



The Upper Room

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THIS COUNCIL JUST KEEPS SOARING

I have been involved with the Knights of Columbus for more than just a few years, and at many levels in the Council, District, and State, and I will put this council up against any council in the state. What a group of real gentlemen, Christians, hard workers and friends. Our Grand Knight, Ray Prom, has said on numerous occasions, "Being associated with this group has made me a better Catholic." I couldn't agree more. The giving of time and talent is beyond belief at times.

Let's look at a recent three month period, beginning with August. On Saturday, August first, the council sponsored the Christian Rock group, "The Thirsting", for the youth of our community. Father started off the event with a Mass at 3 pm, followed by a Bar-B-Que prepared by the council, and then the concert itself, in the auditorium of the school. A great time was had by all, young and old, as a number of parishioners, and even some visitors from outside of the parish attended the concert.

This was kind of a final hooray for the auditorium, as we knew it. The next day preliminary work began for the

remodeling of the auditorium, by the council members. Over the next three weeks over a thousand man-hours were put in by members of the council, in raising the floor of the auditorium approximately three feet. This removed the steps at the entrance, to the rest rooms, to the back hallway and to the cafeteria. For years we have been dodging potential lawsuits from a serious fall by the many men and women, a lot of whom are elderly, that do so much work, in serving breakfast, luncheons, coffee-an's, dinners, receptions, and Bingo's.



Previous entry (during construction)

The Auditorium is now handicap accessible, and user friendly. It has been estimated by people in the business, that our members saved the parish/school over
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GRAND KNIGHT'S PAGE

Holiday Greetings!

No, I am not one of those people who can't seem to say Merry Christmas. I start this letter with Holiday Greetings because it's right at that time of Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The stores and the magazines always give Thanksgiving the short end of the (drum) stick compared to Christmas, but I enjoy Thanksgiving also because it reminds me to stop and give thanks for the many gifts received this year.

From a Grand Knight's perspective, it's hard to top this calendar year for what this council has accomplished. I have not looked back into the records, but I would bet that there has never been a year with so many volunteer hours, and so many activities as this past year. From Lenten soup dinners, to a Catholic rock concert, to the parish house fix up, and the auditorium remodeling, this council has been very, very active. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who have helped out in some way with our many activities. A special thank you to all of the council officers this past year. The calendar year and the fraternal year do not coincide, some people were officers the first half of the year, and others the last half, but we could not do what we do without all the work the council officers contribute. And there are two people I especially have to recognize by name. To have a really successful council like we do, there needs to be dedicated people in 3 positions. The Grand Knight gets the publicity, but without Gale Scobie as Program Director, and Ed Betts as Financial Secretary, this council would just be another regular Knights of Columbus council. These two brothers are really what sets us apart from the 76 other councils in the state of Oregon.

One other thing I am really thankful for. I am thankful for the Archbishop for sending us Fr. Ken. Join with me in offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God for Fr. Ken, and all the men around the world who answered God's call to the priesthood.

With so many things to be thankful for, I feel a bit like the spoiled rich kid when I tell you that I still have a Christmas wish list. (what could I possibly be wishing for, you might ask) Well, thanks for asking, I'll tell you.

1. I'd like to see more of our members getting involved. The Knights of Columbus are God's hands in the world. If you want to witness a miracle, look at the work we do in the community.
2. I'd like to see every Catholic male in our parish join the Knights of Columbus. It truly is an "EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME". It changed my life, I would like to see everyone find what I have found.
3. I'd like to have every council member experience Eucharistic Adoration. What else can I say about this, it's Heaven on earth!
4. I'd like every member to make a least one council meeting each year. New ideas are what keeps people involved.
5. I'd like to find a Chief Councilor for our Squires Circle. Our boys today are our Knights tomorrow.
6. Dear Santa, If you get me everything on my wish list, I'd REALLY be thankful next year!

Ray Prom
Grand Knight
William J. Leahy Council #1307

Father McGivney Guild

If you have not signed up for Father McGivney Guild, and are not receiving the quarterly newsletter, with information on the progress of the canonization process, please let Ed Betts know and he will see that you receive it. There is no cost involved to you or the council.



Chaplain's Message to the Knights

From Father Ken Sampson

My Dear Brother Knights and Families;

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow knights on recently receiving the Star Council Award presented at the Seaside potluck on November 19th. We were informed that only four councils in the state of Oregon received such an honor and, beside us, one of the other councils was Seaside. Way to go, North Coast! That is a powerful witness of Christian discipleship.

Beginning November 25 we entered into the Advent season as a Church. It is a time of anticipation and waiting in which we pray "Maranatha", or "Come Lord Jesus". We journey along with Mary and Joseph and the ancient Jewish world as they await the long promised Messiah. We know that Jesus comes again at each Mass in the Eucharist. We also know He speaks to us through Scripture and that He also comes whenever two or three or are gathered together in His name. However, Advent is also traditionally a time when we spiritually prepare to receive Him in our hearts more profoundly through personal conversion. We do this so that, unlike the innkeepers on that first Christmas night, we will not have to say, "There is no room for you here." So hang out the vacancy sign in your hearts and in your family time and make a special spiritual journey this Advent season.

SICK AND DISABLED

Please remember in your prayers the following Brothers and their families:

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| Donna Kuske | Don and Marie Rummell |
| Brad Baker | Shawn Alfonse |
| Dan Fay | Wilfred Daniel Family |
| Patrick & Marilyn Dugan | Monica & Gus Fennerty |
| Roger Welty | Linus & June Seger |
| Patricia Alfonse (widow) | Ed & Sylvia Betts |
| Gib Munro | Rosa Alcantar (daughter of Ramon Alcantar) |
| Michael Kline | Carol Karnofski (wife of Dr. Jarrod Karnofski) |
| Chuck & Pauline Mestrich | Paul Dessen and Family |
| Richard & Mary Hanko | Martin Montes Family |
| Dick & Betty Husckestein | Rosalio & Esteban Garcia Families |
| Kathy Arndt | Joel Guzman |
| Art Filliger | Glenn Taggart |
| Arleny Alcantar (wife of Manuel) | Pat Bugas |
| Scott Carpenter | John Fleming |
| Bernard Hunt | James Dugan |
| Marty Dursse's father | Marcie Ewald |
| Andy Schindele | |

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\$30,000 dollars in labor cost. Brother Ray Prom was the general contractor, with brother Don Boehm and Jessie Early leading most of



View of current entry



the carpentry work. I do not intend to start naming a lot of people, because I would surely miss some, and I don't want that to happen. However, I feel that I must mention Gale Scobie, who spent countless hours, sometimes by himself, doing various things that needed to be done before the next step could happen. All in all, an estimated 48 different knights spent approximately 900 hours on the project, and was able to get it completed around the beginning of the school year. This did not count the many hours that went in the planning, designing, ordering and scheduling that had to take place, to make this project such a success.

The funding for the project was provided by a bequest from the William "Bill" Leahy es-

For those of you who didn't know Bill, He was born and raised in this parish, attended and graduated from Star of the Sea School, I believe the Class of 1939. He spent his whole life in this parish and was very fond of the school. He was a long time member, and a very prominent figure in our council. The Leahy family worked with Father, and the council in establishing the needs of the project and approved the funding. Patrick Leahy visited a couple of times during the project to provide pictures to his siblings of the progress. The Auditorium has been dedicated and named in Bill's memory. At the family's request, it will be known as the "Leahy Family Auditorium". There will be a formal dedication and blessing, as soon as schedules can be arranged. (See pages 7, 8 and 9 for more pictures of the project)

Before our brothers could catch their collective breath, September arrived. First the Parish Picnic, along with the sad news that a former brother, Martin Montes, lost his eighteen year old daughter, after a courageous fight with cancer. The Hispanic Roundtable within our council had already been planning on an authentic Mexican dinner to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day, and they decided that all of the proceeds would go the Montes family. This dinner was held on Friday, September 18. On Sunday, the Council held their monthly breakfast, with all of the proceeds also going to the Montes family. These two events brought in over \$2800 for the Montes family.

That same weekend, after an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Saturday morning, the council had their Tootsie roll Drive at Fred Meyer's, both Saturday and Sunday. Many volunteer hours were given by our Knights and their families. This annual event raised nearly \$1500 for Clatsop counties Special Olympics.

In late August, another young woman's life was taken from us. That was Erin Betts, granddaughter of both Brother Ed Betts and Brother Don Rummell. So on the 4th of October, the council held another breakfast with the proceeds earmarked for the Erin Betts fund. This event raised nearly \$1200.

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Then after a series of devastating storms hit the Philippine Islands, leaving much death and destruction, our council stepped up again. In conjunction with the local Philippine/American club, we did another benefit. The Philippine/American club provided authentic food and entertainment. There was a great turnout of parishioners and locals. Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves, and the event raised over \$1200, that was forwarded to the Catholic Bishops of the Philippines for aid distribution.

Not wanting to forget our own, the council’s monthly breakfast on November 1st, was earmarked for our Council’s Walney C. Wallace Scholarship fund. The proceeds from the breakfast put \$500 in the Scholarship Fund.

All in all, a very productive 90 days in the life of one of the most active council’s in the state. We raised over \$8,000 in 5 fund raisers, and provide over \$30,000 worth of labor. This all came on the heels of renovation of Father’s house in June, that was aided by countless hours by a great number of Knights and their families, along with many other parishioners and outside help. And it proceeds the cleaning up, and remodeling the parish offices and the rental house. Our council is just indicative of the giving and volunteerism of our whole parish and community.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

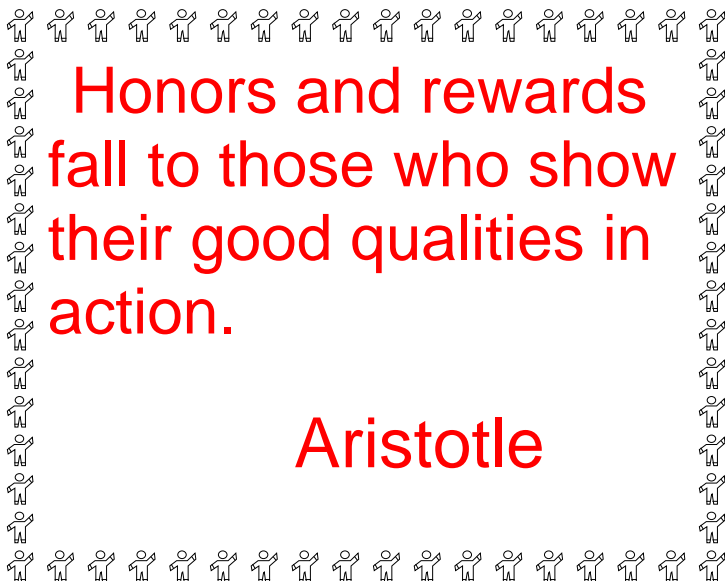
- 4. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
- 5. ADOPT-A-HIWAY CLEANUP
- 6. MONTHLY BREAKFAST
- 6. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 8. LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST—AFTER EVENING MASS FOR FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 12. COLOR GUARD FOR LADY OF GUADALUPE
- 13. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 15. K of C MEETING - 7:00 P. M.
- 20. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 25. CHRISTMAS –LET’S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
- 27. NO BINGO

JANUARY

- 1. FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
- HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 1. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
- 3. MONTHLY BREAKFAST
- 3. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 10. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 17. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 19. K of C MEETING - 7:00 P. M.
- 20. K of C FREE-THROW CONTEST 7 PM
- 22-30 NOVENA FOR LIFE
- 24. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 31. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO

FEBRUARY

- 5. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
- 7. BLUE MASS HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS
- 7. MONTHLY BREAKFAST
- 7. SUPER BOWL POT LUCK—NO BINGO
- 14. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 16. K of C MEETING - 7:00 P.M.
- 16. ASH WEDNESDAY
- 19. LENTEN SOUP/BREAD DINNER
- 20. K of C SPAGHETTI DINNER & RAFFLE
- 21. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO
- 26. LENTEN SOUP/BREAD DINNER
- 28. QUARTERLY FAMILY MASS & COMMUNION / CHOIR / POTLUCK
- 28. SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO



Honors and rewards
fall to those who show
their good qualities in
action.

Aristotle



Beginning with the forms for the concrete base wall, then topped with the pony wall (visible in the picture below), and then the floor joist were each cut and set.





Patrick Leahy stopped by to 'inspect' the whole operation, and try to figure out just how this was going to happen. Looking at the picture below, maybe an inspector was needed. (Kind of looks like a government job to me.)





The new entryway: “Look Ma, no steps”



The finished product



And no steps to the restrooms (above, or the kitchen/cafeteria (below), either.



Could this really be the ‘Stinky Room’??



INSURANCE CORNER

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

Call me – let's talk. I'm at 541-563-2662 or jim.walton@kofc.org

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“The Seal”

I am sure that a lot of you remember, several years ago, Fr. Tim Mockaitis, one of our Past State Chaplains, was hearing confession of an inmate in a county jail. He found out that the confession was recorded. The District Attorney then tried to use the tape in building a case against the inmate. Many of us remember that it was a huge news event at the time. Fr. Mackaitis, wrote a book on the ‘incident’. The name of the book is ‘The Seal’. Many Knights have had the opportunity to read the book, and all say the it is very interesting.

In case some of you were unable to get the web site to look at and possibly order Fr. Tim Mockaitis’s book—The Seal—about his experiences when this confession was taped in jail, it is listed at www.Xlibris.com/TheSeal.html.

WANTED

A FEW GOOD MEN AND/
OR WOMEN TO WORK THE
FLOOR FOR BINGO ON
SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM
5:30 TO 8:30 PM
NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY

Short hours, NO pay, But the
benefits are great
All proceed go to Star of the Sea School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

1. Cathy Aydt
2. Greg Riehl
- 5.. Holly Tumbarello
5. Jerry Davis
- 5.. Glenn Taggart
6. Catherine (Kitty) Munro
6. Mark Gagnon
9. Kathy Arndt
10. Bruce Bobek
10. Gordon Howe
- 13.. Mary Dugan
15. Pat Bugas
16. Curtis Seymour
18. Leslie Ryder Jr.
19. John Bentley
19. Esteban Garcia
- 20.. Dan Ewald
20. Nolan Morgan
21. Kara Morrow
21. Ramon Alcantar
23. Philip Pitts
23. Michael Covert
24. Felix Martinez
25. Robert Fastabend
25. **JESUS CHRIST**
26. Royce Kenoyer
- 27.. Jeremy Karby
28. Judy Lencioni

1. Muriel Jensen
1. David Kaspar
2. Kristin Covert
4. Sylvia Betts
4. Elsbeth Kenoyer
6. Richard Angstrom
8. Rosie Samp
9. Mary Hanko
9. Monica Fennerty
9. William Pitts
10. Gale Scobie
14. Christopher Ketcham
19. Arleny Alcantar
26. Melanie Williams
26. Ed Chase
28. Gloria Vermuel
28. Carmen Alcantar
29. Bernard Hunt
30. Ryan Putman
31. Andy Schindele

1. Christopher Stull
3. Marilyn Dugan
3. Rosa Garcia
5. Emma Garcia
7. Marie Rummell
11. James Stanovich
12. Suzie Conner
13. Denise Gagnon
13. Richard Hanko
16. Christy Lang
16. Stephanie Gilfillan
17. Jose Goicochea
18. Donald Rummell
22. June Seger
22. Mark Chase
23. Lauren Dic Servino
23. John Wilson
24. John Fleming
24. Brad Baker
25. Beverly Scobie
27. John Turner