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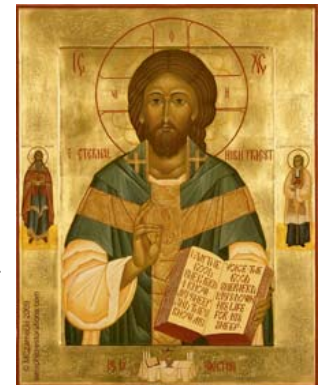
MONTHLY NEWS

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## FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT

### The 'Year for Priests'

In keeping with the Order's longstanding "In Solidarity With Our Priests" campaign, the Supreme Knight has called upon all Knights to actively participate in the "Year for Priests" declared by Pope Benedict XVI. The centerpiece of the Order's program for this yearlong celebration (June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010) is a new holy card featuring a prayer for priests. The card features an icon, written by Marek Czarnecki ([www.seraphicrestorations.com](http://www.seraphicrestorations.com)), showing Christ in Mass vestments with a gold pelican over his heart, the ancient symbol of self-sacrifice. At the bottom of the icon is an altar prepared for Mass, and at the sides are Melchizedek, whose sacrifice of bread and wine prefigured the Eucharist, and St. John Vianney the patron of parish priests. The back of the card includes a prayer for priests. Please visit the "Action Steps" link to the right for more information on the holy card as well as other activities that your council and its members can undertake to honor our priests during this celebration.



## FROM STATE DEPUTY: JIM KELLY

### Welcome to our 100<sup>th</sup> Year!

This July marks our entry to our 100<sup>th</sup> year and the "Year for Priests". As we enter this year I must look back to 2008-2009. We began my first term in what I must call a "State of Shock"! I had real idea of what was expected of me as a State Deputy. I thank God that all of the men before me were there for guidance and support, without them I would have been just "another body in an unforeseen circumstance".

Look forward to this, my second year, I must say I have the best support staff in the world. All of the state council has returned in block. The State Secretary along with the Warden have already begun to put together the state directory. The State Treasurer has completed the year-end closing and is ready for another year. The State Advocate assures me that there are no issues pending which need response and our ever faithfully Warden is looking forward to finding someone to take over the website so he can return to a "paying job".

Most importantly, 11 of the 12 District Directors are returning and entering District Deputy, Bob Greer from Fallon, is already stepping up to the plate. I must congratulate District Deputy Dave Briggs on his fantastic closing of 2008-2009. Five days before the end of the fraternal year Dave hosted the last first degree of the year. He had 16 new candidates and 1 reinstatement at St Sharbel's, which was more than enough for a second new council this year! The paper work is in process and I am writing this article. Well Done, Dave Briggs! We also have to thank Tom Thorn as he established the 1<sup>st</sup> council of the year 14874, Holy Sprit Council in Las Vegas.

The first meeting of the Grand Knights and District Deputies is only days away! The training session will begin on July 11 and continue through the 12<sup>th</sup> at St Sharbel's church in Las Vegas. This session is extremely important, as it will set the tone for the entire year. Each council has been instructed to have their Financial Secretary present. A special training session has been planned which will assist the FS in use of the computer program and assist in getting the suspensions through Supreme without a problem. >>> *Continue page 2* >>>

Tom Moran, a Former FS has accepted the position of Awards and Report Chair and as most of you are already aware has begun the program of "tracking reports" and making sure we all, state council and individual councils are in compliance with all of the supreme directives. He will also help the FS's in maintaining the suspension program.

In this the "Year for Priests" we are honored that His Excellency Phillip Straling, Bishop Emeritus from Reno who has accepted the position of State Chaplain. He will be present during the entire July 11-12 program and our celebrant for the masses.

I want to thank Rev. Clarence J. D. Savial for his devotion to the order as our State Chaplain from 2007-2009. His articles, inspiration and participation has inspired all of us to be better Catholics. I also want to thank him for "staying on" as the associate State Chaplain for the Las Vegas Diocese.

Finally, I must say thank you for a "lifetime" of service to the Knights of Columbus to Rev. Thomas Fransiscus who for these many years was the Associate State Chaplain in the Reno Diocese. Father Tom explained in his letter that with the State Chaplain in Reno and his 70<sup>th</sup> year coming upon him he felt it was time to "retire" from the position. Father Tom – THANK YOU. His retirement from the position of Associate State Chaplain does not mean that his participation in the order is done just that he taking a little time off from specific duties. His current assignment within the Diocese as the Pastor of St Ann's in Dayton and Adjunct Tribunal still keeps him active.

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## **Associate State Chaplain • Rev. Clarence J. D. Savial**

Faith is very important in the Christian life. Last Sunday's Gospel message enlightened us about the faith of Jairus, the Synagogue official and the faith of the woman who suffered from hemorrhage for twelve years. Jairus did not hold to his position, but came down to Jesus, fell at His feet and begged the Lord, "Master, please come and lay your hands on my daughter who is at the point of death." Matt 5:22.

Jairus was not a Jew. He was a pagan. He did not meet Jesus in person before, but only heard of Him. Though he did not know that Jesus was God and Man, yet he considered Him as a holy man with the power of healing. There were so many doctors in Israel, but he came to Jesus with faith. Though Jesus was known as a son of a carpenter to the proud Pharisees and Scribes, but to people like Jairus and the woman, Jesus was holy man of power. Jesus was really touched by Jairus, approach and readily accompanied him. Even before he reached the house, they received a message that the child was dead. This was a real test to Jairus, but Jesus assured not to be afraid, but to have faith. The faith of Jairus in Jesus saved the little girl, though it was a great surprise yet it shocked many people who were there.

As Jesus was going to the house of Jairus a woman approached Him with faith. She said to herself, "If only I touch the hem of His garment I will be cured." She never wanted to disturb Jesus or take His time, but she went with a strong faith just to touch the hem of his garment. Jesus immediately said to the Apostles that someone touched Him so he asked them, "Who touched me?" The apostles laughed at Him and said, "How could we answer that question", because so many people were around Jesus and were crowded around Him.

But Jesus knew that a woman touched Him and she was cured and therefore He repeated His question and the poor woman came forward trembling and in fear. She thought that she made a mistake and came forward and fell at His feet. Jesus told her, "Do not be afraid, my daughter, your faith has cured your illness. Go in peace."

The reason why Jesus pointed out this woman's action was because He wanted to make the people know that faith can work wonders. So we Christians, especially Brother Knights, that faith is very important in our lives. We participate in so many Masses, but do we have the same faith of this woman and Jairus in Jesus?

The same Jesus comes to us every time we say the Mass. Do we see Jesus in the Sacred Host and do we approach Him with the faith of these two people? May God bless us and help us to have faith in Jesus.

God bless you all and have a pleasant Fourth of July. May God help you to help others.

Rev. Clarence J. D. Savial  
Associate State Chaplain

## Membership Director • John Solt

Our new membership director is JOHN SOLT. John is the past Grand Knight of 12845, Gardnerville. John is a fourth degree member and has been a knight since 2002. During that time he has been very active in the council ending his term as Grand knight in June of 2009. While serving as grand knight he also served as the District 5 Warden. He moves directly into the position of State Membership Director. A former active member of the US Marines and retired from United Aircraft he brings both energy and experience to the human resource role. You will hear of John's plans during the DD and GK training on the 11 and 12 of July.

In June we said farewell to Rick Frambrini and as most of you are aware Rick and Sally have relocated to Franklin, Pennsylvania. As membership Director for the fraternally years 2007-2009 Rick has been very successful. Rick will be missed not just as the "membership guy" but as a friend, brother and confidant if any of you want to contact him in the future just to say hi I am sure he will be grateful. His contact information is:

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## MACEDONIO "CURLY" INIQUEZ, PSD NEVADA CHAIRMAN, FR. MCGIVNEY GUILD



My Dear Brother Knights:

As we all know, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882 in New Haven, CT. Over the next six years, the Knights of Columbus in Connecticut numbered 4020 members. It was now time to finally move forward with the Order. Fr. McGivney involved himself in the most significant development within the Knights of Columbus since the order was founded six years previous. A group of Catholic men in Providence, RI requested permission to form a Council...the FIRST ONE outside of the state of CT.

### ON THIS DATE

**JULY 8, 1888** Tyler Council was initiated in Providence, RI. Not too much happened the first six months. Potential members were awaiting encouragement from the priests and bishop Matthew Harkins – who just did not seem much interested in the Knights of Columbus. Members of the Supreme Office traveled to RI relentlessly and within time the Tyler Council grew. This was the start of the growth of the Knights of Columbus across state borders and, ultimately, national ones as well.

At this time, I would like to congratulate new and re-elected Grand Knights, their officers and new or re-appointed District Deputies. I offer my thanks to all Past Grand Knights and District Deputies for their support of the Order and, most especially, in promoting the Fr. McGivney Guild.

**REMINDER:** The new version of the Fr. McGivney Guild membership application is available on-line at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) as well as in the Columbia Magazine.

I look forward to seeing you at the Installation of State Officers, District Deputies and Grand Knights on July 11 in Las Vegas.

I wish you and your family a safe **4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY**; be sure to **DISPLAY OUR FLAG PROUDLY**.

Venerable Fr. McGivney, Pray for Us.

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### **A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR 2009 -2010**

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights, as well as the other entire dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming year. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

The attainment of the Star Council status is a year long commitment as well as the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to help determine how many Fraternal Benefits Nights you will want to conduct in your council during the fraternal year, and to work hand in hand with your membership committee. I am certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but will be equally as glad to help on the membership side as well. Councils without an assigned field agent should work during the year with me; General Agent, Donald M. Krolak.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of your council.

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Your Brother and General Agent,

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P.S. If you know of a Catholic Gentleman who is looking for "Career Opportunity" in the insurance field, please contact me at 530-528-3002 or e-mail donald.krolak@kofc.org

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## **AROUND THE STATE --**

As is the norm in Nevada June and July appear to be slow months. However, this year many things have happened in June and July appears to be just as busy. As we enter the new (2009-2010) fraternal we do so after a banner year in the state for growth. We enter with more than 5500 members, two new councils and historical induction of new members. We enter will a gross intake of 422 (as of June 28<sup>th</sup>) with the expectation of 18 additional members currently being processed by supreme. If all goes well we will end up with 440 new knights. That is a record! Our problem is still retaining the knights we have. This year (as of the 27<sup>th</sup>) we lost 117 through suspension.

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### **Council 11029**

#### Fundraising/ Charity Events:

The Truck race, a major fundraising event will be held on September 26, 2009. We are asking that you consider working this event. I know many of you will be going out of town for the summer. If you would like to reserve your position as this event please call John Roanoke @932.4947.

We will need 55 Brother knights from our council to be successful in this event.

#### Social Events:

Rosary Circle, last Sunday of each month, 3:00 pm.

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### **Council 10780**

#### **Baptism**

The new Baptism process is working very well. In June we had the honor of welcoming Noah Amaya, Kimberly Perez, Hector Hernandez Aguilar, Ashley Viguera, Jonathan Gajda, Elias Rivera and their families who are preparing to be baptized. Congratulations and welcome to all.

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### **Council 12845**

#### **“Bingo”**

Council 12845 puts on a Bingo Night twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. Doors open at 6:00 pm with a warm up game starting at 7:00 pm. The event is open to the public and cash prizes will be awarded. Because of the cash awards, no one under the age of 21 can be admitted as required by the Nevada Gaming Control Board. The \$20 minimum package includes a 3-card warm-up, a 10-card play package, and a blackout/progressive card. Additional cards may be purchased. A progressive jackpot is available each night. Complementary coffee and popcorn is available. Nachos, hot dogs, beer, wine; bottled water, and soft drinks can be purchased.

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### **Council 8282**

The council will be hosting the DD and GK training at St. Sharbel's after having a very successful membership program which led to the establishment of the council at Sharbel's.

That's all Folks!

*Vivat Jesus!*

## ATTENTION DISTRICT DIRECTORS!!!

DD and GK training is in Las Vegas July 11 and 12, 2009. Thanks to DD Briggs hard work the meeting will be held at our newest council at St Sharble's.

Welcome aboard to Brother Robert Greer in District 3 who is replacing Brother Bob Wallace who is taking a well-deserved rest and acting as the district Warden.

Remember to have all of the required information for the state directory. Even if you and you Grand Knights have forwarded the material and names of the brothers serving BRING IT WITH YOU to DD and GK training!

## ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS!!!

Worthy Grand Knights,

To those of you returning and to all the newly elected WELCOLM! I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas. I request that you have your financial secretary accompany you for training. In today's order one man cannot do it all. Your financial secretary is the pump or heart of the council. Many things have changed from the days of the pen and pencil. My regret is that we, the state council, cannot provide per diem for the financial secretary to attend. Therefore, I am asking that each council arrange for some type of stipend to assist the financial secretary in attending this years training. By having a trained financial secretary the council will be that much better in making sure that star is within reach.

Even if you provided the names and contact information for the officers and committee chairs as required make sure you BRING THE INFORMATION WITH YOU! As no per diem checks will be issued if the State Secretary does not have the information recorded prior to the close of the session.

### July Calendar for the State Officers

- State Council Officers Only meeting July 10, 2009 – 8:00 PM - Las Vegas
- DD, GK, FS TRAINING & INSTALLATION - July 11 & 12, 2009 – St. Sharbel Mission – Las Vegas
- Ceremonials Academy: Last Tuesday of the month in Las Vegas & Fourth Tuesday of the month in Reno.



The Knights of Columbus will hold its First International Marian Congress on Our Lady of Guadalupe from August 6-8, 2009, following the organization's 127th annual convention in Phoenix.

The Congress will conclude with a Guadalupe Festival at Jobing.com Arena on August 8. Nearly 20,000 attendees are expected from throughout the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico.

The Guadalupe Festival will feature an afternoon of music, prayer and inspiration speeches by notables including actor Eduardo Verastegui, best-selling author Imaculee Ilibagiza, Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City and Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix. Performers at the festival will include Irish singer Dana, a mariachi band and matachina dancers.

***Tickets are available for public distribution, providing ample time between ticket ordering and the date of the Guadalupe Festival, August 8, 2009.***

**A schedule and more information are available at [www.guadalupefestival.org](http://www.guadalupefestival.org)**