



## *HNJ Knights of Columbus News*

### *March 2011 Newsletter*

#### **From The Grand Knight**

Rick Broderick

Let me start with an Irish prayer for the Month just passed in honor of St. Patrick:

##### **My Irish Prayer**

May all your friends be there both in good and bad times,  
May the good times far outshadow the bad times,  
May your faith always be strong  
May your road have only the twists and turns you can handle  
My your spouse be your best friend – always  
May your parents always be family  
May your family always be loving family  
May your sons and daughters succeed  
May you be there and help them where they fail  
May you not fail in helping them succeed  
May your friends be family  
May God take care of the rest!

As this fraternal year starts to wind down I find myself asking have I been a good Grand Knight for the Council. Have I done all I could to really make us better and keep the Council growing. I know we're doing a lot of the right things and really trying to be a positive presence around the parish but we've actually gone down in numbers. Why? We signed up a lot of new members over the past several years and maybe we haven't met their expectations and fulfilled their needs. I therefore am asking any of you that would like to give me feedback and especially you newer members:

1. What more (or less) can we do as an organization to meet your expectations?
2. How can we bring in new members and continue to grow or Council?
3. Should we just try to grow from within and do more good works around the parish/community?

I think we're doing our part around the parish and around the community with all our activities, but I welcome your thoughts. Email me at [KOC5845RLB@gmail.com](mailto:KOC5845RLB@gmail.com)

I am very proud to have lead this great organization over the past year and when I hear things like the following said by our Pastor Fr. Page: "Rick, you're the consummate cheerleader of the Knights, always pushing for how to promote the organization and clearly wanting to give it the best public face possible – I applaud your efforts." I want us to be the best we can be and I also want us to think outside the box.

Yes, I know that I sometimes push the envelop and sometimes I'm maybe a bit too eager to do things my way, but I always do these things for the right reason and ask for consensus from the group. Oh well please give me feedback because without it I will just keep pushing along and assume you're with me. If you don't agree with something or see something that may need to be done differently or shouldn't be done that way at all, speak up and we'll try to right it, change it, keep it as is or just at least talk about it. This

is your Council and I promise to support what the membership wants from all aspects and will vigorously support the rules and membership voice.

This leads into our next fraternal year. Let's start planning our programs now and get Chairs and teams lined up. Again I'm asking you to notify me of your interest and we'll start putting these together. Below is a listing of our programs and we will review and add/subtract from this list as we get closer to the new fraternal year. I want Committee Chairs to establish budgets (and goals to go with those budgets). The budget should be done by the committees assigned to the program so they have knowledge of the expenses and income their program is expected to hit. Again let's work this as a Council and really make all programs the best they can be. Let's go out and win some State Awards during the next fraternal year.

Thanks to all!!!!

**Please look at programs below and sign up for those that you have an interest in and if you want to lead one email me and you'll take charge.**

## **Committees**

### **Program Directors**

*Coordinate all programs to assure they are being promoted appropriately;  
Chancellor will take lead on Membership and Church Activities to assist DGK accordingly*

### **Membership Director -**

*Recruitment and Retention*

Degree Exemplifications  
New Member Information Night  
Membership Drive

### **Director of Church Activities**

*Respond to the active participation of the laity in the work of the Church*

Bible Distribution  
Easter Sunrise Mass Set-up  
Mass Parking  
HNJ Festival – Bob MacDonald  
First Friday Rosary  
CHRP – Joe Lamers/Bernie Yandora  
RSVP – Joe Nepi  
Vocations Football/Basketball Ticket Sales - Joe Nepi  
Council Memorial Mass – Jim Gallagher  
Alter Servers Award - Jim Donnelly  
MCC Scholarship - Scholarship Committee

### **Director of Council Activities**

*Public Relations, Historian and development of the brotherhood*

Newsletter - John Youngs  
Website – Frank Montelione,  
Brochures –

KoC State Convention -  
Historian – Larry Anderson

**Director of Community Activities –**

*Develop programs that will be of service to the Community*

Special Olympics –  
Christmas Tree Lot – Mike MacKay/Ron Snyder/Pat Cass  
Parking at 5<sup>th</sup> Street - Mike MacKay/Pat Cass  
Parish and Community Landscaping Clean-up  
Daily Bread  
Bible on Parade  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade  
Memorial Day Parade  
Scouts Pinewood Derby  
Food Drive  
Police Officer/Fireman/Community Appreciation  
Tootsie Roll Drive  
St. Pat's Parade

**Director of Youth Activities**

*Work with the HNJ School to develop programs to promote Catholicism*

Soccer Challenge  
Spelling Bee  
Basketball Free-Throw  
Drug Awareness and Substance Abuse  
Easter Egg Hunt

**Director for Family Life Activities**

*Develop programs that strengthen and support family life of our members*

Knight's Night Out  
Lenten Fish Fry  
Pro-Life Activities  
Corporate Communion  
Installation Dinner  
Wives Appreciation Dinner / Dance  
Council Picnics

**Knight's Required Votes**

Over the next few meetings there will be several votes requiring approval of the membership including:

1. Basketball Hoop for Pavilion Expected cost not to exceed \$1500
2. Dishes for the kitchen; use funds from Lenten Dinners expected around \$3000
3. Cabinets for kitchen area; solid oak and good storage for the plates approximate cost around \$1600

Also our June Meeting will be a vote for the new slate of officers so please be there.