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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 describes a Saint as "The holy one who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life." 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. Last year our Holy Father declared six new saints: St. Mary MacKillop St. André Bessette, St. Candida Maria de Jesus Cipitria y Barriola, St. Stanislaw Soltys, St. Giulia Salzano, and St. Battistat da Varano. 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 and 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. In the Creed we declare we believe in the communion of saints. 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 in our lives, our parents, grandparents, a family member, or a friend. We celebrate what we are called to be.

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. On November 11 we remember our Veterans for their service to this country. Let us remember one another in Prayer.

God's blessings, Father Josef

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October 2011

Fri Oct 28 Children's Halloween Party
Sun Oct 30 Boys Knight Out (Cowboys-Eagles)

November

Tue Nov 1 Monthly General Meeting
KayCee Club Meeting
Nov 3-6 St. Pat's Mens ACTS Retreat
Sun Nov 6 Memorial Mass and Ceremony
Mon Nov 14 New Candidate orientation meeting
Sat Nov 19 Construction/Repair project at Convent
Mon Nov 28 New Candidate orientation meeting

Coming Up

Tue Dec 6 Monthly General Meeting – an "Open Meeting" and awards banquet
Sat Dec 10 Major Degree Ceremony

Calendar/Updates on the website: www.kc799.org

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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

† Dr. Joseph M. † Francisco Lujan
Miranda
† Sam Dagate, Jr. † Laura David
† SK Silas Jones † SK Bob Hale
† SK John Kirby Fr. Loyd Morris
Virgil Zipper

SK Bob Hale, father of our SK Jim Hale passed away on Oct 6. Bob was 91 years old and had been a member of Council 799 since 1953.

Please keep Virgil in your prayers. He's been stuck at home and on oxygen lately.

Fr. Loyd Morris underwent surgery in October to implant a pacemaker. Please keep him in your prayers.

If you know of deaths or major illnesses of Knights or their family members, please contact:

Frank Gray, (214) 328-4935
Or prayers@kc799.org



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. There are a couple of items I want to highlight for you for the upcoming month.

On Sunday, November 6, members of 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. Because of the renovations being done at St. Patrick's, that Mass will be celebrated in the school gymnasium. Mass will be 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. Please make it a point to attend the Mass and the Memorial Service to honor our deceased Brothers.

Friday, 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.

Saturday, November 19 provides an opportunity to live the principles of Charity and Fraternity by participating in a clean-up and maintenance project at the Grand Prairie convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Over the past two years, our Council has developed a great relationship with the Sisters, who are always appreciative of our assistance. I encourage you to participate if you can.

We conclude the month with Thanksgiving, on November 24, and the first Sunday of Advent, on November 27. 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

Knight/Family of the Month

Alfredo Rodriguez

At our Council's October meeting, we honored Brother Alfredo Rodriguez as our Knight of the Month. Alfredo is an extremely new Brother Knight, having joined our Order and Council at the First Degree ceremonial held in August 2011. He jumped right in to the Council's activities and was a willing and active volunteer at our Knights' Appreciation Party held on September 18. He gave all of us a great example of what it means to get involved.

The Gobert Family

We also honored Jason and Meadow Gobert as our Family of the Month. When he's not plying his trade as an accountant (with Deloitte), or sharpening his culinary skills (he was a chef prior to his accounting career), Jason is a regular volunteer at our Council events. Among other things, he serves on our grilling teams and is a key member of the kitchen crew for the Sisters' Appreciation Dinner held each February.

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.

Join Knights On Bikes

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

St. Patrick's Mens ACTS Retreat - Nov 3-5

The next St. Patrick's Mens' ACTS retreat is Nov 3-5. Please contact Bob Feil, or any of the St. Patrick Mens' ACTS retreat team members for more details or to register.

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<http://www.kc799.org/subscribe>

**Call our Knights of Columbus Insurance
Field Agent:
Tom Stelmar at (972) 771-5289**

Convent Service Project – Nov 19

The convent cleanup project is Nov 19 from 8:30am to around noon. The work will include cleaning up overgrown/dead trees, leveling gravestones, etc. Please bring any tools which might help clear out the trees, (e.g. chainsaws, power tools, gloves, pickup trucks, etc).

There is also an opportunity for Knights to cook for the nuns and the volunteers. (cooking crew will have a later time of arrival.) Please contact Ryan Collier to volunteer: 214-226-4423 ryan.r.collier@gmail.com

Coat Drive

Beginning this week through Thanksgiving there will be a coat donation drive to help St. Vincent de Paul at St. Bernard. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets just in time for the holidays. There will be a drop off box located at the council hall. SVPD is looking for any cold weather gear, including coats, hats, gloves, etc. All sizes needed.

“Open Meeting” in December.

The officers have decided to try something a little different for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6. We will hold an “open meeting” that will double as an awards banquet. The centerpiece of the affair will be the presentation of the Dallas Diocesan Chapter’s “Person of the Year” award to PGK John Bane. We will also honor a few other Brother Knights for your contributions to our Council through the years.

The event will be held in the upper hall, and will feature a buffet dinner provided by Chef Oliver, compliments of the Council. The bar and lounge will be open on a cash basis. We invite our members to bring their wives along to participate in the event and to enjoy an evening out. The event will start, as do all of our meetings, at 7:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a rosary to be recited in the lower hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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.

KayCee Club Hall Rental

The KayCee Club Hall is available for rental to Members and non-Members. For info, please call 214-348-7940

KayCee Club, Inc. Tuesday meetings in November, February, May, and August.

Send Your Content

Please provide suggestions, or content articles for the newsletter to: news@kc799.org. Deadline for May newsletter is:

November 21

Monthly Meeting Highlights

Here are the “Highlights” from the most recent Council General Meeting and Board meetings. Please contact an officer of the Council with questions.

Council General meeting (Oct 4):

- Exemplification of the First Degree. Eleven candidates were admitted to The Order and introduced by Patrick Vlk.
- Five 799 Knights participated in the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree and were recognized by Jim Hale.
- District Deputy Carr addressed members and encouraged all to get involved in some service of 799, highlighting the need for First Degree Team members.

799 Board meeting (Oct 18):

- Approved requests to support events to benefit Birth Choice and Holy Trinity School, as well as a Coat Drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Bernard’s
- Reviewed the progress to date of the Retention Committee’s efforts
- Mike Savage reported that the Knights on Bikes will be transporting the Silver Rose to Dallas in November.
- Council 799 apparel (golf shirts, hats, and windbreakers) is now available

KayCee Club (Oct 18):

- Further discussion of a proposal to amend the by-laws to create a partial separation of the Council Board and the Club Board
- Preliminary review of a capital improvements project and budget presented jointly by the Pool committee and the Long-term planning committee.

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

11/1 - 11/8	George Montgomery
11/8 - 11/15	Frank Gray
11/15 - 11/22	Benji Vega
11/22 - 11/29	Pete Goudreau
11/29 - 12/6	Richard Johnston

Chalice 2

11/1 - 11/8	Ed Carpenter
11/8 - 11/15	Jim Jansen
11/15 - 11/22	Jim Hale
11/22 - 11/29	Joe Mehan
11/29 - 12/6	John Guerra

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

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Membership Information

Orientation Meetings:

There will be an orientation meetings on: **Monday, Nov 14 and Monday, Nov 28**

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 Catholics in union with the Holy See.

Membership Contact:

Patrick Vlk, (214) 763-7925
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Hike for Life was a success!

We thank the Knights for the help and donations. We had 350 participants (lots of youth) and raised over \$16,000.00. Thanks to Al Barbosa and the color corps for the presentation of colors and Father Vic Bartolatta for attending. The event featured Guest Speaker, Ramona Trevenio, the former manager of planned parenthood, who had a faith conversion and resigned this year.

Learn about the upcoming Mass changes

KC799 is hosting a final info session about the upcoming mass changes, presented by our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Josef, on Nov 8, from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. All knights, parishioners, family and fellow Catholics are invited.

New Year's Eve Party - Dec 31

Tickets are available online at <http://bit.ly/pitpops>. Only \$50 per ticket. Please contact Brad Barlow for details Brad.Barlow@att.net 214-697-4080

First Degree Team

We still need Knights to serve in our First Degree Ceremonial team. Our need has gotten a little greater (and more urgent); Brother George Mones has recently told us that he'll be retiring and moving to Arkansas. We are thankful for George's long service on our Degree team. We've got to replace him (and find a few back-ups for the other team members).

If interested, please contact GK John Little or Membership Director Pat Vlk.

Boys Knight Out

Sunday night, Oct 30, the Dallas Cowboys travel to visit the Philadelphia Eagles at 7:20 p.m. Come to the KayCee Lounge and enjoy the drink specials, a square game and prize giveaway.

Council Swag

New Caps, Polo Shirts, and Wind shirts have been made and will be on sale at the November meeting. Please bring your cash or checkbooks.