

# MARQUETTE NEWSLETTER

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### Your Grand Knight's Message

May 30th, 2010

Brother Knights:

Let's talk membership. New membership was, is and will always be the "lifeblood" of any council. In addition, retention can be just as important. One thing I've noticed over the years is that there seems to be a disproportionate number of new brother knights brought into Marquette versus those who "stick around" and become active [in one respect or another] in the council. The reason(s) for this is anyone's guess. This being said, how 'bout each one of us step back and try to look at this council through the eyes of a new (or relatively new) knight and see what he sees. Does a knew Marquette member see a group of Catholic men, who are flawed but never-the-less strive to live up to the ideals - you know, CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM -- of the Knights of Columbus? ... or ... does he see a stagnant, grouchy group of 20 to 80 year old men that has more cliques than an all girls high school? Am I suggesting that we can all see eye-to-eye with each other and agree on how everything should be done? Of course not! There are several

references in the Acts of the Apostles where “no small debate” arose among Jesus’ disciples over a variety of issues. The main thing to understand is that whatever arguments and personality issues the apostles had among them, they evidently found a way to handle their personal flaws and differences in such a manner that it didn’t obstruct their primary mission.

Remember, first impressions are usually the most important. A new member would be naive to expect that we all think 100% alike. However, one thing that would probably encourage him to stay around and become active – would be how he sees the way we handle our personal differences. Do we resemble a group of Catholic Gentlemen? Or do we resemble Nirvana’s “Smells Like Teen Spirit?”

On another note, we are close to wrapping up collections for Marquette’s Annual Seminarian Fund. See our Chancellor, Brother Eric Snyder’s message below for more details.

Finally, the final deadline for submissions of the Annual Rudy Classen Scholarship Award is Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Scroll down for all the details.

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Vadell – Grand Knight

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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.

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**MOW KNIGHT** – which stands for **M**arquette **O**n **W**ednesday is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening of the month. There is no meeting – but we use this night to

work on the scrap books and do some general cleaning and upkeep around the council home. This month MOW Knight will be on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Doors open at 6pm.

**Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Doors open at the Hall at 6pm. Meeting begins at 7:30pm and WILL CONCLUDE at 8:30pm.


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## **NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2010 – 2011 COLUMBIAN YEAR**

With a “thumbs up” from the nominating committee, I have agreed to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Grand Knight. Thankfully, all of the current officers have agreed to stay on for another go-round as well. Below is the list of the current officers. The official election will take place at the June meeting. Here is the list of your “returning officers for the 2010 - 2011 Columbian Year:

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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 Muniz |
| Treasurer            | Dave Grego  |
| Lecturer (appointed) | Mark Carver                                       |



We will also need activity directors.  If there is one area that interests 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 – Ronnie Jacobs  
FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Mark Carver

\*\*Thanks to Brother Curt Franklin for providing the meal at the May General Meeting. And thanks to Brother Eric Snyder for cooking at the May Officers Meeting.

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“HEADS UP”

Marquette’s Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for the July General Meeting, which Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We didn’t do as well last year as we did in 2008. If you can give blood, please make every effort to attend this meeting and donate. Depending on his health, Master Chef, Brother Ronnie Seaton has agreed to cook for this meeting.

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**INSTALLATIOIN OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011**

The date is set for Saturday, June 26, 2010. Mass at 6pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor with the installation taking place right after. Reception on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor immediately following. **Please mark your calendars** and make every effort to attend this function – especially if you are part of this year’s officers.

Due to a previous commitment – our chaplain, Fr. Pat Williams is unavailable to celebrate Mass. So ... the parochial vicar at St. Ann Parish in Metairie, Fr. Mike Mitchell has agreed to stand in for Fr. Pat as the celebrant. **\*\*NOTE\*\*** -- be sure to thank Fr. Mike Mitchell – and – congratulate him on his new assignment. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Fr. Mike will become pastor of Our Lady of Divine Providence Parish in Metairie.

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

\*\*\*\*\***NOTICE**\*\*\*\*\*

**WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL  
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**THE EMAILS THAT WE ARE MISSING ARE**

**STEPHEN BARRY  
JOSEPH BAUDIER  
SCOTT BURST  
JEROME CHRISTY  
KEVIN COUSINS  
DON COUSINS  
DENNIS DININGO  
DR. ANGELO GIORLANDO  
DOM GRIESHABER  
EDWARD HAMANN**

**DR. DAVID HERLEVIC  
FRANK MACERA  
DENNIS MAGGIO  
JOSHUA MUSSO  
WILLIAM PERSON, JR.  
NORMAN SASS  
DR. ANTHONY SCARDINO  
CHRISTOPHER WHIPPLE  
KEITH WHIPPLE  
KEITH WOLFF**

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**IF YOU KNOW AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE IT WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD SEND IT TO US.**

## MARQUETTE SEMINARIAN FUND -- 2010

Dear Brother Knights:

Each year Marquette asks its members to support vocations. This Easter season is a perfect time to reflect on the many services and blessings that Brother Knights have received from the Religious. It's also the perfect time to make a personal commitment to ensure that Catholic clergy will be available to meet our future needs.

For 30 years, the Seminarian Fund has been Marquette's way of saying "thank you" to Catholic men who aspire to serve the Church. Last year the Marquette membership was very generous in its support of vocations.

Marquette has selected Paul Clark as this year's recipient. Paul is in the pre-theology. The parish where he will be studying to work has yet to be determined.

I hope that you will help us continue a wonderful Marquette tradition of assisting a young man on their journey to the priesthood. Solidarity and support of religious vocations is a knightly trait and a blessing of the Catholic Church.  
Please send donations to:

Eric Snyder  
4209 Tartan Drive  
Metairie. LA. 70003

Make your check out to Marquette Council #1437 with Seminary Fund noted on the check. You may also donate at the meetings.

Vivant Jesus!

Eric J. Snyder – Chancellor

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### **Columbian Squires:**

Jesuit Marquette Circle No. 4156

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The Supreme Columbian Year is on the down-slope. Let's make a huge push to bring in new Brother Knights! Remember, new membership is the life-blood to a functioning and thriving council.

Justin Lagrange, Worthy Warden and Membership Director  
**(504) 428-5756**

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There will be two **annulment writing workshops** put on by the **Family Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:**

St Clement of Rome  
Parish Center, Room 2  
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie  
8:30 AM – noon  
Three Saturdays: September 11, 18, and 25

The Visitation of Our Lady  
School Library  
3520 Ames Blvd. Marrero  
Five Tuesdays  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
October 19, 26, November 2, 9 and 16

For information contact Family Life Apostolate (504) 861-6243.  
The cost is \$20.00 for the entire workshop

Francis Celino -- PGK

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## MARQUETTE KNIGHT AT ZEPHYRS

**Brother Justin Lagrange is currently working on a Fireworks Friday in August – either August 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned.**

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## Annual Rudy Classen Memorial Scholarship

*Deadline: June 9, 2010*

The annual Rudy Classen Memorial Scholarship will be awarded once again this Spring. Two \$250.00 scholarships are awarded as a memorial to the great Knight, past Financial Secretary, and HPGK, the late Rudolph "Rudy" Classen. The criteria for receiving this scholarship are as follows:

- (1) All students going from a Catholic school into a Catholic high school (8th or 9th grade) are eligible.
- (2) A 250 word essay entitled "What my Catholic education means to me" will be reviewed by the committee consisting of the Chaplain, Grand Knight and Chancellor. Should a conflict of interest occur, or at the request of one of the committee members, the Chaplain will appoint a Marquette member in good standing as a substitute.
- (3) Essays are to be presented no later than the June general meeting to the Deputy Grand Knight. In the event of multiple entries, the Deputy Grand Knight will code the entries to assure anonymity, before presenting the essays to the Grand Knight. Should there be a conflict of interest involving the Deputy Grand Knight then a trustee will be appointed to collect the essays.
- (4) The scholarships will be awarded at the Spring Quarterly communion, date and location to be determined by the Church director and Chaplain.

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## INSURANCE MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

### **Don't wait, act today**

When you're family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow, you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they needed the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 126 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has drifted to the backburner until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

I'm Terry Kennedy, General Agent at 985-649-2703 or terry.kennedy@kofc.org. Call me. Let's talk.

**\*Please Note\* Terry has recently brought on a new field agent for our area. His name is Mark Chifici. We will invite Mark to come and speak to the council at either our October or November meeting.**

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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>June 2, 2010</b>      | <b>MOW Knight</b>                      |
| <b>June 9, 2010</b>      | <b>General Meeting</b>                 |
| <b>June 22, 2010</b>     | <b>Officers Meeting</b>                |
| <b>June 26, 2010</b>     | <b>Installation of Officers</b>        |
| <b>July 4, 2010</b>      | <b>Independence Day</b>                |
| <b>July 24, 2010</b>     | <b>Marquette Picnic – Zephyr Field</b> |
| <b>November 12, 2010</b> | <b>Cadillac Banquette</b>              |

**\*\*Remember to check Marquette’s Website [www.kc1437.org](http://www.kc1437.org) for additional dates and upcoming events.**