

MARQUETTE'S MARQUE

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Your Grand Knight's Message

100 YEARS AND STILL YOUNG

September 30, 2009

Brother Knights:

For those of you not too old and not too young to remember -- this is the month the original New Orleans classic rock station [WRNO] referred to as *the month of Rocktober*. And rest assured, immediately following that lead in -- you were pretty much guaranteed a medley of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" and a select hit from ZZ Top's "Fandango!" album. So ... to all you "graying" classic rockers out there, your Grand Knight wishes you a great month of Rocktober ... but *please note* before any of you get too nostalgic and waste a drive out there, Old Man Rivers has been closed for quite sometime now, and hence, no longer keeps the music rolling along.

Anyhow, moving on to business ...

Obviously, the next HUGE EVENT on Marquette's horizon is our Annual Cadillac Banquet set for Friday, November 13th, 2009. Tickets are available. See details below. Let me add that if just half of the current membership purchased one ticket each - close to 50% of the tickets would be sold. Remember that this is our largest fundraising event, and that the money raised goes to many local charities. Please give every consideration of purchasing a ticket for this event. I can't speak for everyone, but nowadays I can't trip over a stick in my backyard and not spend \$100.

The can shake for special needs children is "tentatively set" for Saturday, October 17th. Harold Vega is trying to line up the location at Sam's Cub at Airline Hwy & Cleary in Metairie. Keep this date penciled in your calendar and be on the look out for more detailed messages.

**As Bubby Keller mentioned at our September meeting, if you are unable to volunteer to

work the can shake you can contribute a little something financially Questions? Contact Harold Vega (504) 430-2711.

Our next General Business Meeting is Wednesday, Oktober 14th. Doors open at 6pm. The Rosary will be said on the 2nd Floor at 7:15. The meeting begins at 7:30pm and WILL be over by 8:30.

This is our annual OktoberFest meeting. Brothers Bryan Weydert & Curt Franklin will be in the kitchen preparing a meal consisting of bratwurst sausage, German potato salad, sauerkraut, German Beer etc. -- and -- German Folk music will be provided by our appointed "keeper of Marquette tradition(s)", George Schindler III. This is a great meeting to bring new recruits - even if they have to witness George Schindler do his robotic chicken dance after the meeting ...

Please remember to visit the website: www.kc1437.org. Our webmaster, Mark Carver, has done a great job of keeping it updated. So if you want to know what's coming up next - you're just a click or two away from finding out.

Vivat Jesus!
Jerry Vadell -- Grand Knight

Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association

The Annual Meeting of the Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association was held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 at the Council Home. At the meeting Gerard Keller, Dr. Ken Schott and Harold Vega were each re-elected to serve another three year term on the Board of Directors. It was announced that the grant payable to Marquette Council for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 will be \$16,192.49. This amount represents the total income derived from the building, less expenses (primarily insurance, maintenance and repairs) and a reserve set aside for major repairs and capital expenditures. Improvements and repairs to the front section of the roof have now been completed.



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.

2009-10 Officers

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 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. We also need a new pro-life couple.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KNIGHT AND
FAMILY OF THE MONTH.
THE KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR September WAS Dennis Coughlin
THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR September WAS Harold Vega**

Thanks to the Marquette Home Building & Improvement Association for picking up the meal tab for the September Meeting – and thanks to Ricky Lewis for taking care of the kitchen duties.

***If any of the Brother Knights have access to or directly do insulation work. We are looking for someone who can spray in insulation between the floors sometime this winter. We would rather use a Knight if one is available. This is a paying proposition - not asking for charity but would gratefully accept any discounts!
Barry Waller -- PGK

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, Oktober 7th. Aside from updating the scrapbooks – let's also use MOW Knight to do some general cleaning. Doors open at 6pm.

There will be an **Annulment Writing Workshop** on Tuesdays: Oct 6 and 13 at the Admin Building of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, 7887 Walmsley Ave. (entrance 2800 Block of Burdette St.) the time is 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00, call 861-6243 for information.

Francis Celino- PGK



Antoine De La Mothe Cadillac

We listened to you and the **NEW** and **IMPROVED Cadillac Banquet** will be at a new location with **more** food and **more** bartenders. This year we will be at the **Harahan Lions Club**, 1001 Hickory Ave. in Harahan. The date will be Friday, November 13th. (Remember the First Commandment says not to be superstitious.)



For more information contact:

Bruce Stewart, Chairman (504) 432-6993
Dave Grego, Ticketmaster (504) 554-1971 or dgrego@bellsouth.net

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
(504) 940-7114

October Membership Blitz

Come join us for the OktoberFest Membership Blitz.
October 14th is our Oktoberfest Meeting.

So bring a candidate and enjoy great German Food, Music, and Fun.

Let's show the candidates what the Knights and Marquette are all about.

Questions? Contact Justin LaGrange, Membership Director justinlgrange87@yahoo.com

Congratulations to our newest Brother Knights: Lynn Boudreaux & Daniel Montenegro

Both gentlemen just completed their 1st Degree at St. Maria Goretti this past Monday evening, September 28th. They will be introduced at the Oktober meeting. ****Please take the time to introduce yourselves to all new members and welcome them to Marquette.**

Marquette Soccer Challenge

The soccer challenge was held on Saturday, September 19th. The 1st place winners for Marquette were Madison & McKenzie Silva [yes, they are sisters]. The winner for De La Salle Council #3411 was Marie Dyer & Hailey Greishaber was the free agent winner. Honorable mention goes to Seth Silva. Thanks to Bro. Carl Silva for chairing this event and to all who went out and volunteered. Congratulations to the winners!

Marquette Halloween Party, Saturday, October 24th, 2009 at the Council Hall. There's supposed to be a parade rolling somewhere near the council home – the exact route is unknown at this time. Contact Bro. Dave Grego for more details: (504) 554-1971

Insurance Message from Terry Kennedy

Membership growth is everyone's goal

The membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

At the beginning of the fraternal year, we set our eyes on the goal of achieving the Star Council Award. This means running many successful and varied programs throughout the year and using this activity to spread the word about the Order. This will bring in new members.

Don't forget the strength of our life insurance, long-term care and annuities products is also a selling point of membership. For more than 125 years, our insurance has been "making a difference for life." Our ratings are among the best in the business. For the 16th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus insurance program has earned Standard & Poor's highest rating, and for the 33rd consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given us its highest financial strength rating.

I can help not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of becoming a knight. I am happy to be an advocate for the Order and for our councils. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership "sale" to prospects yourself.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity.

I am Terry Kennedy, General Agent - 985-649-2703 or terry.kennedy@kofc.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7 th , 2009	MOW Knight
October 14 th , 2009	Business Meeting – OktoberFest
October 17 th , 2009 [possibly]	Can Shake for Special Needs Children
October 18 th , 2009	Area A Soccer Challenge
October 24 th , 2009	Marquette Halloween Party [at Council Hall]
October 27 th , 2009	Officers Meeting
October 31 st , 2009	Halloween Knight
November 1 st , 2009	All Saints Day
November 2 nd , 2009	All Souls Day
November 11 th , 2009	Business Meeting
Friday, November 13, 2009	Cadillac Banquette
Tuesday, November 24 th , 2009	Officer's Meeting