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SUPREME KNIGHT – Carl Anderson

by Cecilia Ricardez/ SIPSE (reported February 20, 2009)

“People are a country’s main resource,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, prior to his meeting with local members of the lay Catholic group Knights of Columbus in Yucatan, which was held at the Club Campestre restaurant, where they met and shared experiences regarding the organization’s work.

This Order’s representative talked to local media, to whom he expressed his pleasure at being in Merida, and praised the work of the state’s Knights, since they have had much success in serving the Yucatan Archdiocese with many charitable works.

“People are a country’s main resource, above oil, technology, computers; they are a country’s most valuable asset, and they are the key to a country’s development. In this sense we can build a unity between the United States and Mexico, based on the values of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism,” Anderson said.

He said that if there is a will, both countries may come to a better understanding and take advantage of the fact that there are 65 million Catholics in the United States and 90 million Catholics in Mexico, who, by uniting their efforts, can build a more just world, working side by side, as Christ’s witnesses.

“Presently we have a unique opportunity for the policies of these neighboring countries to join in seeking a common good, and this is why we are working to increase devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe in the United States. It is important not only for Mexicans, but for many countries, for the Virgin’s message is a call to unity and solidarity,” he added.



FROM STATE DEPUTY – Jim Kelly

I chose the article about our Supreme Knight, published back in 2009, as the lead into our states condition as of this Memorial Day weekend. Our Supreme Knight emphasis that “People are a country’s main resource,” the same can be said about the Knights of Columbus. People (Brothers) are out primary resource. However, as of today we have suspended almost 350 brothers from the order this fraternal year. You as well as I know suspensions are going to happen but why do they happen. This is a question that each of us must ask and try to resolve.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your outstanding effort in May in recruitment of new brothers. As I stated at the state convention to my knowledge Nevada has never been net negative at the end of a fraternal year. Many of you took this as a personal challenge and in May we brought in 54 new members. I do not know if this is a record nor do I care but our work is not done. Due to the loss of members through their return to our Savior we are showing a negative number of 50. I believe that we can meet this number with the hard work of all of us in Nevada.

Brothers’ numbers are great but we must first of all make sure we are in compliance with the laws, rules and constitution of the order. Our membership directors and committees must only pass those who met the test of practical catholicity. I was just reminded of this by the article by Father Steven R. Hoffer, the chaplain of council 11029, Mother Seton Council, Las Vegas. I have, with his permission reprinted the entire article in this edition of the Silver Flash.

We have a challenge – recruit 50 new members during this month of June. To accomplish this we are going to need multiple first degrees through out the state. I am asking that each council create a June 1st degree schedule and send it to John Solt, State membership Director. Once published stick to it! Let all the councils in the area know of the degree and RECRUIT candidates to the degree!

Finally, I can hope and pray that you will support our new State Deputy with the enthusiasm that has been my rare pleasure to be presented. I do not know how to thank each and every one of you for your support of the last two years. Each of you as individuals, officers, directors, chairs or councils has been totally responsive to the needs of your community, your church and the youth of Nevada. Your support of “Life” in all forms and endeavors has been unrelinquishing and steadfast. My only response can be THANK YOU!

Vivat Jesus!

CHAPLAINS' MESSAGE

Father Steven R. Hoffer

Parochial Vicar for Sacraments of Initiation, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church,
& Chaplain; Mother Seton Council #11029, K of C, Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Brothers,

I wanted to address some concerns that have been raised lately about membership in the Knights of Columbus and the views of some of the members that are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

When a potential member to the Knights of Columbus fills out a membership application, he signs a statement that states: 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. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

By virtue of the potential member signing this statement, he states that he is a Catholic who follows the teachings of the Catholic Church. The member is then interviewed by an admissions team that determines whether the person would be a good member and is a practical Catholic.

Sadly it has been reported that several members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council, are not practicing Catholic. They are saying things that are against the teachings of the Catholic Church.

What it comes down to is this: **YOU ARE EITHER CATHOLIC OR YOU ARE NOT!** You either follow the teachings of the Catholic Church or you don't. And if you don't then you should not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

If you are Pro-Choice and feel that a woman has the right to make the decision to have an abortion, then you are against the teachings of the Catholic Church. Therefore you should not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

If you are for the death penalty and euthanasia, then you are against the teachings of the Catholic Church and should not be a member of the Knights.

If you feel it is alright for a person just to be married civilly and not married in the Catholic Church and it is alright to receive Holy Communion, then you are against the teachings of the Catholic Church. You should not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

If you feel that women should be priests, then you are against the teachings of the Catholic Church and you should not be a member of the Knights.

If you are against the hierarchy of the Church, then you are against the teachings of the Catholic Church and should not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

If you feel it is alright to leave mass early, miss mass, or come late, then you are against the teachings of the Catholic Church and you should not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

WE ARE EITHER CATHOLIC OR WE ARE NOT!! We are not cafeteria Catholics picking and choosing what we want to believe or not. If we do not agree with the teachings (**ALL TEACHINGS**) of the Catholic Church, then maybe we should consider joining another church like the Lutherans or some other denomination.

WE ARE EITHER CATHOLIC OR WE ARE NOT!! If we are not Catholic following all the teachings of the Catholic Church, then we should not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Maybe you are not aware of the teachings of the Catholic Church, if so, educate yourself. Get and read Michael Pennock's book "*This is Our Faith*." Attend a Bible Study class. Go to a legitimate Catholic website such as zenit.org.

If you run into a brother Knight who is speaking against the teachings of the Catholic Church, pull him aside and talk to him and explain the teachings. If that doesn't work, grab another brother, and finally have the member meet with a priest or deacon.

Our Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are being attacked by people who want to believe in their own way on their own time. Remember **WE ARE EITHER CATHOLIC OR WE ARE NOT!!**

It is up ourselves to police our Council and assure that everyone is a practicing Catholic. If not, maybe it is time to educate the member and if that does not work, ask them to leave.

Contrary to what the State and District Deputy have to say, it is not about growing the Council with numbers. Yes the Council needs to grow, but it needs to grow with practicing Catholics. Not with men who claim to be Catholic. We need men of Catholic faith, not just bodies.

I pray that as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council struggles with members who are not practicing the Catholic Faith that we can grow to be men of action who are Practical Catholics following all the teachings of the Catholic Church.

If I can help in any way, please feel free to ask. Remember... We are either Catholic or we are not!!

Father Steven R. Hoffer

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



My Dear Brother Knights:

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of my Brother Knights at the recent State Council's 100th Anniversary Convention in Reno. At this convention, I distributed about 75 Fr. McGivney Guild applications. Hopefully, those who picked up these applications will send them into Supreme before the end of June. There are many Degrees scheduled in June. The State Deputy mentioned that he would like to meet his goal of 51 new members by the end of June. I, too, do hope that these new members receive an application to join the Guild. I sincerely hope that we meet the State Deputy's goal as well as REACH 1,000 members into the Guild.

To my Brother Knights who have NOT joined the Guild: If you had been a Guild member, you would have read about the following in the May-June 2010 Guild Newsletter: Several seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore reflected on their own journeys in answering God's call to priesthood. They whole heartedly acknowledged the support from the Knights of Columbus. This being the YEAR OF THE PRIEST and in honor of the Knights, they purchased a bust of the Venerable Michael McGivney for the seminary. Also, you would have received an update on the canonization of Our Founder. Briefly, the reported miracle has not been rejected by the Holy See and continues to be seriously considered by medical and theological experts. AND THERE IS MORE INFORMATION FOR YOU REGARDING OUR FOUNDER in the Guild, so please, please make every effort to join. As Guild members, we must really pray often that the beatification of Venerable Michael J. McGivney will become a reality SOON!

ON THESE DATES:

June 6, 1873	Fr. Michael J. McGivney's father, Patrick, dies
June 15, 1882	Fr. Michael J. McGivney submits a Draft of the Knights of Columbus Constitution to the members
June 16, 1882	First Annual Knights of Columbus Convention elects Fr. Michael J. McGivney to be the Supreme Chaplain and to The Board of Directors
June 14, 1884	Fr. Michael J. McGivney declines election as Supreme Secretary And is re-elected Supreme Chaplain

INTERNATIONAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

April 1, 2010 137,781 Membership

NEVADA GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

April 1, 2010 935 Membership

As soon as I receive June 2010 International and Nevada membership updates, I will advise.

I hope to see you at the District Deputies and Grand Knights training sessions followed by the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies on July 10 and 11 in Las Vegas.

I wish you and your family a safe summer.

Venerable Fr. McGivney, Pray for Us.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS



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If You Haven't Visited The Knights of Columbus Web Site In A While

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on www.kofc.org, but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

(Also be sure to read, if you have not already the May 2010 Columbia Magazine. It also tells Real Life Stories and gives information about our Life Insurance, LTC and Retirement Annuities.)

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to estimate the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family. Give me a call – I'd like to meet with you.

See your Field Agent, today!

If you do not already have a working relationship with your local Field Agent, please don't hesitate to contact the office of your General Agent.

Fraternally, Your Brother and General Agent,

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AROUND THE STATE – *My apologizes in advance to any and all who have sent me information, photos, or news articles this past month, which did not make this publication.*

A bit of inspiration by a District Deputy

There recently was the death of Irena Sendler a 98-year-old lady who, during WW II, got permission to work in the Warsaw Ghetto as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist. She had an 'ulterior motive'. Irena smuggled infants out of the Ghetto in the bottom of the toolbox she carried and she carried in the back of her truck a burlap sack (for larger kids). She also had a dog in the back that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in and out of the ghetto. The soldiers of course wanted nothing to do with the dog and the barking covered the kids/infants noises. During her time of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids/infants. She was caught, and the Nazi's broke both her legs and arms and beat her severely.

Irena kept a record of the names of all the kids she smuggled out and kept them in a glass jar, buried under a tree in her back yard. After the war, she tried to locate any parents that may have survived and reunited the family. Most had been gassed. Those kids she helped get placed into foster family homes or adopted. Irena was up for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. She was not selected. As we all know, Al Gore won for a slide show on Global Warming (that was actually researched and created by others).

It is now more than 60 years after the Second World War in Europe ended. This e-mail is being sent in memory of the six million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians and 1,900 Catholic priests who were murdered by the Nazi's.

"The richest man is not the one who has the most but the one who needs the least."

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Thorn
District 11 Deputy

Council 9102

Father's Day Breakfast - Bevan Hall II Sunday, June 20th (After 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses)
Fireworks Presale at Church June 12-13 and June 19-20 (Booth opens June 27th!)
Social Dinner – Bevan Hall II Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Council 10442

1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Saturday, June 19th
Degrees Will Be Held In The St Joseph Center starting at 7:30 AM

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE DAY Dinner & Celebration - June 12, 2010

Gather up your friends and family for a very special Celebration. The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting a new and first ever celebration of the Island nation's Independence Day, and we invite all to come and enjoy the authentic food, fun and entertainment. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children. Children 5 and under are free.
Call Edgar Castro at 804-0149.

Council 12845

It is with great sadness to inform our council that Fr Jose "Pepe" Sobarzo will be leaving St. Gall Church at the end of this month. Fr Jose has been transferred to St. John the Baptist in Lovelock. As Grand Knight, I truly appreciated Fr Jose attending our council meetings and providing inspirational guidance to his fellow Knights. You will be truly missed at our council meetings. Good Luck and GODSPEED in Lovelock.

Council 6688

Our next pancake breakfast is June 27th and final plans will be made at our June meeting. Don't forget to support the Knights Stand on Life by joining the rosary on Saturday, June 6th at 9 am at both Holy Family and St. Johns'. Membership is the key to our success so please continue to identify fellow parishioners who would be good Knights so that we can get them to join our Brotherhood.

Council 11029

Calendar Of Upcoming Events

June

3 rd : Officers Meeting	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
10 th : Business Meeting	6:30 pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Council 2666

Our **Family Bar-B-Que And Pool Party** Will Be On June 12 Following The Saturday Evening Mass. We Are Inviting The Altar Servers And Their Families. Meat And Beverages Will Be Provided; Please Bring A Salad Or Desert.

Clothing Drive. Brother Sylvester Rodriquez Is Planning To Take A Load Of Clothing To Mexico. The Focus Is To Provide Clothing For Children. However; Any Usable Clothing Or Shoes Will Be Welcomed. Please Bring You Donations Of Clothes To The June Meeting.

Council 13842

- **\$500** was given to each of five Nevada Seminarians (total of \$2,500) to assist them in their journey to the Deaconite and the Priesthood.
 - **\$1,000** was donated to WSR to help in the sponsoring of The Divine Mercy billboards that are visible throughout Reno.
 - Proceeds from our recent Spaghetti dinner went to the Veterans Guest House.
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Council 4828

5 June Living Rosary Prayer Service
 16 June Meeting
 19 June Parish Blood Drive

Council 4928

50th Anniversary Mass. 4928 celebrated their 50th year by having the state chaplain, Most Rev Phillip Straling celebrate a mass at Holy Cross.

Council 13456

Our next 1st degree exemplification is scheduled on June 12,2010 (Saturday) 9:30am at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2300 Sunridge Heights Parkway, Henderson, Nevada.

Visiting Councils please contact Herman Sisneros Ph: 616-2790 or E-mail: Hsisneros@cox.net
 Please Bring Constitutional Roll and Materials (MC, R, B, and LP) for each candidate.

Membership Blitz and Weekend Social on June 5 and 6, 2010 (Saturday 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm and Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm)

Editors Notes:

To all of the councils that have over the last 2 years forwarded there monthly or quarterly newsletters thank you. Without your input this state newsletter would never have been. To all of you who submitted material and never had it published I apologize! There were and still are things that I cannot do with a computer.

To all I can only say "Continue to Move Forward as nothing in the past can be redone!"
