



January 2010

Knights

Fr. Peter A. Welling COUNCIL 13576 NEWS

Grand Knight's Report

The path least traveled

Many times in our lives we are presented with choices, and the paths we choose can lead us in different directions. Sometimes these paths take us in the wrong direction, sometimes they take us in the right direction. When presented with a choice do you choose the smooth well traveled path or do you choose the more difficult, less traveled path? Do you choose the easy path or the more challenging, rough and hilly path?

I know that throughout my life, I have chosen the wrong path many times. When presented with the rough and hilly path, I have chosen the easy one, the one most traveled by the majority. It seems easy and satisfying at the time, but in time, the easy path also becomes rough, and eventually I get the feeling that I'm lost. I struggle with my conscience and commitment to live a virtuous life, and I am presented with another choice. Do I take the easy downhill path, or the harder uphill path? To this day, I still choose the wrong path at times.

The right path is often tougher to walk on than the wrong one. The right path will often challenge you and demand more of you than you think you have. The right path may also include ridicule and seclusion from some of your peers. But, after the initial struggle, the right path does become easier to walk, and more
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Taylor Made



Manny Gallardo follows through on his pledge to buy Gary Taylor a jacket if he recruited six new members in 2009. Mission accomplished. Gary also received a membership recruitment VIP certificate from Supreme.



HAITI RELIEF



(AP Photo/Radio Tele Ginen)

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has sent a donation of \$50,000 in earthquake relief funds to Catholic Relief Services, which has a large presence in Haiti. Damage from Tuesday afternoon's 7.0 earthquake is widespread, and officials now say that hundreds of thousands of people may have perished under the rubble of thousands of collapsed buildings. Among the dead is Catholic Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot of Port-au-Prince, whose body was found in the ruins of his office. The Knights of Columbus will earmark all donations between now and the end of January to its United in Charity Fund for earthquake relief in Haiti. To donate, go to kofc.org

review

January 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Inclement weather on January 6, 2010 moved the meeting to Sunday January 10 2010. Grand Knight Craig Arent called the Council to order at 4:10 PM. The 23 Knights of Columbus that were present recited the Prayer For Our Priests. Roll call of the officers was called. The December 2, 2009 minutes, which were E-Mailed to those with addresses and paper copies for those without E-Mail were approved as presented, First and Seconded by George Oberembt and Gerald Frain. Grand Knight Craig Arent talked about the Council Goals progress. There is high priority filling the position for the Service Committees Co-director. New member Mike Wesely was presented his certificate. Council members can sign up or show up for snow removal. The focus of the snow removal effort is all the entrances and exits of the church, school and from the rectory to the church. The \$175.50 from the Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sales was applied to the Church heating bill. Gary Taylor was presented a membership recruitment VIP certificate from Supreme. Jason Doher sent a thank-you for the \$500.00 and Matt Talbot Kitchen sent a thank-you letter for the \$300.00. The Knights of Columbus Families that are recognized each month have their names sent to the State and forwarded to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Out of all the submitted names there are 100 chosen to receive a Holy Family Statuette. Val and Adelaide Hruska from the St. Patrick's Father Peter Welling Council were one of the 100 families recognized this month.

2. There was no Chaplain's report.

3. The Treasure reported a balance of \$4744.93.

4. The Financial Secretary asked that the dues and activities sheets be returned soon. The report goes to supreme by months end. The financial report was submitted and filed.

5. The Chancellor, Gary Taylor, read the upcoming Degrees Ceremony Dates and updated the calling tree with the new members. The First Degree ceremony scheduled for January 6, 2010 6:00 PM prior to the general meeting was canceled due to weather. St. Patrick's confirmation is scheduled for February 27, 2010 and Gary invited the 4th degree to stand guard at the ceremony. The Clergy Dinner is January 29, 2010.

6. The Service Program Committees Reports: YOUTH - - The Youth Free-Throw Contest will be Saturday January 23, 2010 with warm up at 9:30 AM and contest at 10:00 AM. - - FAMILY - - Gary and Ruth

Pierce are the Family of the Month. - -CHURCH - - George said that the church basement water system has a great potential for freezing and that the plan is to run the water to avoid freezing. - -PRO-LIFE - -The National March For Life is Friday January 22, 2010 at the Nation's Capitol and The Nebraska Walk For Life is Saturday January 30, 2010 at the State's Capitol. One Rose One Life is January 23 & 24, 2010. - -EDUCATION - - The Substance Abuse Awareness Posters are being created and the Pro-Life Essay program needs direction from Fr. Eichhoff - - MEMBERSHIP - - - - COUNCIL - - David Schmit is the January Knight of the month. - -VOCATIONS - -The 46th Annual Villa Marie Home and School Dance is Friday January 29, 2010 8:00 PM. - - HEALTH - -The Mental Retardation Foundation Program (Tootsie Roll Program) will collect at the 27th street HY-VEE and possibly the Havelock Russ's store. Discussion will continue whether the council can staff one two or three stores. - - COMMUNITY - -The UNL Stadium Seat Sales The UNL Basketball concessions stand #5 needs 2 people for February 2, 2010. Tom Albin will resign the director position in June 2010 and recruiting has been increased for a Community Co-director.

7. Old Unfinished Business: Recruiting has been increased to identify prospects for a Community Co-director. The Pitch Tournament Committee needs volunteers for set up etc. The Buck A Month distribution is \$75.00 for each of the following: The Bishop's Pastoral Plan, BirthRite, Lincoln Right to Life, Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center, Nebraska Right to Life and Nebraska Coalition for Ethical Research. The Chili Cook-Off is February 21, 2010 at 5:00 PM with Fr. Kipper, Ralph Fontanez, Wayne Petrizka and a member from the Altar Society. Volunteers are needed for the 2010 Special Olympics and more information can be found here- WWW.2010specialolympics.org

8. New Business: A motion was forwarded to send \$100.00 to the St. Patricks Festival Committee to apply towards a gas gift card. The motion was approved with a first and second by George Oberembt and Steve Bieber. Discussion followed about buying a \$500.00 CD and a motion was approved, first and seconded by Gerald Frain and Lyle Wilsey. The Clergy Dinner is January 29, 2010 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ \$15.00. The Council will serve coffee and rolls on Sunday March 7, 2010. The Mass for the Unborn is Saturday March 27, 2010. Discussion followed about how to collect donated food all year long and not impact other organizations efforts. It was decided that bringing food to the council meetings

was the most viable plan. From the Parish Council meeting the Knights were told that the property insurance premium had increased. Discussion followed concerning the state of the parish and the local economy and many other factors. The council agreed that an awareness of the utilities and maintenance needs should be expressed to all the parishioners. A motion was forwarded to apply collections from the soup social chili contest towards the utilities and maintenance. The motion was approved with a first and second by Dave Schmit and Gerald Frain.

9. The Field Agent circulated a sign up sheet for those attending the Clergy Dinner on January 29, 2010 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ \$15.00. Manny said that any Nebraska Priest could be invited and would be welcome. Many Priests look forward to this get together. On June 19, 2010 vestments with a sign of the Knights of Columbus on them will be given to two diocesan priests. The Council membership and insurance quotas are in good shape. Manny explained that the Knights of Columbus Insurance is tax and probate free compared to regular investments.

10. The District Deputy talked about the "Food For Families" Program The program encourages each jurisdiction in the United States and Canada to work with their local parish(es) and other public places to collect food for food banks in their area. Those jurisdictions in which 25% or more of the councils participate will then be allocated a portion of the \$1 million fund for food banks in their areas. Stan advised that the fraternal surveys should be submitted. He talked about St. John's Parish hosting District Free Throw Contest. Stan relayed how the raffle tickets need to be sold and routed and that program starts February 1, 2010. He the council's efforts are positioning the council for the Double Star award.

11. The Council Attendance Raffle was \$20.00 with \$10.00 going for RSVP and \$10.00 going to Gerald Frain.

12. Good of The Order- For Deceased and Ill Knights- Matthew Kilcawley, Ron Peppmuller, Ben Rerucha, James Sand, Chuck Wurdinger, Sam Venhaus, Frank Wiese (at Orchard Park), The retired Priests of the Diocese, Karen Bonkewitz and Shane Siebert. More information at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/shane-siebert>

13. Next meeting is Wednesday February 3, 2010 7:00 PM. The next Officers meeting is Tuesday January 26, 2010. See Council Newsletter for upcoming events and Lunch Committee. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

Knight of the Month

January

Dave Schmit



David & Maggie Schmit

Family of the Month

December

The Peirce Family



Gerry and Ruth Peirce and family: Seth 15, Kyle 12, and Tara 10, have been members of St. Pats for 15 years. All the children attend Catholic schools, while Gerry works at Russ's market and Ruth has several jobs including a substitute teacher for Pius.

Gerry helps out the Knights by collecting money for the Tootsie Roll campaign and working at the pancake feeds.

Ruth stays busy as Home and School president and as a member of the Altar society. The family likes to take vacations and play games at home. Congratulations to the Peirce family.

Bring Canned Food To Meetings

We are initiating a food drive that runs throughout the year. Make it a habit to bring something to every council meeting.



CHILI COOK OFF GOES WILD!

This year wild game will be allowed in the competition. February 21st. Start perfecting those recipes.



Snow Removal Help needed

Winter isn't over yet. Jim Petrzilka needs more men.



Stadium Seat Sales Needs New Director

This is by far our biggest fund getter. Consider then call Craig Arent



Grand Knight's Report

often than not, you will encounter enlightenment along the way. And in the end, the right path will help you grow, and may help save you.

Now I just need to remind myself of that more often, and take the challenge of the path least traveled.

"I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

Robert Frost - from the poem "The Road Not Taken"

Grand Knight,
Craig Arent

Remember who showed up last year...



Annual Clergy Night 6 p.m. January 29th

Suit up and head out for a fun night of appreciation for the clergy of the Lincoln diocese.

Cost is \$15.

Fourth degree wear a tux.

Others wear a suit.

The social hour will commence at 6:00 PM. with dinner following at 7:00 PM. The event will be held at:

Cathedral basement
3500 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln, Nebraska

FROM THE FIELD AGENT

JANUARY - WHAT IF? - If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy? If you had a moneymaking machine, that once broken could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for? If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them? If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy? Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or retirement benefits? Chances are that you will around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it? Let me help you plan for the future. Call me today.



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Calendar

JANUARY 2010

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- 23** Free Throw 9:30
- 23-24** One Rose One Life prayer Cards
- 26** Officers Meeting 7 p.m.
- 29** Clergy night 6:00 p.m.
Villa Marie Dance 8 p.m, Pla-Mor
- 30** Walk For Life 10 a.m. State Capitol

FEBRUARY 2010

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- 2, 10, 20, 27 Basketball Concessions**
- 3** General Meeting 7 p.m.
- 17** Ash Wednesday
- 21** Chili cook off
- 23** Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

NOTE: Dues reminders have been mailed and the fraternal surveys are now past due!!

Luncheon Committee

February

Peirce	Gerry	
Petrzilka	James	
Petrzilka	Joseph	
Petrzilka	Wayne	
Poore	Dana	
Prososki	Eugene	

March

Ridder	Delbert	
Riggs	George	
Romberg	Michael	
Ryan	Terrance	
Salmen	Timothy	
Schmit	David	

Directors

Family Director	Terry Ryan	
Church Director	Jeff Blaser	
Youth Director	Kevin Landwehr	
Pro-Life Director	Del Ridder	
Education Director	Albert Schrader	
Health Services	Carl Strom	
Vocations Director	Dave Wilson	
Council Director	Stan Fraas	
Membership Dir	Gary Taylor	
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Website	Dick Zierke	
4th Degree Contact for Bishop Kucera		
4th Degree Assembly #595—Gary Taylor		

Officers

Grand Knight	Craig Arent	
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Trustee 2	Tom Albin	
Trustee 3	Stan Fraas	
Financial Sec'y	Bob Kelty	

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John R. (Bob) Kelty

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