

KofC membership should have their form 100s completed and submitted to Membership Chairman S/K Matt Reilly (MANDMR61@AOL.COM) as soon as possible. A new second degree team has been formed and as soon as it's certified, a second degree will be held.

THE FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY held a business meeting at St. Therese on August 17 and on September 20, the noon liturgy will be held to honor all Fourth Degree members and their families. Following Mass, a clambake and low country boil for the 4th degree will be held on the church grounds. A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Durham on October 24.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT CHRIS BAKER AND S/K JIM KIGER announced that our annual Pumpkin Sale will be held on the last four Saturdays of October. The pumpkins will arrive on Saturday the 3rd and be set up for the sale to begin the next weekend. The "Pumpkin Patch" will be located in its regular site, in back of the church.

BROTHER JACK MADEY NOTED THAT THE 2010 COUPON BOOKS are due in the last week of August. He'll be looking for brothers to help sell the books that feature discounts in area restaurants, retail stores and various services. Each Knight should buy one for his family and sell to his co-workers and neighbors. As in the past, the books will probably be sold by other organizations and it will be important to get our sales efforts started as early as possible.

OUR ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC IS A "GO" FOR 2010 and Brother Vince Greco is making initial contacts to make this year's classic another success. He'll be looking for help in putting the whole program together and will be announcing dates in the near future.

Brother Vince also announced that although we could sponsor "Late Night Catechism" as a fund raiser, the costs involved were too high to give us a reasonable return on the time and effort it would take. He offered as an option a spaghetti dinner for the parish and community. Brother Greco said that these dinners have always gone over well and are proven money-makers for the Council. He'll be working on a firm date and details that will be presented at a future meeting.

The Council Calendar can be viewed online at <http://knights.sainttherese.net>. Please note that there is no "www."

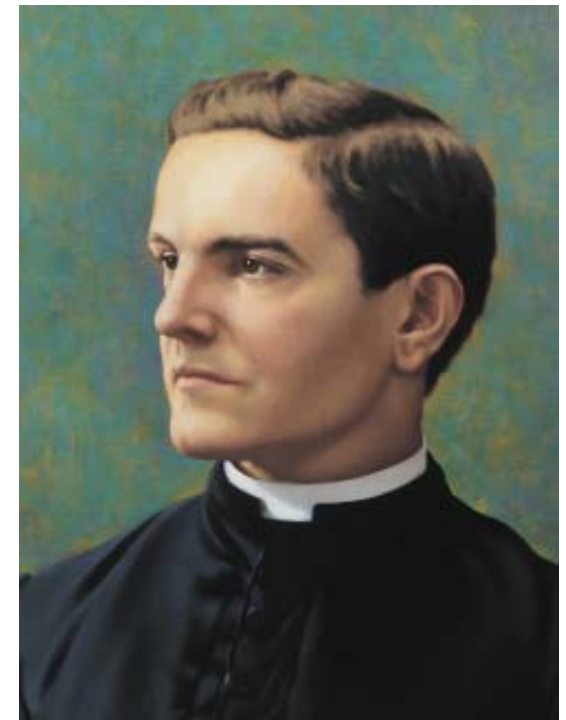
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Brothers:

It's the start of a new Columbian year and it's shaping up to be a very busy one and we have several opportunities to put our "Principles" into action. Elsewhere in this issue of Knightline, you'll find a calendar of our Council's upcoming events along with the contact person. I urge each of you to devote some time to these events. It's only through your participation that our Council remains strong. The hours you volunteer for will enable you to practice our first principle - Charity - and give you the opportunity to meet your fellow brothers.

During next month's social meeting, our First Degree Team will conduct an initiation of new members. If you haven't attended a "first degree" for awhile, I hope you'll take the time to attend. The whole degree exemplification is on charity, the first and foremost of all of our principles and upon which the entire KofC philosophy is built.

The Board has completed its annual Audit and we can now finalize next year's budget. If you have any fund raising ideas, let me know. Our Council needs income if we're to continue our work and your ideas are more than welcome.

Finally, my personal thanks to our great By-Laws Committee that prepared an updated set of By-laws which was approved at the last business meeting. The by-laws document is being submitted to Supreme for approval and I'll keep you informed of its status.

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Stewart McLamb, GK

REMEMBER THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25TH AND 26TH in Charlotte. The primary purpose of the Congress is to adore and bring attention to Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic and a tremendous program has been put together by the Diocese. Our Council will have representation at the Council and all Council members should make an effort to attend at least a part of the two-day celebration. Full

details are available in the diocesan newspaper, or on line at <http://www.goeucharist.com/>.

Our Chaplain, Father S/K Joe Kappes, said that due to the parish's participation in the Congress that no confessions will be heard on the 26th and also that the vigil Mass at 5:30 would not be celebrated on that day.

THE NEW BY-LAWS THAT WERE PUT TOGETHER BY S/K KEVIN POWERS and his by-laws committee were unanimously accepted during the August business meeting. Primary changes in the new by-laws involve the percentage of fund-raising income that will be contributed to the Building Fund. This amount can fluctuate yearly from ten per cent to no more than 50 per cent. The percentage will be recommended by the Board of Trustees and voted on by the Council. The by-laws will now be sent to State Supreme for approval.

LAMB IS SET UP FOR OCTOBER and if you haven't volunteered for this most important event, do so today by contacting Chris Baker (CHRISGBAKER@ALLTEL.NET). This is one activity where each of us has the opportunity to practice our charity towards others. Days available are during the weekends of October 9 and 10 and 16 and 17.

FROM OUR KofC FIELD AGENT -- Do you know anyone whose life has been drastically changed by the recent recession and economic downturn? With unemployment numbers rising, (the jobless rate was 8.1 percent in Feb. 2009, the highest since 1983), it's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. With this uncertainty, there is a real possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Only having "through work" insurance doesn't work.

This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.

With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has and will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

OUR COUNCIL'S CHECKING ACCOUNT REMAINS RELATIVELY HEALTHY showing a current balance of \$11,713. \$3,013 of that amount is earmarked for our medical fund that has been established to help members of the parish meet medical bills. As a reminder, if any Knight knows of someone in the parish who needs such assistance, they're encouraged to contact the Grand Knight.

A \$500 CONTRIBUTION TO RELAY FOR LIFE was approved during the August business meeting. Relay for Life is a community-wide program that raises funds for the fight against cancer. We have been very active in our support of this effort and during the last overnight relay, held at Mooresville High School, our chefs were busy cooking food for the participants plus helping the set-up and tear-down.

THE COUNCIL'S BUILDING FUND INCREASED IN VALUE BY \$2,000 IN JULY according to Brother Tom Joy who is responsible for keeping an eye on that investment. Tom noted that the fund lost money during the first part of the year, but bounced back in July giving us a total fund balance of \$52,207.

A FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION WILL BE HELD DURING THE SEPTEMBER 14 social meeting. All brothers who know of someone interested in