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**From the Supreme Knight – From the Supreme Website at
http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/publications/sk_bookclub/index.html**

Be a Man!

Review the discussion of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Father Larry Richards about the book *Be A Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*. In this work, Father Richards examines his years as a priest and personal experiences to recount his struggle to learn true manhood and inspire other men to do the same while living their faith with courage.

In his new book, *Jesus: A Biography From a Believer* (Viking Adult, 2010), Paul Johnson focuses on the central figure of Christianity and asks the question: "Is Jesus still relevant today?" The best-selling author of books such as *A History of Christianity* (1979), Johnson is known for his insightful and accessible historical analysis. Join Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson online Thursday, April 29 at 5 p.m (ET) to take part in the discussion.

FROM STATE DEPUTY – Jim Kelly

I am writing this on the day after one of the happiest Easter's in my recent memory. Donna and I along with her mother (Grandma) are all in Portland, Oregon where our newest Grandson (Teagen) was baptized during the Easter Mass. I look at this event and then back at all that has happened during the month of March and forward to all that is planned for April. I wonder, "Where am I going to find time to do all of this?" I believe that in today's world we all over stressed in trying to stay on top of what we have to complete. I know that as your State Deputy I feel overwhelmed in what is being thrown out there for me to accomplish. State officers meetings, second and third degrees, state convention, day-to-day activities, can you attend this council or that council's meeting this month, and we have a problem.

Thank God! I am not alone in all of this! I have a great group of State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, and Council Officers who give a great deal of time, energy and dedication to our Order.

In three short weeks we will be meeting for the 100th time as a state council. Hopefully each of you is planning to attend! You have made your reservations! And, have informed your wife of all that is taking place so that she also can enjoy the activities.

See you all in RENO!

STATE CHAPLAIN - Bishop Staling

DISCIPLES OF JESUS

EASTER PEOPLE

Dear Brother Knights:

We are called as Disciples of Jesus, to be an Easter People, . St. Peter tells us: "You know the message he sent to the people of Israel ... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses.... They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day." (Acts 10:36, 38-40) "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

Peter, apostles and disciples of the early Church were the first to be called to be witnesses of God taking on our human flesh and nature, teaching, giving us example, dying upon the cross for our sins, bringing us salvation, assuring us by his resurrection that we too who walk and live as his disciples will rise, one day joining Jesus in our Father's house. As was for these first disciples and witnesses, so also for us today.

Yes, the first disciples were blessed to see, hear and know Jesus in the flesh during his time here on earth. But like us, they had to progress and grow in faith, hope and love; the essential gifts that join them and us with Jesus. That they had to grow and mature, we note their lack of faith and hope before and after Jesus' resurrection. In fear the Apostles ran away upon Jesus being arrested in the Garden of Olives. Peter, when confronted in the courtyard of the high priest that he was one of Jesus' disciples, denied he was a disciple. Thomas said he would not believe unless he put his hand into the wounds of Jesus' hand and side. Jesus accepts our weakness and faults; forgiving and encouraging us to not only contrition for these past errors, but giving graces to change, mature and grow as his disciples. Jesus after his resurrection, gave Peter the opportunity to recant by asking three times; "Peter, son of John, do you love me?" Peter's response, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." (Mt. 21:16)

The blessing we have today, being called to discipleship as an Easter People, is that we have the lives and example of previous disciples for some two thousand years. We can learn from their mistakes, weak faith, failures as well as their strengths and successes, seeing how God's grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit were available and used by them. In the end, we are called to have, live and grow in that same faith, hope and love, having similar graces and gifts of the Spirit available to us.

As we celebrated Good Friday and Easter and now in the time after Easter: are we growing and increasing in faith, hope and love. Do we recognize our dependence upon God for all that we are and have in life; are we fervent and faithful in prayer, beginning and ending the day with prayer. During the day as we face challenges, problems and stress, are we turning to the Lord for help and strength. Are we turning our hearts and thoughts to a prayer of love and thanksgiving as we enjoy God's many gifts and blessings in our lives.

Do we appreciate the sacrifice of the cross made present to us in the Mass, a gift given to us by Jesus of the supreme act his love for each of us. He invited us into this participation when at the Last Supper, Jesus said to his Apostles, "Do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19)

Like those first Apostles and Disciples growing in faith, hope and love, going into the whole world to proclaim the Good News, so also for us today. This enables Christ to live and work in this time and age through us, his disciples, and like those who have gone before us, to look forward as they did at the Ascension of Jesus, to the day Jesus comes again, bringing each of us to our Father's house, our eternal home, a place God has prepared for us. We too are an Easter People!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

John Solt

Reprint for use in February and March and April!

Father _____ Wants You” Council Membership Campaign.

Brother Knights: Here is a reminder and a sample of what you need to do to get this program on the road. Get started now and it will be a lot easier. I am working with Bishop Straling to get a letter out the Parish Pastors to help as much as I can. Good luck and see if we can reach our State goal. Thank You,
John Solt, SMD

This membership program will be our standard in the Don Krolak California/Nevada Agency for the annual membership programs in our councils. This campaign along with the Membership Recruitment Program (MRP) will be our agencies membership promotional program for each council.

The “Father _____ Wants You” campaign should be held at least once a year and preferably twice a year. (Suggested months for the campaign would be April and May, and September and August)

This is how the “Father _____ Wants You” campaign works:

1. Get Father’s approval for a “Father _____ Wants You” Campaign in your parish. Also get Father’s approval on the “Father _____ Wants You” invitation letter. (Copy enclosed) Once approved, get a picture of Father for the letter.
2. Acquire a parish membership roster from each parish that will have invitees.
3. Build a team of five to six members from the council for each parish. These Knights of Columbus members should be very active in the parish and know a lot of the parishioners.
4. Set up meeting with these members to examine parish roster. Give each member a hi-lighter and ask him to hi-light those parishioners that he knows and would recommend for membership in the Knights of Columbus.
5. When each member on the team has examined the master list of parishioners, create a new list of all the recommended prospects for each parish. Be sure to include on the list the parishioners name, address, phone number, and wife’s name.
6. Take the complete list to the priest and ask him to examine the list and validate each prospect for their practical catholicity. Father may also want to add a few of his own.
7. Schedule an open house attended by Father (if Possible), the team, council officers, field agent, members, and the prospective member invitees and wives.
8. Send out invitation letters for the August and September campaign and be sure to enclose the names of all members of the Knights of Columbus attending that parish. In April and May send out follow up letters to all those invitees that didn’t attend in August and September with “Father Still Wants You” letter. Also in April and May send a “Father Wants You” letter to all RCIA new Catholic men and any new parishioners that may.

Vivat Jesus
John Solt SMD

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



My Brother Knights:

ON THESE DATES

April 10, 1882 The Order expands to Boston, MA
April 17, 1883 The Order expands to Meriden, CT
April 8, 1885 The Order expands to Thomaston, CT

Over the next several months, I hope to address some of the many questions asked regarding the NORM between the Church and Fr. McGivney, starting with the following question:

WHAT ARE THE NORMS OF THE CHURCH REGARDING PRAYER TO FATHER MCGIVNEY?

There have been questions about the possibility of developing a Father McGivney Holy Hour that could be celebrated before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. However, the Church makes it very clear that the Eucharistic holy hours are to be encouraged, but when praying before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance, all prayers should be directed to Christ, as he is present in the sacred host. The Church does not permit us to pray to Father McGivney in our public worship. All the prayer cards you receive from the Guild are directed to God, not to Father McGivney. God hears our petition for the canonization of Father McGivney. At a later stage, with the permission of the Church, we will publicly address Father McGivney in prayer.

FIRST DEGREES:

Reminder: There are still several First Degrees scheduled from now until the end of June 2010. A priest, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney, founded our Order therefore; every First Degree should be conducted in honor of a priest. New members need to know who our Founder was, so First Degrees are always the best time to enroll new members to the Fr. McGivney Guild. The new version of the Fr. McGivney Guild membership application is available on-line at www.fathermcgivney.org as well as in the Columbia Magazine.

MAY 9, 2010, MOTHER'S DAY

Please be sure to take time to Honor *Thy Mother*, both living and deceased.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEVADA STATE COUNCIL (CHARTERED 1910)

The 100th Anniversary of the Nevada State Council, will be celebrated the weekend of April 30-May 2, 2010 in Reno. Irene and I look forward to celebrating this auspicious occasion with all my Brother Knights and ladies.

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Now is the time to be looking ahead and taking stock of attaining your council's Coveted Star Council Award Goals. The June 30, 2010 deadline will come quickly enough. I will help you in any way I can to meet those goals for the 2009-2010 Fraternal year. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

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 continue our momentum for attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of your council: Recruitment, Insurance members and council activities.

With all of us working together, our fraternal leaders and our professional field force, we can help the Order to continue to grow and obtain the Coveted Start Council Award.

To Contact your agent with regards to any of your insurance needs or a "Career Opportunity" with the Knights of Columbus please call my office at 530-528-3002 or by e-mail at donald.krolak@kofc.org

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AROUND THE STATE – My apologies in advance to any and all who have sent me information, photos, or news articles this past month. I have had several computer failures and also lost some information during file transfers. I will definitely try harder for the month of June – Remember no silver flash for May!

Council 10442

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Council 10442 in Las Vegas purchased and installed an 18-shelf warming oven at its parish. The unit, which cost approximately \$1,100, will aid with food service at parish events. The council also held its annual St. Valentine's Day sweetheart dance for nearly 300 area parishioners. Attendees enjoyed a prime rib dinner, music and dancing.

Council 4928

Ponderosa Council 4928 at Holy Cross Catholic Community, Sparks, NV, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Mass on **April 11, at 8:30 am** with our **State Chaplain Bishop Straling**, followed by cake and coffee with the members of the Church. The Council will be participating in all aspects of the mass. Please come and share this anniversary with your Brother Knights. Please wear your Knights shirt to mass if you have one and or your name-tag as well. If you know of any Charter members please let them know about our upcoming Anniversary Mass.

Council 14544

I personally want to thank all the Knights and their wives who came to the Hospital, called, brought food to the House sent cards etc, etc. What a great organization we have and I felt the power of the prayers. That Hospital was not just down the street and Jan and I really appreciate all the support. I am coming along much slower than the same operation of 5 years ago...but it beats the alternative. Please keep all our members in your prayers.

Joe Feldhouse DGK

Council 14784

Holy Spirit council 14784 in Las Vegas is pleased to nominate Brother Nathan J. Glanister [4349570] as the Youngest Knight in Nevada.

He joined the Order on October 3, 2009 about 4 months after his 18th birthday on June 7, 2009. Brother Nathan was sponsored into the Knights and our council 14784 by his dad Brother Bernie Glanister our Deputy Grand Knight.

Brother Nathan Glanister has distinguished himself by attending many council meetings and participating in numerous council activities including the Tootsie Roll drive, the Basketball Free-throw contest and membership drives. To date he has almost qualified himself for the Shining Armor award.

Brother Nathan J. Glanister is an outstanding example of a young, active Knight of Columbus!

Editors Note: Anyone have a younger knight? Let me know!

Pautas para El Consejo

CELEBRE EL MES DE ABRIL COMO EL MES DE LOS ESCUDEROS

Abril es el mes de los Escuderos lo cual significa que es tiempo de reconocer, promover y crecer el programa de Escuderos. Primero que todo, tiene que identificar aquellos Escuderos que van a cumplir los 18 años, para que se les prepare un primer grado para que se hagan Caballeros. Segundo, el consejo y el círculo podrían hacer actividades juntos como una misa o un desayuno en honor del consejero o del padre prior del círculo. Por último, si su consejo no tiene círculo de Escuderos, investigue si les conviene. Se necesitan por lo menos 10 muchachos entre las edades de los diez a los dieciocho años de edad. Llame al teléfono 203-752-4402 para más información.

Council 3741

Tin Can Man – Roland Leclere, PGK, Council Trustee, is the man in charge of recycling for the council. He takes the time to recycle donated items from brother knights. If you desire to help out drop off any items at Roland's house, 914 Noche de Paz Avenue or give him a call – he is in the state directory.

Photos taken in the last couple of months!



District 10 free throw champs



Gardnerville donates more!



Bishop Calvo speaks at the 4th Degree Exemplification



Can anyone tell me where this flag is located?



Your state deputy can cook!
Youth day lunch at Bishop Manogue