



# Knights' Line

## Knights of Columbus

Hendersonville Council # 9132

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May 2005

### Grand Knight's May Message

Brother Knights:

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2004-2005 Fraternal Year. This month, those Brothers seeking elected positions in the Council will be speaking to you at our May meeting. I encourage every Brother reading this message to mark their calendars for Sunday, May 16th and be in attendance at this meeting and hear what those Brothers, desiring to lead your Council next year, have to say. There are many new names on the candidate slate this year who desire to make a difference for your Council. Show your support for your worthy Brothers by casting your vote for those willing to serve you.

This past month was highlighted by a record setting Silent Auction in terms of Brother participation, merchant donations, and monies raised. We had more Brothers actively participate in this Silent Auction than ever before and as a result, we netted in excess of \$7,300 that has been deposited into the Council's General Fund. Special thanks to Brothers Richard Smith, Ed Corbitt, Doug Blake, Bruce Janson, Larry Phillips, and Steve Mantegani who led the effort in securing all the donations for our Silent Auction. They were assisted by many of you who helped them exceed their goal. Special thanks to Brother John Bolger who along with Doug Blake and John Bertotti worked hard the day of the Auction setting up the Social Hall and creating the bid sheets. Thank you all for your efforts in making the Silent Auction the 2nd largest fund raising event for our Council. With a little more planning and focus it could easily become the largest and most exciting fund raising event for our Council.

As we approach the end of this Fraternal Year, I would encourage those of you who have not had the opportunity to spend some time working with your Brother Knights to come out to our May meeting and learn more about how you can come to enjoy becoming an active Knight in one of the most active Councils in our District and in the State of Tennessee. Every Brother is welcome and encouraged to become an active Brother in this growing Council.

May is the Month of Mary. As we pray for peace every day, let's add to our prayers a prayer of thanks to our Holy Mother for interceding on our behalf every day. She is the mother of all mothers and as her sons we should remember her in our prayers every day. Let us give her our thanks and prayers every day especially this month.

Come join us this month and in the months ahead

In His and Your Service, Joe

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 05/13 St. Joseph's Golf Tournament**
- 05/15 4th Deg Assembly - 5 PM**
- 05/15 Monthly Council Mtg**  
**Social hour 6 pm, Mtg 7 pm**
- 06/14 Flag Day - Pause for the Pledge 7PM**
- 06/18 Ladies Apprec. Night - Nash. Nightlife**
- 06/19 Father's Day**
- 09/10 Council 9132 Golf Tournament**

People have a tendency to become what you expect them to be.

### Officer Nominations

At the April Meeting, the Council began taking nominations for officers for the 2005-2006 Fraternal Year. As of press time, the nominations are as follows:

Grand Knight: Dave Eliskovich

Deputy GK: Doug Blake, Jim O'Odell, Gerry Rousselle, Brian Davis

Chancellor: Doug Blake, Joe Wall, Steve Mantegani, Rick Alexander, Greg Miles

Recorder: Gerry Rousselle

Treasurer: Mike Bertotti, Steve Mantegani

Advocate: Donald Ey, Carlton Russell, Doug Blake, Joe Wall

Warden: Greg Miles, Doug Blake

3rd year trustee: Joe Staub 2nd year trustee: Ed Corbitt

1st year trustee: Craig Gonszewski

Nominations are still needed for the positions of Inside Guard and Outside Guard.

Nominations will be taken for any office at both the May and June meetings. While any 3rd Degree Brother may be nominated, he may only serve in one office at a time.

Time will be allotted for discussion of candidates' qualifications before the election, which be held at the June meeting. The elected officers will be installed in July.

"My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying." - Ed Furgol

### Ladies Appreciation Night

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner on Saturday evening, June 18, at Nashville Night Life which is on Music Valley Drive in Nashville. A buffet dinner will be served at 5:30 followed by musical and comedy entertainment at 6:30. The cost for the evening is \$20.00 per couple. Reservations must be made before June 13. To sign up, please contact Rick Alexander at 822-8339.

A man is recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling. "I'm O.. K. but I didn't like the four-letter! word the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"OOPS!"

### Golf Tourney Date Set

The date is set for this year's KofC Golf Tourney. It is September 10th at Long Hollow with a shotgun start at 8 am. The Tennessee Vols have an open date that Saturday and lo and behold, (This is for you, Johnny B.; who else would care?) Vanderbilt is out of town. So, this should make everyone happy.

Chairman Fran Varboncoeur is planning another terrific golf outing so save the date. More details will be available in the coming months.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

## Highlights from the April Meeting

There were 40 Knights in attendance.

A First Degree was held for 4 new members: Bill Degnan, a domestic software manager, Donald Brayton, from Michigan and retired, Tom Myerchin a 31 year military vet from Virginia, and Tom O'Keefe, from Virginia, Memphis and is a quality reviewer

Motion dispensing of the previous meeting minutes was made and passed.

Financials: we have about \$13,000 in the treasury with a \$5,800 deposit ready to go in and some more from the silent auction, which should net approximately \$7,000 when all is tabulated.

Jim O'Dell announced Knights of the month: Richard Smith and Doug Blake for their Silent Auction work and Family of the Month: Dan & Sharon Ratcliff for raising over \$1,500 for the youth groups.

Scholarship Committee: Tim Caher with members Bob Schmittle, Jon Hoscheit, Buddy Shaw, Larry Phillips, and Mike Rector made a motion for a maximum of \$2,000 to be used for the scholarships this year. Motion passed.

Youth Group: Steve Mantegani reported we have 3 youths that went to state finals; unknown results. Motion was made for up to \$300 for the First Communion and Confirmation youths. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Ed Corbitt advised that the committee would be sending out a revised financial statement and wants all Knights to review and respond.

He also gave a statement about the Titans games. A motion was made and passed to keep the games. More to follow.

Mike Rector advised that there would be a district dinner at St. Cecelia's this Friday April 23rd for those wishing to attend. Please bring a dessert if you plan on attending.

The State Assembly will be held in Kingsport, Tn. from June 29th through July 1st. Reservations may be made at the Marriott Meadowview

Jim O'Dell gave the qualifications for each office and the following nominations for next year's officers were made:

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Jerry Tachoir announced that the Seniors Banquet mass is this Friday and he needs people for set up and also Black Jack dealers, for which 3 volunteered. Starts at 6:00 PM.

Bert Brahney: The OLOL youth committed \$2,500 for the Cancer walk, and he made a motion for the Knights to give to the worthy cause. Motion made for \$200 and passed.

Rick Alexander announced that Ladies Appreciation Night will be held Sat June 18th at the Nashville Nightlife, which is operated by our own Kenny and Diana Janson. Motion made for up to \$2,000 to be used if necessary, and was passed. The cost would be \$20 per couple, with the Knights covering the other \$20.

It was announced that the St. Joseph's golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 13th at 8:00 AM, shotgun start. Also the Gallatin council golf tournament will be Saturday May 14th at Long Hollow Golf Club.

Carlton Russell reported on the work of the MR Foundation and thanked the Council for our support in the effort.

Yard Sale possibly some time in the June time frame.

Dick Emery advised that we all should be wearing our badges so we can become more familiar with the other members. He also

asked for help to move ceiling tiles..all obliged.

A possible Social event at a Sounds game in May or June was discussed; more to come

Prayers: 30 seconds of silence for Pope John Paul II

The 50/50 drawing for \$33 was won by Gary Lamborn

**Mike William's** number was drawn for the April jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$66.

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Junk - Something you keep for years and then throw away three weeks before you need it.

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## Did You Know

That the Knights in California have banded together to support a state ballot initiative to require parents to be notified if their minor daughter seeks an abortion?

That preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers?

That the Knights in Canada have organized to oppose efforts to legalize "same-sex" marriage in Canada?

That a mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page?

That Knights in Kansas are working to ensure passage of an Amendment that defines marriage as one man and one woman only?

That drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer?

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The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes and sand gnats come close.

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## Fraternal Benefits News

### Two Incomes Equals Two Insurance Needs

In the days of "Ozzie and Harriet," most families fit one description. Fathers worked full-time, while mothers remained home, raising the kids and taking care of the house.

Today, while some families still fall into the traditional, one-paycheck category, many others must rely on two incomes to make ends meet - even if one parent works part-time or from home.

As much as things change, they remain the same. This maxim certainly holds true with life insurance planning. If someone earns an income to support a family, family-income protection through life insurance is of utmost importance.

As your agent, I can provide a customized needs analysis for both of you. I'll take into consideration the amount and the sources of your income, and suggest different ways to provide sufficient life insurance coverage for you and your family.

You take it for granted that you and your family should get an annual checkup from your doctor. But you'd also benefit from an annual financial checkup. Now's the time, because chances are, your life and your financial obligations become more complicated each year.

Here's good news for married people: If a husband and wife purchase permanent insurance policies at the same time, they can get our Spousal Waiver of Premium rider added to each policy at no cost. You have to apply for insurance on or before your 45th birthday, and you both must qualify for insurance at standard rates.

The Spousal Waiver of Premium Rider is an excellent feature for both dual-income and one-income families.

Call me. I'll be glad to meet with you and your spouse. Please contact me by e-mail at [Sullivas@realtracs.com](mailto:Sullivas@realtracs.com) or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

## Seniors' Banquet Mass

The Sr. Citizen's banquet mass was the best ever. We were expecting 44 Seniors, but once again a storm showed up and we were missing about 8 to 10.

In addition to a wonderful dinner, Wayne Boger provided Betty Spaghetti, a toy of parts in which you assemble dolls. We had a competition for the prettiest doll and the ugliest. Wanda Dixon won for prettiest and Don Brayton won for the ugliest. This was a fun event.

Next we gambled. We had two blackjack tables and a craps table. It was hard to get them to stop. With their winnings, they then were able to purchase gifts at auction held by Bill Grist and assisted by Dallas Scott. All had a great time and thanks to all the volunteers. This year, Chairman Jerry Tachoir reports he had a great staff of helpers, John & Sue Lammers, Dave Eliskovich, Wayne Boger, Burt Brahney, Steve & Joy Mantegani, John & Kim Hoscheit, Mike Rector, Doug Blake, Dick Emery (Set-up), and Jerry Rouselle. Marlene Tachoir provided piano music for the mass and during dinner. Erica Tachoir sang and assisted in serving along with Ryan Armstrong, from Fr. Ryan.

Great event.



The Prettiest & Ugliest Dolls and Their Creators

## New Brothers

Four new Brothers were brought into Council 9132 at our April meeting. Those receiving their First Degree Exemplification were Donald Brayton, Bill Degnan, Tom Myerchin, and Tom O'Keefe.

Donald Brayton Moved to Hendersonville from Tullahoma a year ago right after he and his wife, Evelyn, were married. Don is retired and can be reached by e-mail at [shrimpp182@AOL.com](mailto:shrimpp182@AOL.com).

Bill Degnan is originally from Scotland. He has been in the states for about 4 years. He and his wife Kelly live in Hendersonville. Bill is a manager for a software company. Bill's e-mail address is [bdegnan@FWLTECH-USA.com](mailto:bdegnan@FWLTECH-USA.com)

Tom Myerchin is a 31 year Army veteran who is currently a Professor in the MBA program at Marymount University in Fairfax, Va. He and his wife, Barbara, have been at LOL for about two years. His e-mail address is [tmyerchi@Earthlink.com](mailto:tmyerchi@Earthlink.com).

Tom O'Keefe and his wife, Miyuki, came to Hendersonville in October of 2004 moving here from Memphis. Tom works for a Quality Mobile X-Ray Service.

I child proofed my house, but they still get in.



New Brothers - Thomas Myerchin, Bill Degnan, Don Brayton, and Thomas O'Keefe

## District Fundraiser Banquet

On Sat. April 23, about 100 Knights from across Middle Tennessee attended the annual District Banquet where well over \$2000 was raised for the postulants at St. Cecelia for continuation of their studies. Besides being a fundraiser for the postulants this banquet provides an opportunity for the Grand Knights to announce their Knights and Families of the year for all the Councils that were in attendance.

In attendance from Council 9132 were John Bertotti, Doug Blake, Joe Wall, Dave Eliskovich and District Deputy Mike Rector. Also in attendance were several State Officers including State Deputy, Marty O'Haver.

A great time was had by all and the highlight of the evening, at least for Council 9132, was the District Deputy's getting pied in the face by whip cream pies.

Be positive. Positive people attract others, while negative people repel.

## Silent Auction - New Record Results

This year's Silent Auction was the best ever - the most items to auction, the highest gross and the best net income. A special thanks goes to Brothers Richard Smith, Ed Corbitt, Doug Blake, Bruce Janson, Larry Phillips, and Steve Mantegani who led the effort in securing all the donations.

Gross receipts for this year's auction were \$7332 resulting in a net income to be used toward our projects of \$6849.

Thanks also go to those other Brothers who helped obtain (or donated) items. Thanks also go to Brothers John Bolger, Doug Blake, John Bertotti and others who worked hard the day of the Auction setting up the Social Hall and creating the bid sheets.

Classified Ads

For sale, antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers. From ad for color film in the Akron Beacon Journal "Stock up and save. Limit 1."

Used cars. "Why go elsewhere and get cheated? Come here first!"