



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. John The Beloved Council 11796

Dear Brother Knights,

Now that you have elected me Grand Knight, I guess I'll have to draw fewer analogies to extinct critters and the troubles they faced and adopt a more businesslike approach to these letters. But, then again, where's the fun in that? Okay, okay, I'll try Sgt. Friday's approach – just the facts.

Congratulations to the slate of officers elected to represent the council for the 2009 – 2010 Columbian year. They're listed later in this letter but this is a good time to recognize John Piechoski. He joined our council when he became a knight just eighteen short months ago. He's been actively involved in council activities since then and has now taken on an officer's responsibilities with his election as Inside Guard. So, we congratulate him on his new position and thank him for his willingness to serve.

We also thank those officers who served the council so well last year and who will continue to serve the council in the coming year. Special kudos to Bill Harris who has served as Grand Knight for the past two years and who will continue to serve this year as Trustee 3 Year.

My apologies to anyone who showed up for the July meeting on Thursday the 16th. There was a typo in the Events Calendar in June's newsletter. The meeting was actually on Wednesday the 15th. Trust me, these newsletters do get extensively edited and proofed. Mistakes still happen however so Mea Culpa.

A priority this year will be recruiting new members (with an emphasis on personal rather than mass recruiting) so put your thinking caps on and see if you know an individual who would make a good knight.

Finally, these are tough times. The plant closings, lay offs, downsizing, furloughs and other painful business realities affect us all. We know that Christ is with us always. We can put our faith in Him but we can't expect a reenactment of the loaves and fishes story to pay the mortgage or put food on the table. So keep your brother knights and their families who are facing the realities of the current economy on a very real and very personal level in your prayers. If you need assistance or know of a brother council member who needs a hand, let us know. We are, after all, a fraternal, family based organization. We can't solve all the problems but we can help each other.

Fraternally Yours,

Kevin Duffy
Grand Knight

July 2009

Election Results

Council officers elected at our June 17, 2009 meeting for the new Columbian Year that runs July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 are: Grand Knight - Kevin Duffy; Deputy Grand Knight - Joseph Koskol; Chancellor - Jose Rodriguez; Treasurer - Robert Dayett; Warden - David Eppelheimer; Inside Guard - John Piechoski; Outside Guard - Charles Mealey, Jr.; Trustee 3 Year - William Harris; Trustee 2 Year - Richard Steffy; Trustee 1 Year - William Matt. Father William Cocco, appointed by the bishop remains Council Chaplain. James (Ray) McAllister, Sr., appointed to a three year term, remains Financial Secretary. The Advocate position is open.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Remember there is no business meeting in August. The social meeting will be held however on Wednesday the 19th.

Super Scrapbooking Session Scheduled

The council held its inaugural Scrapbooking Event on Saturday June 20th. Thanks to organizers Deen Mahoney and Valerie Oldiges, their respective husbands Joe and Steve and all of our other volunteers, the event was a real success. The hall was completely filled with tables occupied by scrapbookers and vendors; the event was profitable; and, most of all, everyone had fun. Thanks to all who participated.

Matty Marshalls Motor Movers

Once again, Matty Lennon marshaled the troops for this year's parish carnival. Council members who are thanked for working the parking lots and ensuring the safety of carnival goers include: Joe Baggs, Dennis Connolly, Bob Donofrio, Kevin Duffy, Dave Eppelheimer, Vince Gildea, Mike Goetz, Bill Harris, Carl Kline, Joe Koskol, Joe Lander, Pete Leccia, Art McCarthy, Joe Mahoney, Sam Masso, Bill Matt, Chick Mealey, Ritchie Molaison, Duane Morningred, Bob Porter, Jose Rodriguez, Joe Rotter, Fran Sarro and Andy Saypack. Others who worked the carnival events or did double duty include: Kevin Boyle, Tom Dawson, Vito DiChiara, Joe Jelenek, Ray McAllister, Brian Maahs, John Parlamenti, Tom Seelig, Mike Solomon and Jim Walls. Numerous others who volunteered but were rained out and the wives, children and other family members who gave their time and talents are also thanked. And to anyone we may have missed here, thank you for the help and apologies for the omission.

Supreme Convention

The Knights of Columbus 127th Supreme Convention will be held in Phoenix Arizona between August 4th and 7th. For those who want to see how our Order operates on a national and international level, the convention can be viewed on EWTN – cable (Verizon) channel 285.

Event Calendar

July

5	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
16	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room

August

2	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
16	TBA	State Picnic	TBA
18	7:30 PM	First Degree – Christopher Council	135 Princeton Ave., Claymont
20	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room

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