



## *HNJ Knights of Columbus News*

### *March 2011 Newsletter*

#### **Notes from the Grand Knight**

This month's address will be very short as we are all aware that the work of the Knights continues. There sure is a lot to do and I hope that we can have another planning meeting to see how to slow down a bit while still accomplishing our goal of being the service provider of the parish. It has been a great deal of fun to really see the way we have contributed to all major activities around the parish and the warm welcome and thanks we receive from our pastor and his staff. I think we owe them the thanks as they have helped make us better and truly have made us become more like the disciples of Christ we all long to be.

OK what's ahead?

**First,** let's have a really strong "New Member Drive". Let's make attracting new members a high priority for the next several months so we close out the year with a lot of new faces at our year end activities. Jeff Dallape, Bill Orosz and Dale Saunders will work together to set this plan up and really make us bring in some new members. Remember it happens with a simple question to someone you meet around the parish – "ever think of becoming a Knight?"

**Second,** please reconsider volunteering and supporting the "Taste Toast and Tunes" Event at Immaculate Conception March 12<sup>th</sup>. We as the Knights need to both support this from our volunteer time and also from our monetary support. Tickets are \$50 please consider buying one or more and helping support Catholic Education. Our sister parish really needs our help to make this a successful event so please consider. Thanks. If you can volunteer please respond, if you want tickets please also reply accordingly. ([KOC5845RLB@gmail.com](mailto:KOC5845RLB@gmail.com))

**Third,** Lenten Fish Dinners are around the corner and we need your help. JP Scott will be putting the schedule together so please agree to volunteer to help wherever and whenever you can.

**Fourth,** there is a new slate of officers to be selected and I am right now putting together the nominations committee and hope to have them meeting, discussing and considering new candidates for office. Remember you need to be a third degree to be considered for an officer role so press me for dates to get 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree if you need them. At our February meeting I will announce our nominations committee so stay tuned.

**Fifth**, take a moment to thank God for our beautiful blessings and parish. I just can't thank all of you enough for all you do for our parish and as a Knight. Take a bow as you read this as you deserve it. We have accomplished much together, but that's the key word: **together**. None of us can do our best alone we need others to help share the workload and also the glory. Being a Knight is about service and trying to follow in Jesus' footprints by carrying our own cross. It's heavy but He's ay your side picking you up when you fall and holding you up when you ask. What a great friend, what a great God!

I wish I had more time to talk but work calls and lunch is over – enjoy the month and get involved!

In service to one; In service to All!

Rick Broderick, Grand Knight