

MARQUETTE NEWSLETTER

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Your Grand Knight's Message

100 YEARS AND STILL YOUNG

December 30, 2009

Brother Knights:

I sincerely hope you had a very Merry Christmas – and I wish everyone *peace, health & prosperity* throughout the coming year. It's hard to believe it's almost 2010, and seems like just yesterday that Y2K was going to wreak havoc in the world's computers. The results were projected to be nothing short of a global catastrophe, where 98% of the planet's inhabitants would perish within two weeks – leaving those unfortunate to survive having to live off of insects, rain water, pencils and slide rulers. Now – not to be outdone by computers failing to recognize "00" – word is the ancient Mayan Calendar is scheduled to run out sometime in 2012 -- once again bringing in the end of the world [the Mayan slide-ruler may not have been Y2K compliant]. So ... this *could be* one of the last 24 Marquette Newsletters composed ... or ... the Mayans are going to be one confused group of people in a couple years [for instance, how will they book a dentist appointment?]....

Seriously speaking, as the Mayans and their followers wait for *Chariots of the gods Part II*, the beginning of a New Year is a great time for us [as Knights] to be thankful to God for the "here and now", and ask Him daily how we can be a blessing in the lives of others in the coming year.

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, January 13th, 2009. Doors open at the Hall at 6pm. Meeting begins at 7:30pm and WILL CONCLUDE at 8:30pm.

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 Barry Waller
 THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH was Bruce Stewart**

****Thanks to Brother Lark Sowell for handling the kitchen duties for the December meeting.****



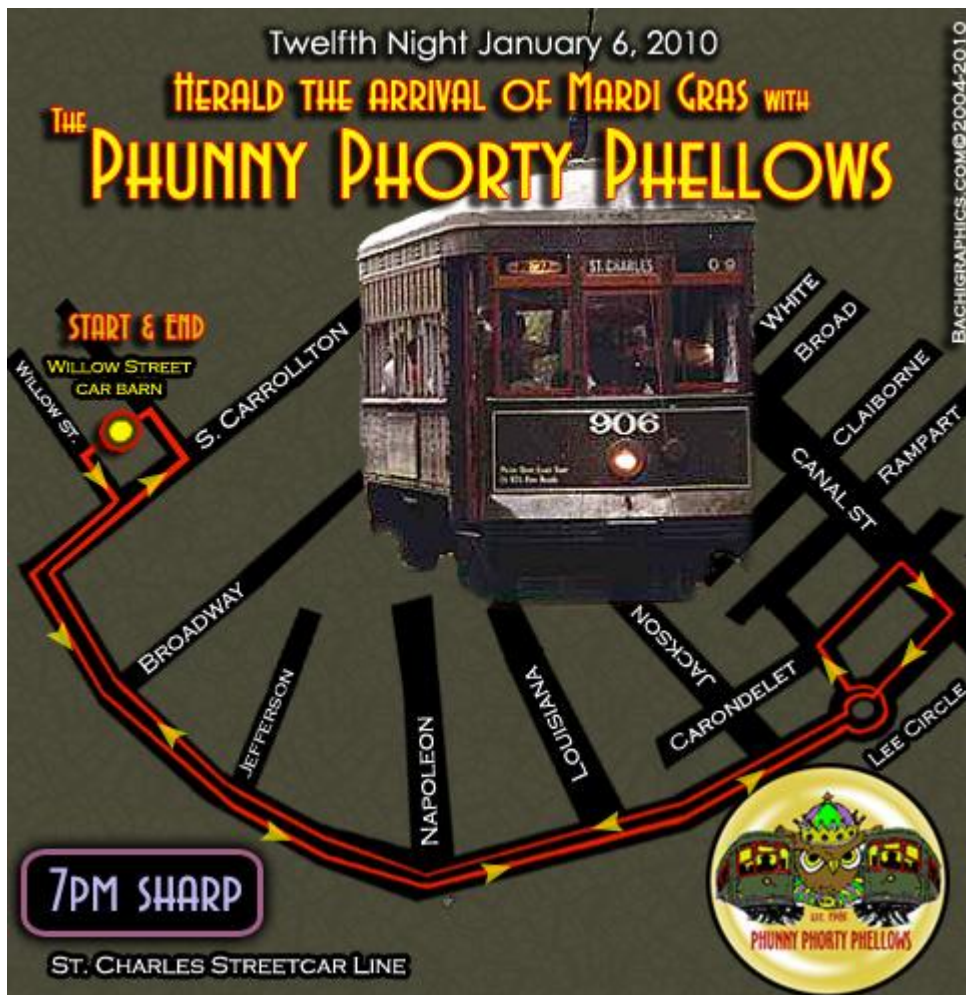
Please bring any old rosaries to the meetings for the sisters of the Holy Family.



Cadillac Banquet Wrap-up & Report

I apologize for not putting this information in the previous newsletter – but the top ticket sellers for the 2009 Cadillac Banquet were:

- (46) Barry Waller
- (27) Committee – mailings and splits at event
- (25) Ken Schott
- (23) Paul Gagnet
- (18) David Grego
- (10) Bub Keller
- (8) Jerry Vadell
- (7) Curt Franklin
- (7) Shane Collins
- (6) Bruce Stewart
- (6) Leon Mathes
- (5) Dennis Coughlin
- (5) Mike Jamison



KNIGHTS OF MARQUETTE
JANUARY 6TH
MARQUETTE HALL

314 ST. CHARLES AVE
THE ARRIVAL OF
MARDI GRAS 2010

POT LUCK PARTY
DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

PARTY TILL THE PHORTY
MAKES ITS RUN DOWN
ST. CHARLES

WWW.PHUNNYPHORTYPHELLOWS.COM

PLEASE NOTE: 12th Night happens to fall on MOW Knight this year – therefore there will be no MOW Knight on January 6th.

MARDI GRAS

The 2010 Mardi Gras season is already upon us! February 16th 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 3rd].

For more information please contact the Mardi Gras Chairman:

George Schindler (504) 450-5110

David Grego (504) 554-1971 – drgrego@bellsouth.net

****We now have a third Mardi Gras Chairman, Tony “Tonto” Grego.**

Columbian Squires:

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

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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.

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

Poll: Success Linked to Ethics

A poll of Americans and high-level business leaders proved what Knights of Columbus insurance agents have known for generations: religious beliefs and values should be an integral guide to business decision making.

Those surveyed also revealed they believe personal and corporate gain drives executives' decisions. Overall, they believe, as do the majority of the executives polled, that the moral compass of corporate America points in the wrong direction.

Only 19 percent of Americans would award corporate America a grade of A or B for its honesty and ethical conduct. Forty percent of these respondents had the banking and financial industry in mind when answering.

The positive side is that 75 percent of Americans surveyed believe that it is possible to be successful and ethical in business. They also believe that high ethical standards strengthen a company's advantage over its competitors, in both the short- and long-term.

Additionally, more than 90 percent of people strongly consider a company's reputation for honesty and ethical conduct when considering whether or not to invest with them.

Nearly two-thirds of those polled believe corporate leaders should rely on their religious values for guidance in the business arena.

In this tough economic climate, it's of paramount importance that all Knights are reminded of the moral, ethical commitment of the Order to serve its members and their families. Earning just a passing grade is not acceptable to me or the other professional insurance agents of the Knights of Columbus.

I'm Terry Kennedy, General Agent 985-649-2703 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

January 1, 2010	New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary
January 6, 2010	12th Knight Party
January 23, 2010	Street Car Ride
January 31, 2010	Grand Knights Day, Lafayette, LA
February 3, 2010	Marquette General Meeting
February 5, 2010	Parades Begin
February 16, 2010	Mardi Gras Day