



*From the
Chaplain*

The

Shield
December 2009



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 holds a special place of importance for the Knights of Columbus. For many years already the Knights have espoused a strong devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe who is the patroness and protectress of the fraternal Order. In an effort to spread and intensify this devotion, the KCs sponsored two major events recently.

The first event was a three-day International Marian Congress held in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 6, 7, and 8. More than one thousand Knights and their families attended. A small piece of St. Juan Diego's *tilma* or cloak, a second-class relic, was on display, on loan from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The program consisted of "conferences on the image of Guadalupe, a Marian art show, and the screening of a film about the Guadalupan event" (*KnightLine*, September 2009, 1).

At the conference St. Juan Diego was described as a great evangelizer. He pointed the people of his area to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Mary, in turn, points all to her son Jesus. Knights are asked to be modern Juan Diego's, active evangelizers who have a strong devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe, and through our testimony and faith sharing, direct others to Mary, who will in turn direct them to her son Jesus.

The second major event was a one-day festival in New Haven, Connecticut, the national headquarters, on September 9. The celebration began with a Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by a thirty-minute talk by Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, the postulator for the cause of the canonization of St. Juan Diego. The celebration continued with a procession with the *tilma* relic under a canopy along a one-mile parade route through downtown New Haven, and ended with a prayer service and a blessing with the relic. The evening concluded with a great fiesta with Mexican music, dancing, and food.

Both events were remarkable celebrations of unity, with Hispanics and Latinos, Africans and Asians, Native Americans and whites, and other races as well, all joyfully together, united by a common devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and belief in her son Jesus – all a continuation of the remarkable unifying effect that Juan Diego had on rival Spaniards and Aztecs in 1531 and thereafter. Much racial harmony has been achieved through devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and it is the duty of every Brother Knight to instill respect for every person, regardless of race, because every person is created in the image and likeness of God.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!**



Prayer

List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Leo Kimmel (son of former brother knight Richard Kimmel); Ruth Lovsted; Jim Lovsted; Merle Mevissen; Ray Pipenhagen; Tom O'connell; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zelenak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Earl Dehn; Ralph Smithers; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; Patty Matlon; Duane Bouley; Jeff Kieffer. John Gobernatz.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mb-petschl@msn.com.

Greetings Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. I pray for good health and safe travel for all of you, whether you venture far or near this holiday season.

As we prepare for and celebrate Christ's birth with our church family, we also tend to take a step back from our other commitments and spend more time with family and friends during this time of the year. I hope you are able to include your Brother Knights in this extra time of togetherness. We have a couple fun-filled opportunities for just this sort of thing during the month of December. You won't want to miss our annual Tom and Jerry Night at our general membership meeting and please don't forget to sign up yourself, your wives, friends and neighbors for our Spaghetti Dinner and fun evening of entertainment.

As you may recall, October was a rainy month. This impacted our Haunted House, but this was still very beneficial for our council and our community. Thank you to the chairs and all volunteers who put in many hours to make this a successful event. The weather did spare us for the two Anoka parades and the float looked terrific, thanks to everyone who put that together and participated. I needed to submit this column prior to our Turkey B.I.N.G.O. but I am hoping that we had a good turnout and that some of you were able to win a turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner.

It is not too early to start looking ahead to 2010 and all of the plans that you are going to be making for the New Year. Please prayerfully consider stepping up for a leadership position or involvement in an additional event that our council participates in. Also, do you know anyone that would make a good member of the K of C? Please, ask them to join us. I think that you'll have to agree that they won't be sorry that they did.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

YEAR OF THE PRIEST

As the Knights celebrate Founder's Day and as the Year of St. Paul begins to give way to the Year of the Priest, the officers of Council 2018 have approved the purchase of a Chasuble & Stole to be worn by our Pastor & Chaplain Fr. Michael Van Sloun, and a Dalmatic & Stole to be worn by our Deacon Rev. Mr. Charles Waugh.

These off-white garments with gold metallic embroidered Celtic Style Cross on front and a gold metallic "Knights of Columbus" emblem on the back are unlined with rolled collar and metallic trim. These garments could be worn for both the Memorial Mass held on Memorial Day and the Mass of Remembrance normally held prior to the general membership meeting in November of each year.

If anyone wishes to donate funds toward the purchase of these garments (\$300); please designate your amount on the dues notice that will be mailed out on the 9th of December, 2009. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally requested,
Roger E. Renner,
Financial Secretary

LOOKING FOR HELP WITH MID-WINTER BREAKFAST

The 'Mid-Winter Breakfast' will be happening after all morning Masses on Sunday, January 24th. That should be about 8 weeks after you receive this 'Shield'. This gives you plenty of notice to reserve that date on your calendar to help with one of our 3 shifts. The event takes place at St. Stephen's in the FCC.

We need between 60 and 70 volunteers that day, so please consider helping. The shift times available are 8:00 to 10:00, 9:30 to 11:30, and 11:00 to 1:30. Another possibility to help is on Saturday, the 24th, when we prep the food for Sunday. Another 4 to 6 people that day would help greatly. Other members of your family are invited to help, too. If you would like to volunteer during any of these times, please give me, John Smetana, a call or send an email. My phone number is: 763-422-1152. E-mail to jnlsmetana@q.com. Thank you.

Spaghetti Dinner & Dance

You still have time to reserve your place at the Spaghetti Dinner/Dance on Saturday, December 5th. The door opens at 6:00pm with socializing for the first hour with dinner being served at 7:00 and the band beginning to play at 8:00.

Dinner will consist of Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce and Garlic Bread accompanied by a Caesar Salad and a glass of wine. Dining will end with a serving of Spumoni Ice Cream.

After dinner you can dance to the great live music of the 50's and 60's done by 'The Miller Brothers'.

There will be drawings for great prizes, with a minimal donation. Proceeds from these donations will be given to ACBC food shelf just in time for Christmas.

The cost of this night out is \$15 per person. Remember, this event is NOT limited to Knights. Invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the evening with us.

Beverages available at the hall will be beer, pop and any remaining wine from dinner. B.Y.O.B.

RSVP's are being taken, so please call **John Smetana** at **763-422-1152** or send an email to jnlsmetana@q.com and let us know how many are planning to attend.

Hope to hear from you!

Ray Danzl, Phil Lesnar, and John Smetana,
Chairs

Knights of Columbus Insurance

By now some of you should have received a letter introducing me as your new Benefits Representative. I will be assuming Don Kramer's responsibility as Field Agent assigned to serve you and your council.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I'm required to meet with all the members and their wives to introduce myself and to go over the many family fraternal benefits available to you such as, free college scholarships, fraternal programs, and free accidental life insurance. This meeting will not take too long and will give me the opportunity to become familiar with the families in your council.

Also, as your Field Agent I would like to extend my support in whatever way I can to help you meet your goals and objectives. One of my objectives is to help the council attainment the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. While I'm committed to helping on the insurance side, I'm also

very glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order, he's probably waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by teaching you some sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

If you have any questions concerning your KC fraternal benefits or insurance needs, or if you know of a potential member, please give me a call at 651-357-6978.

Sincerely,
Jim Zimmer

TELL YOUR SENATOR: LEAVE INTACT PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN

As I am sure you now by now a Health Care Reform Bill has arrived at the U.S. Senate. At this point all that is known is that it opens the door for negotiation, compromise on that Bill and potentially a Senate bill. It may not get to the floor, we don't know. What was gratifying was to see that the Bill could not get through the House unless there were ProLife Amendments. Thanks to all who communicated and made their voice known to their Congress!

We need to continue our efforts to see that those same Rights are protected as the Senate considers advancement of a Health Care Reform Bill. We now need to let our Senators know that provisions removing abortion funding and protection for rights of conscience must not be cut from the final version.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided a portal to communicate to your Senator. On the internet go to www.usccb.org/action. This will bring up a pre-written letter affirming those rights. You can add text to the beginning and the end. You need to fill in all the red asterisked info and it will send the letter to our 2 Senators and the Congressional member representing you. It uses your address to find the proper people.

Please take the time to let them know how you feel as a Catholic and as a constituent.

Pat and Debi Larson



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 1 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Dec. 5 Spaghetti Dinner & Dance
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
Holyday of Obligation
- Dec. 8 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
Tom & Jerry Night
KC Hall
- Dec. 21 Christmas Tree Setup, 6:30PM
St. Stephen's
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day

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Christmas Tree Set up at St. Stephens

We have been asked by the church to help set up the Christmas trees in the church again this year. The set up is on Monday evening, Dec 7th at 6:30 pm for the Lights of Love Tree. The remainder of the trees will be set up on Monday evening Dec. 21st at 6:30. We will be putting lights on the trees this year so many hands (even little ones) can help to make this a special event. In the past it has been a fun 90 minutes of set up multiple trees around the church. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Danzl at 763-754-6303 or e-mail him at Raymond.Danzl@gmail.com.

HAUNTED HOUSE 2009 OUR 22ND YEAR

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Haunted House this year !!!!

As we all know it takes lots of time to recruit workers, construct the Haunted House in the Anoka Fair building, staff it for 10 evenings and then take it all apart and put the materials back in storage.

The results for our 2009 Haunted House were very good; 3171 customers and 2273 non perishable food items donated for the ACBC Food Shelf and Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter.

After paying all of the bills and making a large donation to the Coon Rapids High School for the hundreds of monster hours, the net profit was quite good.

As we plan for 2010 – our 23rd year – we are always open for more members to be an active part of the event – calling members to work, building the Haunted House & staffing the Haunted House. Please contact one of us to add your name to the list.

Co-Chairmen: Steve Beberg, Ray Dalzell, Mike Johnson, Rick Landowski, Pat Worcester

DUES NOTICE 2010

Dear Brother Knights,

FISCAL YEAR 2010 DUES NOTICES will be mailed to you on the 10th of December 2009. PLEASE look over your invoice for the correct spelling of your name, correct address, zip code, and the amount dues. Mailing a second & third notice is expensive to our council and should not be necessary.

REGULAR MEMBERS' dues for 2010 are now **\$25.00**.

HONORARY MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 65 IN 2009] dues for 2010 are **\$10.00**.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 70 IN 2009] dues for 2010 are **WAIVED**.

If you should have any questions or feel there is a mistake on your billing statement, please contact me: **(763) 427-6100, (763) 286-9355-cell#, or e-mail number at rerenner@ehrenner.com**

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
ROGER E. RENNER, F.S.