

# MARQUETTE NEWSLETTER

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Your Grand Knight's Message

# 100 YEARS AND STILL YOUNG

January 31, 2009

Brother Knights:

Let me get this straight. The "Saints" are going to the Super Bowl? ... What's up wit-dat?

Aside from the Saints going to the Super Bowl, it's also Carnival Time - which also means that the Lenten Season is just around the corner. Unfortunately, many people no longer understand the true meaning of this special time of the liturgical year [outside of eating grilled-cheese sandwiches on Fridays].

So, I'll take it easy on me-self this month and decided to copy and paste what the Pope and Dom Prosper Gueranger say about Lent:

*"The observance of Lent is the very badge of Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should men grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe." - Pope Benedict XIV*

*"It is sad and humiliating to note that as laxities were introduced by the hierarchy and local churches into the laws of fasting and practices of severe penance, the members of the Church have suffered immeasurable spiritual loss - a loss of at least part of the rigor of those sacred times set apart to cleanse their bodies and souls of imperfections and the corrupting spirit of the world. In our modern times, the spread of permissiveness, liberalism, deterioration of morality and the general practices of purity, have led to a spirit of relaxation and the loss of a general effort, on the part of the faithful, to strive for a life of holiness and of union with God through the practices of self-denial, mortification, piety and renouncement of the spirit*

*of the world - a spirit which is opposed to the spirit of a true Christian life and the very possibility of eternal salvation." - Dom Prosper Gueranger*

I'm NOT trying to toss ice-water on everybody's fun. We're Catholic, not Puritans. By all means, let the Saints first-ever Super Bowl Appearance soak-in, enjoy every second of it, scream "Who-Dat" & "Throw Me Something Mister" until your voice fails. Just remember that after the final-whistle blows to end the Super Bowl and the last pack of beads are tossed from a float - that Lent is upon us, and the ashes we receive on that "quiet" Wednesday reminds each and every one of us that this life will one day pass. Lent is a great time for us to prepare ourselves for when *that day* comes.

Just remember the words from that mellow-dramatic hit from the 1970s Rock Band, Kansas - "*all we are is dust in the wind.*"

Vivat Jesus! ... and ... "Who-Dat" ®

Jerry Vadell - Grand Knight

\*\*PS - PLEASE CAREFULLY READ the information regarding the provisions for the Super Bowl Party. If you still have any questions -- the contact information of the event chairman are listed below. And I sincerely ask that no one use any possible misunderstanding as a launch pad of sorts to drum up a "gentlemen's riot" at the event.

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**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.

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**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\***

**Due to Mardi Gras the Marquette General Meeting has been moved up a week.**

**Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, February 3, 2009.** Doors open at the Hall at 6pm. Meeting begins at 7:30pm and WILL CONCLUDE at 8:30pm. In following yet another Marquette Tradition – Brother Ronnie Jacobs will be cooking chicken / sausage gumbo for the dinner after the meeting.

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| 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 was Tony Grego  
THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH was Dave Grego

\*\*Thanks to Brothers Eric Snyder & Curt Franklin for handling the kitchen duties for the January meeting.\*\* And a special thanks to Curt Franklin for providing food for the officers meeting on short notice.

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

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## Marquette Annual Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010



Come watch the game on the new **52 inch HDTV**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

will start after the last float of King Arthur passes in front of the Hall

**\$5 COVER**

HAMBURGERS, CHIP AND DIP PROVIDED

Bring sides, snacks, or deserts to share

**MARDI GRAS PRICES FOR  
DRINKS**

Get a \$20 all you can drink wrist band

Super Bowl Sunday: Beer Tickets will Only be accepted during the parades

stopping 15 min after the last float of King Arthur passes the Hall

**Special Super Bowl Pool**

Two Chances to Win

\$100 cash or Cadillac Ticket

Winner at Half Time and End of Game

End of Game winner picks first of the two prizes

**How do you get a Square?**

**Get one for paying your cover**

**Get a second one for buying a wrist band**

Let's come out to cheer on the Saints. Who

Dat!!!



For Questions Call:

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## MARDI GRAS

**\*\*REMEMBER\*\*** -- the last day to purchase wristbands and drink tickets is at the discounted price is at the General Meeting , Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

The 2010 Mardi Gras season is already upon us! February 16<sup>th</sup> is Mardi Gras Day. Parades [in front the hall] begin on Friday, February 5th. ALL PAST MARQUETTE MARDI GRAS "RULES & REGULATIONS" APPLY TO THIS YEAR.

\*\*\*\*\*Discount drink tickets & bracelets [which are required for entrance into the hall for Endymion Saturday, Bacchus Sunday & Shrove Tuesday] are on sale from now until final meeting before the first parade [Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>].\*\*\*\*

For more information please contact the Mardi Gras Chairman:

George Schindler (504) 450-5110  
David Grego (504) 554-1971 – [drgreg@bellsouth.net](mailto:drgreg@bellsouth.net)

\*\*We now have a third Mardi Gras Chairman, Tony "Tonto" Grego – (504) 554-0453

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## Columbian Squires:

Jesuit Marquette Circle No. 4156

We will have our annual gumbo fest for new members on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for 11am at Jesuit High School. A second squires circle has been initiated at Rummel High School by Brother Eric Snyder's son, Nathan. Thus far, Nathan has six charter members. He needs ten.

Vivat Jesus!  
Tom Falcon – PGK, FDD  
(504) 940-7114

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## MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

RECRUIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Mardi Gras is an excellent time to introduce new potential members to Marquette Council and the Knights of Columbus as a whole.

I can be reached at (504) 428-5756 for more details.

Justin Lagrange, Worthy Warden and Membership Director

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## INSURANCE

### Basic knowledge on insurance products

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

Whole life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection, and calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests: a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

I'm Terry Kennedy, General Agent @ 985-649-2703 or [terry.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto:terry.kennedy@kofc.org)

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## 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 1956. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1959 the Association completed the first and most important part of its mission – the purchase of our building at 314 Saint Charles.

**The Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association was held on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Council Home. The Board elected the following officers for a one year term:**

**James J. Lynch, Jr. – President  
Gerard Keller - First Vice-President  
Michael Jamison – Second Vice-President  
Barry Waller – Secretary  
Dr. Kenneth Schott - Treasurer**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>February 3, 2010</b>  | <b>Marquette General Meeting</b> |
| <b>February 5, 2010</b>  | <b>Parades Begin</b>             |
| <b>February 7, 2010</b>  | <b>Super Bowl Party</b>          |
| <b>February 16, 2010</b> | <b>Mardi Gras Day</b>            |
| <b>February 23, 2010</b> | <b>Officer's Meeting</b>         |