



St. John's Messenger

"SPREAD THE WORD"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL 4797
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DATES TO REMEMBER

PROJECT DATE

September 30 Marathon for Non Public Schools
October 9 Breakfast for Vocations
October 9 First Degree, 7pm
October 30 First Degree 7pm

OTHER DATES

October 5 – KC Meeting 7:30pm
October 19 – Officers Meeting 7 pm

Membership Blitz!

We are in the middle of a membership blitz this fall! Anyone who brings in a new member between now and October 31 will get their annual dues for 2012 waived. We will also waive all dues to new members for 2011 and 2012. New members also get a free dinner for themselves and their wives at the KC Christmas party. First degrees will be held on Sunday nights this fall at 7:00 pm. Dates are set for September 18, October 9 and 30. Start looking for new members now! If you need some ideas on who to recruit, come to one of our meetings. I have a church pictorial directory marked up with who are members and who are not. Our goal is to get 20 new members. We can do it!

Grand Knight's Message:

At one of the meetings last month a brother Knight made a point to say that we are a dying Council. My first reaction was, "no we're not, we have over 250 members and look at all the projects we do!" But then I had to think again. Last year we lost more members than we brought in. So he was right, we are in a sense dying as a Council. So what are we going to do about it?

Even as Grand Knight, I can only do so much. What I have done so far is to start the Membership Blitz that you just read about and scheduled some first degrees. The next step is up to you. Go out and share the Knights with another practicing Catholic and ask them to join! I will too! That's the only way we can survive as a council, we all have to work together to bring in more members. Thanks for your help!

KC Polo Shirts

You may have seen the classy red KC polo shirts that your brother Knights wear for different functions. Perhaps you've wondered how to get one. Wonder no more. If you would like to order a red KC polo shirt give Mark Lewandowski a call or come to the next meeting.

KC Picnic Shelter:

Reservations for the KC picnic shelter are coming in! Cost is \$5 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please give Mark Lewandowski a call if you wish to rent this out and to check availability.

KC Websites:

If you're looking for more information about the KC's, you can check out the Supreme website at www.kofc.org
Also, you can check the Minnesota state website at www.mnknights.org

Check out our Council's website at:

<http://www.kchutch.org>

Thanks to Tim Haas for putting it together for us.

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Electronic Newsletter

Sign up, as many other Knights have, to get this newsletter sent to your email. Send me an email at pieps@mediacombb.net to get switched over. It will save the council postage and help the environment. Lets be the best stewards of our environment that we can. Thanks to those that have already responded.

Catholic Minute:

if you haven't done so, please check out the web site: www.minnesotaformarriage.com

As you may know the Marriage Amendment will be on the ballot next year for Minnesota. Inform yourself if you have not already, why it is important that marriage be defined as only between a man and a woman. As Knights we must work to make ourselves be better informed than most. The attack of our faith is here and will only increase as we get closer to the vote next year. Let's arm ourselves with the Truth and prayer. Let us work together to preserve the sacrament that God and the Church have given to us. By preserving the true definition of marriage in our government we safeguard our Church from being at odds with and the inevitable confrontation with our government.

KC Insurance

When Fr. Mc Givney started the "Knights of Columbus" his goal was to provide safety and security for the members and their families. Since then we have done that with competitive, guaranteed interest.

What are your needs?

- *Protecting your family lifestyle if you die early
- *Protecting your income if you are hurt
- *Complete Estate planning
- *Retirement planning

*Effectively passing on money or property in a tax effective way

*Protecting your estate from high medical costs as you get older

We have the products needed to work with all the concerns listed above. If you have investments, CD's, or IRA's that are performing poorly, the "Knights of Columbus" have a better option. I can be contacted at 320-224-2587 or E-mail me at dennis.dunne@kofc.org for a comparison.

God Bless,
Dennis Dunne, FICF

As always it is an honor serving the Council as your Grand Knight. Thanks to everyone that is able to volunteer their time for our projects. And thanks all of the members, just being a Knight helps our parish and our community. Ask someone to join us!

Yours in Christ, Eric Piepmeier, Grand Knight