

MARQUETTE'S MARQUE

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Your Grand Knight's Message

100 YEARS AND STILL YOUNG

November 30, 2009

Brother Knights:

Not on a liturgical basis [as we're in Advent], but culturally speaking we are "officially" in the Christmas Season ... which *unofficially* began - best I can tell -- sometime in August. I don't know about you but it is becoming more apparent [to me] each year that there is an aggressive campaign to force Christ out of CHRISTmas. A certain political leader has even gone so far as to proclaim that our country is no longer a Christian nation. This is why I feel it's imperative for us as Knights to do our part in pushing back the movement to secularize Christmas - and remove God from American culture as a whole. One way to fight this battle is to pray a decade of the rosary each day for our nation to reconcile itself to Christ. Another way is to purchase a Keep Christ in Christmas magnet to place on your vehicle. The local KC Councils [Marquette being one] have placed several Keep Christ in Christmas billboards at various locations in the New Orleans area. As a Knight of Columbus, take pride in your organization's effort(s) to fight against the politically correct forces that put forth great effort to remove the "Reason" for the Season. Merry CHRISTmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Vadell - Grand Knight



Meetings:

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Happy hour is from 6:00 PM until 7:15 PM. Rosary is from 7:15 until 7:30. Meeting is from 7:30 until 8:30 unless someone gets a little longwinded. On the fourth Tuesday of the month we have an officer's meeting which is a planning session. Doors open at around 6:00 and the meeting starts around 7:30. On the first Wednesday of the month we have MOW night: Marquette On Wednesday. We do various projects around the home and work on the scrapbook. Someone usually opens up around 6:00 PM.

Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, December 9th, 2009. Doors open at the Hall at 6pm. Meeting begins at 7:30pm and WILL CONCLUDE at 8:30pm. Brian Berrigan, a Brother Knight of St. Dominic's Council, will be speaking on behalf of the Catholic Foundation *during the meeting*. Our Lecturer, Mark Carver, is attempting to secure Rene Nadeau to talk football after the meeting. A relatively new brother knight, Lark Sowell, has agreed to handle the kitchen duties for the evening.

Grand Knight	Jerry Vadell
Deputy Grand Knight	Shane Collins
Chancellor	Eric Snyder
Warden	Justin LaGrange
Recorder	Leon Mathes
Advocate	Darryl Vadell
Inside Guard	Dickie Abadie, Dave Kondroik, Tony Grego
Outside Guard	George Schindler IV, Kenneth Beler II, Juan Munoz
Treasurer	Dave Grego
Lecturer (appointed)	Mark Carver



We will also need activity directors. If there is one area that excites you please step forward and let the Grand Knight know what you would like to do. There are a lot of suggested activities and sometimes we don't have enough people to take charge. **We would like someone to step up and learn about the Cadillac Banquet.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH.
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR October WAS Curtis Franklin
THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR October WAS Ken Schott

****Thanks to Brother Curtis Franklin for cooking us a Thanksgiving Feast at our November meeting****

Cadillac Banquet Wrap-up & Report

A special thanks to PGK Bruce Stewart for spearheading this event - and to all who contributed in making it a great Banquet. We did a critique of the event at the November Officers meeting where several suggestions were made to improve it for next year.

The final numbers ...

This should be it, includes the bills that I paid on Tuesday, plus the inventory adjustment for liquor, beer and wine brought back to the home:

Gross income \$25,620 (last year \$24,957)
Expenses \$8,006.85 (last year \$9,319.94)
Prizes \$10,500 (same last year)
Net Profit \$7,113.15 (last year \$5,137.06) for the Charity Fund

This will cover all the charities allocated in the budget as line items plus an extra \$1,453.15 in additional donations.

Dave Grego, PGK

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTED PRIZES FOR THE ANNUAL CADILLAC PARTY:

- 3 \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATES/QWIK CHEK DELI & CATERING - SAL MORTILLARO
- 4 \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES/CADDYSHACK CAFÉ & BAR - KYLE ARCENEUX
- 3 \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES/SPORTSBEAT PUB & CAFÉ - MICHAEL CASCIO
- 2 \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES/THE SWAMP ROOM - LANCE LATOUR/MELISSA EVOLA
- 2 \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES/TRIPLE PLAY LOUNGE - MELISSA & KENNY EVOLA
- 3 \$ 10 GIFT CERTIFICATES/HOBNOBBER CAFÉ - CINDY & TROY TIMPHONY

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT MARQUETTE

Ken Schott

**Marquette Christmas Party
Sunday, December 20th, 2009
Doors Open at 4:00 PM
Caroling in Jackson Square starts at 7:00 PM**

Join in a truly moving 62-year-old tradition as Jackson Square brims with candlelit faces and song-lit spirits as high as the spires of the St. Louis Cathedral. Candles and song sheets provided.



**Join us for the Annual Marquette Christmas Party on
Sunday, December 20th at the Council Home**

Please bring either a covered dish or a dessert for all to share.
Drinks and hors-d'oeuvres will be provided by the Council.
After food and drink and a bit of choir practice, we will head over to
St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square
The gates open at 6:00 P.M. for "Caroling in the Square"
The event is sponsored by the Patio Planters of the Vieux Carre'.
All are invited – bring a prospective member and his family!

For more information, call:
David Grego – 504-554-1971 – drgrego@bellsouth.net

If your television is hooked up to cable or satellite you won't need a converter box for your home use. If that is the case, Catholic Charities asks that you go to www.dtv2009.gov, apply for two \$40 coupons and donate them to Senior Outreach. Send the coupons directly to:

Shannon Murphy
Director of Volunteer Services
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans
1000 Howard Avenue, Suite 1000
New Orleans, LA 70113

So far over 50 converter boxes have been donated to needy persons in the area. Thanks to Dave Grego and all who helped. It is not too late to donate.



Please bring any old rosaries to the meetings for the sisters of the Holy Family.

MOW KNIGHT

Wednesday, December 2nd. Aside from updating the scrapbooks – let's also use MOW Knight to do some general cleaning. Doors open at 6pm.

Columbian Squires:
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Jesuit Marquette Circle No. 4156

The Squires have a new moderator replacing Marc Dillon – it will be the admissions director, Mr. Jack. Truxillo. He seems to be a perfect fit for the squires and Marquette Council. I'm helping them to get restarted and am providing them with all important information. They had their first meeting this year on Thursday, September 24th and already have 30 members! In addition, they made their first donation to the Ronald MacDonald House. Thanks to all Brother Knights of Marquette who donated the aluminum drink can tabs. Keep up the support and keep drinking those *diet cokes!*

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Falcon – PGK, FDD
(504) 940-7114

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

Our membership director, Brother Justin Lagrange, encourages everyone to RECRUIT new members. Justin set up a raffle program to reward bringing catholic gentlemen into our order. For every new member you recruit you'll receive a ticket to win a drawing. Two winners will be picked for a year's free dues and one drawing will take place prior to Mardi Gras, where the winner gets 20 free beer tickets and free wristbands for Endymion Saturday, Bacchus Sunday & Shrove Tuesday.

2nd & 3rd Degree scheduled for Sunday, December 13th. If you never went through your 2nd and / or 3rd Degree please make every effort to attend this one. Justin can be reached at (504) 428-5756 for more details.

STREETCAR RIDE

PGK and Mardi Gras Co-Chairman George Schindler is organizing a Marquette streetcar ride on Saturday evening, January 23rd to kick off the 2010 Mardi Gras Season. The cost is \$15 a person. Thus far, there "appears" to be great interest in this event. However, George says *what we do speaks so loudly that what we say he can't hear*. In other words, if George doesn't receive enough "paid interest" by January 6th this event will not take place. **Contact George at (504) 450-5110 for more details.**

Insurance check-up for 2010

Can you believe it will soon be 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

I am Terry Kennedy, General Agent 986-549-2703 or terry.kennedy@kofc.org

Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association

The purpose of the Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association is to hold title to our property at 314 Saint Charles, to collect the income derived from the property, and after paying maintenance and other expenses, turning over the surplus funds to Marquette Council. Every third degree member of Marquette Council is also a member of the Marquette Home Building and

Improvement Association. The business of the Association is managed by an eleven member Board of Directors made up of the Grand Knight, the Immediate Past Grand Knight, and nine other Council members. On the second Wednesday of September the Association holds its annual meeting. At that meeting, three members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve for three year terms.

Members currently serving on the Board of Directors:

James J. Lynch, Jr. – President
Gerard Keller – First Vice President
Michael R. Jamison – Second Vice President
Barry R. Waller – Secretary
Dr. Kenneth Schott – Treasurer
Stephen F. Babin
Richard C. Lewis
David. R. Grego
Harold J. Vega
Francis Celino – Immediate Past Grand Knight
Gerard M. Vadell – Grand Knight

A little history on the Association – it was incorporated on July 24th, 1956. On September 2nd, 1959 the Association completed the first and most important part of its mission – the purchase of our building at 314 Saint Charles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2, 2009	MOW Knight
December 9, 2009	Business Meeting
December 12, 2009	Gumbo Cookoff
December 13, 2009	2nd & 3rd Degree
December 20, 2009	Marquette Christmas Party
December 25, 2009	CHRISTmas Day
January 1, 2010	New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary
January 6, 2010	12th Knight Party
January 23, 2010	Street Car Ride
February 16, 2010	Mardi Gras Day