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SUPREME KNIGHT STATEMENT ON ECONOMY TURMOIL

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception.

But I report to you today that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has not

been material, in other words, it has been minimal – far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole.

What Standard & Poor's said of us just one month ago when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year remains true today. Our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong."

One crucial area continues to set us completely apart from those firms which have incurred enormous debt. We have no debt on our



By Supreme Knight

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balance sheet. Our strong cash flows and extremely strong financial position makes it unnecessary for us to borrow funds at all.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can be certain that you are fully protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the entire industry.

COUNCIL APPROVES 2-TIER NEWSLETTER PLAN

Council membership at the September 8th business meeting approved a two-tier plan for newsletter publication in an effort to further control costs.

Readers with no access to e-mail or the council website will

receive a two-page abbreviated hard-copy version of the newsletter in the mail as usual. Others will be notified by e-mail when a full 6-page version of the newsletter is uploaded to the website. They may then print as

many copies of it as they wish on their own.

Early estimates are that the council will save up to \$1200 a year in photocopying expenses. Members may still request a mailed 6-page newsletter from FS George Weber.

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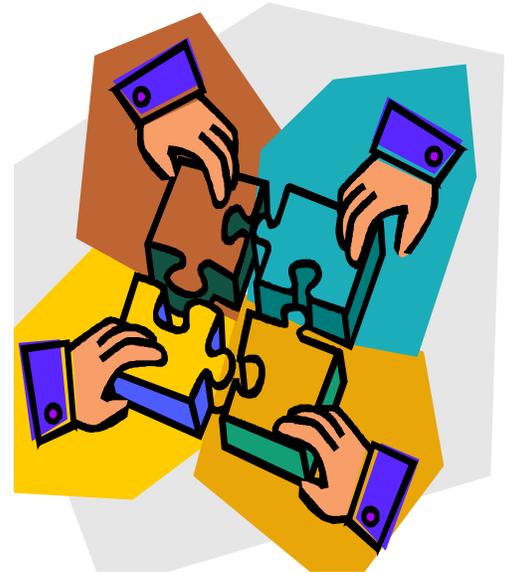
AD HOC COMMITTEE REVIEWS MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

A special committee of officers met on Friday, September 19th to analyze fundraising and review methods for increasing participation among council members. Grand Knight David Dale met with Chancellor Paul Parisi Jr., Recorder John Daigle and Warden Bob Jursik FDD in a free-ranging discussion to determine how best to improve programs and income.

Several points were recommended for further discussion, such as tailoring programs to involve members who do not attend meetings or who cannot commit to weekend

events. Also, the committee recommended meetings with all area pastors so that programs can better match the needs of the Catholic community in Concord.

All committee recommendations will be turned over to the Officers Meeting on October 6th, where further discussions will be planned. As always, the council leadership is open to all comments from brother Knights and would be happy to receive your input. Do not miss the chance to make Council 112 the best it can be.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 4th—Apple Picking Day, Hackleboro Orchard, Canterbury, 9:00 AM
- 5th—NH K of C State Fall Cribbage Tournament, Council 4961, Hooksett, 1:00 PM
- 6th—Officers Meeting, Council Hall, 52 Bradley St, 7:00 PM
- 11th—Harvest Craft Fair, St. Peter’s Parish Center, 8:00 AM
- 12th—Columbus Day
- 13th—Business Meeting, Council Hall, 52 Bradley St, 7:00 PM
- 19th—NH K of C State Quarterly Meeting, Littleton Council 1835, Profile Rd, Bethlehem, 12:00 PM
- 20th—Ladies Program meeting, IHM Education Center, 7:00 PM
- 20th—1st Degree Exemplification, Merrimack council 6725, 7:30 PM
- 22nd—Assembly 627 meeting, St. Joseph Parish Center, Northwood, 7:00 PM
- 23rd—1st Degree Exemplification, Manchester council 92, 7:30 PM
- 26th—3rd Degree Exemplification, Portsmouth council 140, 11:30 AM
- 27th—Social Dinner. Council Hall, 52 Bradley St, 6:30 PM

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 31st



HARVEST CRAFT FAIR BECOMES A REALITY



The Council 112 Ladies Program is ready to sponsor a Harvest Craft Fair on Saturday, October 11th from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM at St. Peter's Parish Center. After months of preparation under the leadership of Chairwoman Jolene Camley, thirty vendors from throughout New England will be on hand to sell an amazing array of handmade articles—everything from jewelry to clothing, dolls to cosmetics.

Council 112 will be especially involved in the event, selling sets of Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and auto

decals, as well as raffle tickets benefiting the home corporation. The Ladies of the Knights will also have delicious baked items on hand for purchase, many of them made from the apples hand-picked by them only a week earlier.

Funds raised by the Craft Fair could not come at a more opportune time for the Council, as budget questions grow more serious with every passing month. The hope is for successful events like the Fair to inspire more enthusiastic ideas by the Council members themselves, and to avoid significant spending cuts in the near future.

STATE QUARTERLY MEETING HOSTED BY LITTLETON

For the second time in as many years, Littleton council 1835 will again host a State Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, October 19th at 12:00 noon. Littleton was also the site of 2007's July Quarterly Meeting and has also provided the setting for 3rd and 4th Degree Exemplifications.

Topics at this year's meeting will range from further

implementing SD Taillon's activity-centered agenda to a new emphasis on Pro-Life efforts from Supreme.

State Assistant Chaplain Father Martel will celebrate mass at St. Rose of Lima Church at 10:30 AM and Council 1835 will serve a roast pork luncheon promptly at 12:00. Contact DD Kevin Hastings for reservations.



DIOCESE CELEBRATES RED MASS FOR LAWYERS, JUDGES



On October 9, 2008, the Diocese of Manchester will hold its annual Red Mass, an opportunity for lawyers, judges, legislators, and law enforcement personnel of all religious traditions to join each year to celebrate their common law for justice. The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, SLD, Archbishop of Atlanta, will serve as the guest homilist, and the Most Reverend Francis J.

Christian will be the principal celebrant. The Red Mass will take place at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester beginning at 5:15 PM.

Following the Red Mass, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of New Hampshire will hold its third annual Red Mass dinner at CR Sparks in Bedford. It will feature the presentation of the St. Thomas More Award to Manchester attorney Peter McDonough.

2ND ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT DINNER PLANNED

In co-operation with the New Hampshire State Council, Council 112 has begun initial plans to again host the State's "BirthRight" dinner on January 10th, 2009. The function is designed to foster communication and assistance between the New Hampshire Knights of Columbus and crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state.

NH K of C Pro-Life Chairman Ron DiStasio visited Council 112 at the September 8th business meeting and was able to secure the January 10th

date for next year's event. Further details will be confirmed however the early expectation is that the dinner will be held at the Sacred Heart Church Hall and will feature entrees prepared by Council 112.

The 2008 dinner brought together representatives from such crisis pregnancy organizations as BirthRight NH, the Concord Pregnancy Care Center, and Options for Women. Please be sure to reserve the date on your calendar to assist with the dinner or to at least be in attendance. A culture of life begins with your help.



MILLER, NADEAU MAKE 2ND DEGREE IN HUDSON



**ROBERT
MILLER**

**ROBERT
NADEAU**

Congratulations to brother Knights Robert Nadeau and Robert Miller who both made their 2nd Degree on Thursday, September 25th. The Exemplification was hosted by Council 5162 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hudson using District 3 Deputy Sean O'Neil's 2nd Degree team.

Financial Secretary George Weber was on hand for the ceremony, acting as sponsor

for Nadeau and Miller. Both men had made their 1st Degree in the last year and waited patiently for a 2nd Degree to be exemplified at which they could attend. 2nd Degrees in New Hampshire are growing increasingly rare as the number of District teams continues to fall.

Miller and Nadeau are now looking forward to taking their 3rd Degree, which the State Council exemplifies on a monthly schedule.

SUPREME LAUNCHES NEWS, FATHERHOOD WEBSITES

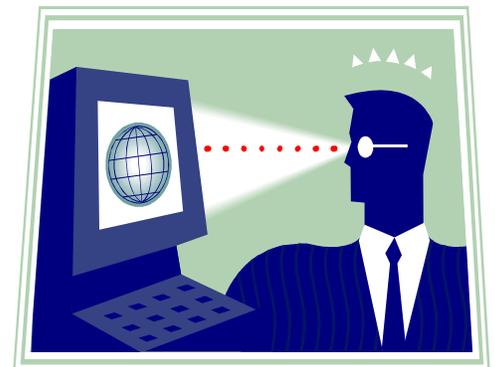
The Supreme Council continued its efforts to expand technologically recently by launching two new websites designed to promote Catholic teaching of families and current events.

Headline Bistro (www.headlinebistro.com) is a Catholic news portal which regularly lists national and international headlines as well as submissions from leading

columnists and even local stories from around your own state.

Fathers for Good (www.fathersforgood.org) offers insight and guidance for men with children, presenting support for Catholic fathers who wish to improve relationships within their own families.

Supreme plans additional websites in the future as it embraces the digital age.



INSURANCE REPORT BY KEITH SHOEMAKER, FIELD AGENT

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided us with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And for our long-term care clients in the United States, a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy brings added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care,

assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest that you and I get together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this valuable, value-added benefit.



CONCORD FACING FURTHER REDUCTION OF PRIESTS



The Concord Catholic cluster has been notified by the Diocese of Manchester to expect even fewer priests to serve the city's over 4000 Catholic families in the years ahead. Currently, Concord is served by four full-time clergy, however in less than five years that number will likely be reduced to three. Penacook's Immaculate Conception Church

will not be affected by the change.

The loss will naturally increase the necessity of lay leadership in the parishes—and thus a greater need for the support of the Knights of Columbus. Many changes will be coming and Knights must be prepared to truly be the strong right arm of our churches.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Bob Mullen
Lionel Delacey
Dick King
Arlen Smith
Ed Mullen
Joe Alosa
Andre Martel

Ron Patione
Steve Carson
Brad Linder
John Dreisig
Jim Audet
Dick McManis
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US BISHOPS INTRODUCE "CITIZENSHIP NOVENA"



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites U.S. Catholics to pray before the November election a novena for life, justice, and peace called the Novena for Faithful Citizenship. It is a podcast and available for download.

Joan Rosenhauer, Associate Director for the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, said that the special novena is part of "the bishops' campaign to help Catholics develop well-formed consciences for addressing political

and social questions." The bishops issued their statement on forming consciences for faithful citizenship in November 2007.

Helen Osman, USCCB Secretary of Communications, expressed hope that the novena could help "Catholics enter into prayerful reflection as they prepare to vote." Seventy-one percent of all visitors to the USCCB's web site download the free podcasts of the daily NAB readings. These same visitors are encouraged to use the novena podcast for prayer. Osman said that the USCCB wants

to support Catholics as they weigh pre-election issues and that "providing a prayer resource on the Web can help us focus on our common values and identity as Catholics." The novena emphasizes the dignity of life, justice, and peace.

The Novena for Faithful Citizenship runs for nine days and can be used consecutively, one day each week, for nine days prior to the election, or "in any way that works best for a community or individual," said Rosenhauer. Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.