

KNIGHT BEAT

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Grand Knight Report



Brother Knights,

The second half of our Fraternal Year presents challenges;

- Rentals were down in 2017 so The Columbus Club has reduced rates to Council members, in good standing, to \$900 for events. This is a limited offer so book now with your deposit!

- Roof damage & A/C damage from last year's storm may be fixed after the Sale of the vacant lot. More details at Council meeting 11 Jan2018 @7pm.

- DGK Mike Ramirez has created the "Rummage Sale" on the Second Saturday of each month 9am-2pm. He needs your support by you being present, with your KofC vest, to assist vendors & customers.

- The Council has Officer positions, that are vital to Council success, needs to be filled by volunteers. Program Director, Advocate, Bar & Grill Manager/Treasurer, Youth Director, etc

As we enter 2018, let us double our efforts to support our Council and our Knights families.

May 2018 be a very special year for each of you and your families. May God bless you abundantly!

*David R Hathaway, Sr
GK*

District Deputy Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we start out a new calendar year and midway through the fraternal year we are reminded to do our best to support council 5262. To grow our council, we must constantly be aware of opportunities to recruit new members. Not only to grow our council but to afford them the opportunity to grow as in our Catholic faith, our families, and our spiritual journey. We must ask our friends, family, and parishioners to avail themselves the opportunity to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.

In recruiting new members, we must use a personal approach. You need to be confident in your approach. A smile goes along way along with a sincere approach. Create a bond of friendship and mutual trust based on common goals and shared values.

There is no script to follow, no hard sell, and no magic wand. There is only you, your friendship, sincerity, and confidence. Being confident means looking within yourself and answering these questions. Why did I join the Knights? How has it helped my family life? How has it strengthened my spiritual life?

Once you answer these questions you will realize the joy of helping others and what can be accomplished, working together, in the future.

S.M.A.R.T. Recruiting Techniques

S Smile and sincerity.

Recruitment is a person to person, two-way conversation based on mutual respect and trust. So, your body language is very important. Relax and smile and keep eye contact during the conversation. Being friendly and most importantly being sincere will get you off to a great start.

M My story - What is your short Knights of Columbus story. This is not your entire life story or something you read off a card. Share a short, "Why you decided to join the Knights of Columbus." What were the reasons? How did your choice affect your life, your family, and your spiritual life? How has your membership helped you today? Talk about yourself honestly.

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Prayer List

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters who are in need of prayer:

Bishop Tom Flanagan, Carlos Sandoval, Ross and Elida Hernandez, Wayne and Mary Sheppard, Jim Stuckey, Juan Diaz, Thomas Hopkins, Mike Kaiser, Sherman Miller, Frances Moore, David and Minnie Ramon, Family of Cecil and Fabienne Warren, Gloria Elizondo, Otis Rankin, Tel Rapstine, Natalie Wilson, Martin Alonzo, Jack Stephenson, Alfredo Salazar, Andreas Pastrano, Rudy Delgado and David Hathaway's grandson.

Also pray for our elderly brother knights from whom we have not heard from in many, many years and for the members of our Armed Forces.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

*He will rescue you from the fowler's snare,
from the destroying plague,
He will shelter you with his pinions,
and under his wings you may take refuge;
his faithfulness is a protecting shield.
You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.
Though a thousand fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
near you it shall not come.
You need simply watch;*

*the punishment of the wicked you will see.
Because you have the LORD for your refuge
and have made the Most High your stronghold,
No evil shall befall you,
no affliction come near your tent.
For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go.
With their hands they shall support you,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You can tread upon the asp and the viper,
trample the lion and the dragon.
Because he clings to me I will deliver him;
because he knows my name I will set him on high.
He will call upon me and I will answer;
I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him and give him honor.
With length of days I will satisfy him,
and fill him with my saving power.*

Psalm 91

A Ask questions. Asking questions to help you to build a personal relationship. Your potential member may ask questions of you. So asking questions is a two way street and is a natural part of this conversation. Remember thou, this conversation is ultimately about him so find out who he is and what he wants for himself and his family.

R Restate reasons to join. These reasons are the benefits of membership. In many cases his question or statements are requests for additional information. No matter the skills or the times available. There is always a place for the new member to help. Also help the member to fit in.

T Talk less. Listen more to what he has to say. Most importantly, listen to questions asked whether from the potential member, his wife, or family. If you do all the talking you won't know much about him, you'll be telling a story. Build a good relationship so you can guide him to programs and activities that interest him.

Don't forget there is a Mid-Year Diocesan meeting on January 13th at Prince of Peace, 7893 Grissom Rd. 78251. Registration is at 8:00 am and training starts at 9:00 am.

Vivat Jesus!
Fernando Herrera,
District Deputy



Calendar

January

1 New Years Day
11 7-7:30 Mass at KC Hall
7:30-8:30pm General Meeting
15 Martin Luther King Day
31 Columbus club meeting 7-8pm KC Hall
Officer meeting 8-9pm KC Hall

February

8 7-730pm Mass at the KC Hall
7:30-8:30pm General Meeting
14 Valentines Day
19 Presidents Day
25 Christmas Day
28 Columbus club meeting 7-8pm KC Hall
Officer meeting 8-9pm KC Hall

Birthdays of Brother Knights

Bless our brother Knights who have birthdays this month, our loving spouses who we honor on their day, and for those who mark the milestone of marriage.

A Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.