



Knights of Columbus
St. Pius X, Charles J. Kercher Council 10004

Grand Knight's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to thank all of you for the support that you have given during the 2 years that I have been Grand Knight. Any success that I have had is a reflection on your support and commitment..

Our Council's biggest effort this year was the Maple Street Project. As you may recall the Maple Street effort was to assist a Brother's widow in cleaning up her yard. This extensive task required several weekends and group effort, bring together several parish organizations to assist including the Boy Scouts. This outstanding effort reflects on the order's first principle, Charity. Our project was submitted to the State Council and won the award as the outstanding Council Activity in the State. It has been submitted to Supreme for consideration on a national level. The leadership of John Kowalczyk and the late Mike Sweeney pulled together this major effort.

We did submit other activities to the State for consideration, but they did not receive any formal recognition. They will however remain as a historical record and guide from which future projects and activities can be selected.

The IRS has been auditing charitable organizations. We have submitted our 990 form showing our charitable contributions. One of our council CD funds is named Building Fund. Our By-laws require funding for building a Council home. At present that fund has less than \$4000 after 20 years. The IRS has come down on these type of funds in an attempt to change the charitable status of organizations. There is a motion made at the June meeting to change the By-Laws fund name to Charity Investment Fund. The monies could then be used by future administrations to support worthy parish and community activities. With this notification, the motion will be voted on at the July meeting.

One activity that we initiated this year was a family social night on the 4th Thursday of the month. We have held two such events. I have asked the incoming Grand Knight, Joe Harding to consider restarting the social nights after the summer vacations. If you have any suggestions for family activities, please let Joe know.

The name change of the Council to Father Charles J. Kercher has been approved by Archbishop Gregory and is now awaiting approval by the Supreme Board of Directors. It will be voted on at their late July meeting. We should be notified by Supreme in August of their decision.

I would like to thank Rick Humburg and Russell Tonnig for their commitment to grow our Council through active recruitment of new members and Admission Committee activities. As a reminder, each of you may know some individual within the St. Pius X Community who would be interested also consider contacting inactive Knights who may have dropped out due to a variety of reasons.

Remember our web site is : www.kofc10004.com

Vivat Jesus,

Pat Barnes

Grand Knight

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Women's Auxiliary Officers

President —Beth Barnes
Vice President— Pat Rigby
Secretary—Pat Jacobs
Treasurer— Sue Kowalczyk

Officers Elected for the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year

At the June 9th meeting, the election of officers for the next Fraternal year was voted on by the Council members.

Congratulations to the new officers and much success in the coming year.

Grand Knight	Joe Harding	
Chaplain*	Father John Keiran	appointed
Deputy Grand Knight	Russ Tinning	
Chancellor	Derick Depkin	
Recorder	Otto Hertwig	
Financial Secretary**	Tom Gordineer	installed
Treasurer	Mark Saksefski	
Lecturer*	Steve House	appointed
Advocate	Jim Kemp	
Warden	Paul Kunkel	
Inside Guard	Richard Dranikoski	
Outside Guard	Joseph Harding	
Trustee (3 Year)	Pat Barnes	
Trustee (2 Year)	Dave Collins	
Trustee (1 Year)	Kevin York	

The installation of Officers and Reception will be held on July 16th. A follow up announcements will provide details regarding the event.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary officers elected for the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year are:

President: Karen DeSmet
 Vice President : Beth Barnes
 Secretary: Pat Jacobs
 Treasure : Sue KowalczyK

From **The Publisher** | Mathew Kessler, CSsR



Seasons of Life

Living them, teaching them

It's important for us to let the seasons breathe in their proper way and to let them shape our lives. Spring shows death giving way to life as buds blossom from what appeared to be dead bushes. Summer heat saps our energy and hurts us if we aren't careful. Fall is the time for the final harvest as well as the time to plant wheat. Winter teaches us empathy with people who suffer from the cold and who are deprived of adequate shelter, clothing, or food.

Life, too, has seasons: hope, rebirth, preparation, and preservation. Children are not exempt from any of them, and we adults have a responsibility to show them that drawing on faith is a worthy practice during all seasons.

My parents made sure faith poured into our lives like the sun's rays on a garden, and it felt that natural. They weren't dogmatic in their faith, but they believed Catholicism was our compass in every season.

What they passed to us in words they also strongly communicated through sacramentals. The atmosphere at home was reinforced through Catholic grade school with daily Mass as well as recitation of the rosary, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and attendance at marriages and funerals.

Life is a complex arena in which desires, loves, energies, passions, and efforts work together or, despite the best of intentions, clash. Life is hard. People are good, yet they are capable of great evil. By not shielding us from the world, my parents showed us that around each bend there can be both good and bad, but there is also God's grace. One way we experience grace is by an invitation to a new and deeper life. My parents held this as a core belief and never gave up on it.

We hope this issue of *Liguorian* expands your perspective on the grace in your life. Perhaps you'll see it at work in the beatification of John Paul II, in Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, and in the struggle of those dealing with job loss. All around us, living witnesses believe God's offer of friendship is never withdrawn. Even if they never tell us in so many words, they teach by moving through their seasons with faith, planting seeds of life wherever they tread.

Supreme Court rejects latest challenge to "under God" in Pledge of Allegiance

June 13, 2011

Knights of Columbus waged successful defense on East and West Coast cases



The United States Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, thus ending a seven year battle involving two separate cases, one originating in California and the other in New Hampshire. The Knights of Columbus, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, played a key role in defending the Pledge as a “defendant intervenor” in both cases.

“The Knights of Columbus is proud to have played a major role in successfully defending the constitutionality of the words ‘under God’ in the Pledge of Allegiance,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. “We were instrumental in persuading Congress to add those words to the Pledge in 1954, and they express a fundamental belief that we have held as a nation since our founding, that we ‘are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights.’ The notion that this somehow violates the First Amendment has now been soundly rejected by both the First and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court has now allowed both decisions to stand. It is a victory for common sense.”

The Ninth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in March 2010 and the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the California case in March 2011. The First Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in November 2010 and the Supreme Court denied certiorari in that case yesterday, June 13, 2011.