the amounts contributed to other IRAs. The limit is \$3,500 for people over 50. The total you can contribute also depends on your income, but you can do so regardless of whether you participate in a pension plan.

Although your contributions aren't deductible, the long-range benefits of a Roth IRA should be compared to those of a traditional IRA. For starters, many people earn too much for a traditional IRA to be a tax deduction. And with a Roth IRA you avoid the age-70 ½ minimum distribution requirements that come with a traditional IRA.

You can establish a Roth IRA, and make your yearly contribution, up to the date you file your tax return for that year (excluding extensions). But annual contributions to a Roth IRA aren't required. All the interest you earn is federal income tax-free, provided you withdraw your funds under certain "qualified distribution" rules

If you'd like more information about Roth IRAs – or traditional IRAs - I can help. But do it soon. Saving as much as you can for retirement is always a wise move, and the earlier you start, the better. Call me today.

Our unmatched code of ethics

There are hundreds of fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that its "AAA" rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability. We've earned this rating for 16 consecutive years!

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as "a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients" is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, "Protecting Families for Generations" by means of "life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights."

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our "Marketing Code of Ethics" is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as "Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

God Bless, Steven Wolff, Field Agent (336) 689-3225 steven.wolff@kofc.org.

Holy Cross Website

Have you been there yet? www.holycrossnc.org If you are an Usher, Lector, Extraordinary Minister, in the left column, click on *Stewards of the Mass*. You will find the Priest's Mass schedules, Holy Day and Holiday Schedules also. On the right side of the Home Page, you will find the church calendar. A real must to checkout if you want to know what is going on and when. Very detailed!

You should know by now that Father Paul is big on the Saints of each day. He has put a link at the bottom of the Home Page for this. Take a few minutes and explore our church's website. You will be surprised at what you find on there! When the 8509 website is up and running, you will find a link to take you there. The only item under the Knights section is our newsletter for now.

WANTED

The Knights of Columbus **Kerner Knight** is looking for an assistant editor with layout and publishing experience. Once a month assignment with advancement opportunities. Great rewards. Contact Herb Pennington 785-1948 or herbpennjr@bigplanet.com

Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers to assist with the masses. For more information, visit <http://www.holycrossnc.org/> click on Stewards of the Mass. This is an opportunity to volunteer your time as a Knight. Contact Herb Pennington.