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Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Josef
Vollmer-König

The month of November is a month of remembrances. Who are the saints we celebrate?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains a Saint is "The holy one who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life." All of us are called to be Saints. The Church, throughout its history, has declared members of the faithful saints, for example, **Mary the Mother of Our Lord** and **the Apostles**.

The beatification of **John Henry Newman** was officially proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010. At the beginning of October, our Holy Father declared six new saints, they are:

- **Mary MacKillop** (1842- 1901), the first

Australian

- **St. André Bessette** (1845-1937)
- **St. Candida Maria de Jesus Cipitria y Barriola** a Spanish religious; (1845-1912)
- **St. Stanislo Soltys** (1433- 1489), a Polish religious
- **St. Giulia Salzano** (1846- 1929)
- **St. Battisat da Varano** (1458- 1524

In our liturgical celebration we celebrate their feast day. We call on them as intercessors. There are many unnamed saints. Children at baptism are without sin. They are incapable of committing sin. Should they die they are in the presence of God and therefore are saints.

Many faithful who are never canonized, who lived their lives in union with God are saints. I am sure all of us can remember such a person. In the Creed we declare we believe in the communion of saints.

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Tue	Nov 2	Monthly General Meeting KayCee Club Quarterly Meeting Rosary at 7pm, Meeting at 7:30pm
Sat	Nov 6	Blood Drive
Sun	Nov 7	Memorial Mass & Service
Sun	Nov 7	Boys Knight Out
Mon	Nov 8	Special Olympics Volunteer Oppty
Sat	Nov 13	Construction Service Project
Mon	Nov 22	Orientation Meeting
	Nov ??	Turkey Distribution (Tentative)
Mon	Nov 29	Orientation Meeting

Coming Up:

Tue	Dec 7	Monthly General Meeting First Degree Ceremony
Sun	Dec 12	Major Degree at KC799

Please check the KC website for more events and announcements: www.kc799.org

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Chaplain's Message, cont.

We through our baptism belong to this communion. Therefore we celebrate the Saints the Church sets before us as role models and intercessors. We celebrate the Saints who have been part of our lives, our parents, grandparents, a member of our family, or a friend. We celebrate what we are called to be.

Pope John Paul II tells us, "Let us look at the saints who are valiant witnesses of fidelity to Christ; let us be inspired by their example in climbing the mountain of holiness. Be Saints! This –as you well know- is every believers calling." On the day following the feast of All Saints, we celebrate All Souls Day by remembering all our family and friends that have gone before us.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism



Grand Knight's Letter

By John J. Little

Greetings to my Brother Knights:

While it hardly seems possible, we are already moving into November and the holidays. This November presents us with wonderful opportunities to live out the four principles of our Order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

We begin with Election Day on November 2. Exercising our right to vote expresses both our Patriotism and our Unity as a nation. Please remember to get to the polls early, as we have our regular monthly meeting on November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 6 provides an opportunity to live the principles of Charity and Fraternity by participating in another blood drive at our Council. Details concerning the drive can be found in this newsletter, and I encourage all Brother Knights who are able (and their family members) to participate in this effort.

On Sunday, November 7, members of

On November 11 we remember our Veterans for their service to this country.

Let us remember one another in Prayer.

God's blessings, Fr. Josef



Father Michael J. McGivney
1852-1890

our Council and their families will celebrate our annual Memorial Mass, honoring our Brother Knights who have passed during the last year. The events of the day will begin at 8 a.m. with a Corporate Communion Mass at St. Patrick's, followed by a Memorial Service in our lower hall beginning at approximately 9:45 a.m. We will conclude the morning with Chef Oliver's Sunday brunch, compliments of Council 799.

Thursday, November 11, is Veteran's Day. Express our Unity as an Order and our Patriotism by flying your flag and saying a prayer for those members of the armed forces who remain in harm's way.

We conclude the month with Thanksgiving, on November 25, and the first Sunday of Advent, on November 28. During that long weekend, take a moment to give thanks for the many gifts that Our Lord has bestowed upon you and to consider how you will prepare to celebrate His Coming at Christmas.

Blessings to all,

John Little, GK

Knights of the Month

For September, Council 799 opted to recognize two of its long-time members as Knights of the Month.

Richard Johnston

Our first Knight of the Month is **Richard Johnston**. Richard is employed by Atlantis Services (which does and has done a ton of work on our facilities) and is a Eucharistic minister at St. Pius. Richard has also been the coordinator of our Vocation Chalice program for many years.

We greatly appreciate his service, but it is for his performance at the Knights Pool Party that we honored him as Knight of the Month. With a little assistance from his Brothers, Richard managed to raise \$162 for the Hike for Life. In exchange he agreed to go down the slide into the pool *while fully clothed* (with a pink tube around his waist, no less). The spectacle was a great lesson in charity for all who were present.

John Taylor

Our second Knight of the Month is **John Taylor**. As many of you know, John is in the commercial construction business, has served in the past as a Board member for 799, is a member of St. Pius Parish and is a regular patron of the KC Lounge (when not out hunting something).

We've chosen to honor John for his personal efforts to help solve the flooding/reconstruction issues that seemed to plague us during August and September. John lent his considerable expertise to the effort to determine why we were having flooding issues. He volunteered to sign on as the general contractor for the reconstruction project, located responsible subcontractors, and got it all done in time for Oliver to host a weekend full of receptions and other events. His Brother Knights greatly appreciate his willingness to offer both his time and talent to resolve this extremely vexing set of problems.

Council 799 – Upcoming Events

Blood Drive – Nov 6

Please remember to donate blood at the KC Hall on Nov. 6th between 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. This blood drive features a local teacher who needs our help. Mechelle Alexander is a 46 year old mother of a 4 yr old daughter, Hannah. She has been a special Ed teacher at Bryan Adams for 12 yrs. She was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney Disease and Polycystic Liver Disease. She will eventually need a three organ transplant. She recently had a blood vessel burst, requiring multiple transfusions. Your life saving blood donation is an act of true charity.

Memorial Mass and Service – Nov 7

All Knights and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, Nov. 7th, Corporate Communion will be celebrated at the 8:00 am Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church (9643 Ferndale Road). Following the Memorial Mass, everyone will proceed to the Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Rd.), where the Memorial Service will commence at approximately 9:45 am in the Downstairs Hall.

This is a Memorial service for all Deceased Knights of KC 799 with a special remembrance of those decedents of the past year.

RSVP Program Update

Each year, the Great 799 supports seminarians in various stages of formation through the RSVP program. For the 2010-2011 fraternal year, our Council will continue to support four seminarians who we have sponsored throughout their time in the seminary. Those four men are:

James Yamauchi (in Rome this year)
Paul Bechter, at Holy Trinity Seminary
Zach Packard, at Holy Trinity Seminary
Juan Carlos Marin, at Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Each of these seminarians will receive \$1,000 from Council 799 to support them in their continued preparation for the priesthood.

In addition to these four men, Council 799 will likely support an additional six to eight seminarians with donations of \$500 each. The members of the Board are currently working to identify the additional seminarians to be supported by our Council.

Boys Knight Out - Nov 7

Come join us Sunday, Nov. 7, for Boys Knight Out featuring traditional NFC Rivals the Dallas Cowboys against the Green Bay Packers. Join your Brothers for food, fun, games and prizes and cheer on the 'Boys as they try to salvage their season against Aaron Rodgers and the Pack. Game time is 7:20.

Also, watch your email box or check with the KayCee Club office for potential Boys Knight Outs featuring the Texas Rangers in their quest to reach and win their first World Series. A good crowd was on hand for Game 1 of the Rangers-Yanks ALCS. Plenty of claws and antlers were shown throughout the game!

Construction Service Proj. – Nov 13

All Members, regardless of previous experience, are invited to participate in an upcoming construction-based service project Nov. 13. The project will include general exterior work and accessibility retrofits.

Please contact Ryan Collier: 214-226-4423 or via email at ryan.r.collier@gmail.com to get involved. More specifics will be forwarded as they become available.

For These We Pray...

Please pray for our members and their family members with chronic or serious ailments, as well as the souls of our departed Brothers.

Prayer List

Pope Benedict XVI
Msgr. Duffy Gardner
† Walt Wenning Leo Conway
† Mark Gilliam Virgil Zipper
† Larry Colgin Jerry Alfieri
† Pat West Tom Welch
† Billy Hill Al Barbosa
† Marty O'Donnell Fr. Raymond Scott
† Rosa Flood Pete Goudreau
† Gertrude Marie Wells
† Angeline Faulkner



*Eternal rest
grant unto him
O Lord, and let
perpetual light
shine upon him.*

Gertrude Marie Wells, mother of Brother Les Wells, who died on October 18, 2010. Please keep Gertrude and Les in your prayers.

Angeline Faulkner, mother of Brother Bruce Faulkner, passed away on October 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers.

Going forward, we plan to remove names from the prayer list after a few months. Please keep us informed if you have a continuing illness or change in status that needs to be included in the newsletter

At each meeting we ask those present to identify members' relatives who should be prayed for. If you know of deaths or major illnesses of Knights and their family members, please contact: Frank Gray, (214) 328-4935 or prayers@kc799.org

Bishop's Dinner -- Keynote Speaker is Supreme Knight Carl Anderson!

Please mark your calendars now. On **March 26, 2011**, all area Knights are invited to a special KC two-fer!

In the morning we will have a Corporate Communion Mass celebrated by our own Bishop Kevin Farrell, Texas State Chaplain. Let's make a point to fill the Cathedral and show him that we support him as much as he supports the Knights.



Later that evening the Bishop will host the annual Pro Life Dinner at the Anatole Hotel. The keynote speaker of the evening will be our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. This event includes a silent auction, and a great opportunity to connect with other pro-life Knights in the area.

OKTOBERFEST -- Kids and Adults Enjoyed a Great Party



On Sat, Oct 23, the KC Hall was packed with kids in costume and German food-loving (at least curious) adults. If you missed the party, head on over to the KC799 website (kc799.org) for pictures. If anyone has a picture of Fr. Josef singing on stage – or any other great pics from the evening – please email them to photos@kc799.org

Special Olympics Volunteers

Our Council is looking for volunteers to help with the Special Olympics. This is a very rewarding and appreciated act of charity. We need 8 Brothers to help with a bowling competition on Monday, Nov. 8 from 11:30 to 2:00. Please contact Mark Stuart @ marks@scentshop.com (214-328-5719) if you can help. There will be more volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Hunting, Fishing, Camping

We are still looking for a few leaders to help coordinate some outdoor events. Please contact a board member to volunteer as a leader or provide your feedback/suggestions.

Join Knights On Bikes

For information on joining Knights on Bikes, please contact Michael Savage at (972) 948-9096. michael.savage@risd.org

Turkey Giveaway Project

Brian Bessner (214-454-7557) is working on identifying an outlet for our annual Turkey distribution charity. Please contact him if you would to help and watch your email for details as they become available.

Catholic Charities Truck

Please contact Brian Bessner (214-454-7557) to volunteer to drive the *World of Gifts* truck to collect goods for Catholic Charities. Our Council needs drivers for Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons to drive the truck to/from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano.

Email Subscriptions

We have nearly half of our Members subscribed for newsletters and announcements via email. This has proven to be a great way of getting last minute announcements and info out to the Council. To subscribe: <http://www.kc799.org/subscribe>

Annual Garage Sale

Please continue to donate your items for our annual garage sale. Mike and Susan Hill are collecting the items and preparing for the annual garage sale coming up this summer.

Warehouse or Storage space: If you have warehouse or storage space, please contact Mike Hill at store5059@theupsstore.com. We need a significant amount of space to store items for the Annual Garage Sale.

Major Degree – December 12

Knights wishing to advance to the 2nd and 3rd degree are invited to Council 799 on Dec. 12 for a Major Degree ceremonial.

Please dress appropriately for mass and ceremony. Mass for Candidates and Members will begin at 8:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church followed by the degrees in the KC799 downstairs Hall.

New Years Eve Party!



Tickets are on sale now for the NYE Party, Friday, Dec 31. Dallas Observer has awarded "A Hard Night's Day" as the Top Cover Band! We will also have a lavish food buffet by Chef Oliver, dinner entertainment, party favors, and champagne toast – all for only \$50. This event is open to the public. Call 214-348-3931 for your tickets.

Knights Appreciation Pool Party – Survey Results and Winners!

While we only had about 10% response from our members, the feedback collected from the survey was very helpful. Winners of the drawing were announced at the October general meeting. They were:

- KC Lounge Credit: Jeff Carter
- Dallas Stars Tickets: Salvatore Gisellu
- KC799 shirt: Fr. Josef Vollmer-König
- Honorary Title: Chris "The Conquerer" Widhelm, Wizard of Technology for the Great 799
- Reserved Parking space for a month: Bill Anderson

Interested in KC799 Apparel?

Benji Vega is working on designs and options for some Council clothing items. Pricing and information will be shared soon. Members will be asked to pre-order clothing so that we can get the right quantity.

Regular Hours

Lounge Information

Mon-Fri: Open 5pm to close*
Saturday: 2pm-close*

* Closing time is between 9pm and midnight. If you're having a good time, we're open.

Sunday Brunch at the KC Hall

The buffet brunch is open nearly every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please consider inviting your family and friends to enjoy a great meal at the KC Hall this Sunday. Open every Sunday 11am -2pm \$10 for adults; \$5 for children

Send Your Content

Please provide suggestions, or content articles for the newsletter to: news@kc799.org. Deadline for Dec. newsletter is **November 17**.

Dallas Diocesan Chapter News



The Committee of One Thousand is a project of The Dallas Diocesan Chapter (DDC) of the Knights of Columbus councils in the Dallas Diocese. The Committee raises funds to support the Office of Vocations of the Dallas Diocese.

Committee contributions are used as a discretionary fund by the Director of Vocations to provide financial assistance to seminarians. Various uses in the past have included books, tuition, emergency trips home, required physicals, and Christmas spending money.

The Committee seeks donations of \$10.00 from individual Knights as well as their spouses, associates, and

friends. Each donation of \$10.00 or more is recognized with a pin that bears the image of "praying hands."

SK Joe Picard chairs the Committee of One Thousand and made a presentation concerning the Committee's work at our Oct. monthly meeting. Following the presentation, thirty-five of our Brother Knights became members of the Committee of One Thousand. Additional donations are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Committee of One Thousand, please contact John Little.

SAFE Environment

Please obtain SAFE environment certification with your parish. **Mike McGaughran** is our coordinator working to collect our SAFE certification records. As you complete SAFE cert., please let the Council know so we can update our records.

Vocation Chalice Program

Please continue to volunteer for our Vocation Chalice program. Chalices are exchanged on Tues. evenings, at the cabinet in the downstairs lounge.

Chalice 1

11/2-11/9	Pete Goudreau
11/9-11/16	Christian Bastardo
11/16-11/23	Robert Schmidt
11/23-11/30	Richard Johnston
11/30-12-7	James Hale

Chalice 2

11/2-11/9	Matt Firra
11/9-11/16	David Broome
11/16-11/23	James Hale
11/23-11/30	Chris McElhone
11/30-12-7	Hubert Pralitz

Please call **Richard Johnston** at (469) 951-8859 to sign up for this program.

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Membership Information

Orientation Meetings:

There will be orientations on
Monday, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29.

The meetings will be held in the downstairs conference room beginning at 6:30 pm, and will last approx. 40 minutes. The history, activities, and responsibilities of being a Knight will be presented. New applicants as well as those considering transferring to Dallas Council 799 are required to attend an orientation meeting.

What are the requirements?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

Membership Contact:

John Bane, (214) 707-1121
jdbane@aol.com

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Holiday Parties!

Please save the date!

Christmas Party (Adults only) is scheduled* for
Friday, December 3rd

Kids Christmas Party (for the whole family) is
Sunday, December 5th.

New Years Eve Party will definitely *start* on
Friday, December 31st.

*Details will be provided at the monthly meeting, on the website, and via the announcement emails



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