



In Service to One. In Service to All

Message June 2011 by Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger



Brother Knights.

The month of May was again a busy one for our council. Many volunteers have put a lot of time and effort into different projects.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation "Big Bike Run", organized by Brother Dave Lawrence, was a BIG success. We had participant from our Council 4949 and from the Lady of the Valley Council 12202. We raised over 2,500, the highest amount of that day. Thanks Brother Dave for all the work he has put in that project, and a big thanks to all participants.

On May 17th, council members of Council 4949 and Council 12202 took part in this year's confirmation at the Lady of the Valley Church.

Brother Sal D. Agosto including his helpers put a lot of time and sweats in, to make our Garage Sale a success. We have raised over 2,400.00 which will allow us to do more good work for our community.

The BC-Yukon State Convention, celebrated this year the 100th anniversary. Brother Dave Lawrence and myself represented our Council 4949.

One of our own, Brother Michael Gernat, our District Deputy, was elected to State Warden. Congratulation Brother Michael on your new elected post.

At the same time I would like to congratulate Brother Dale Hofer, Grand Knight of Mother Theresa Council 12202, for his new appointment as District Deputy for the fraternal year 2011-2012.

Election of officers were held during our Business Meeting May 10th, 2011. I would like to thank our Brother Knights for re-electing me as Grand Knight for our fraternal year 2011-2012. Thanks to

Keeping in mind that each council including ours has many Knights involved in service committees. I would like to ask each member to be willing to service on those committees as it was happen during the last year.

On May 27th I have attended the Grade 2011 ceremonies at Wesbuilt Center and presented to student Jennise Moore one of our Knights of Columbus bursaries. More details of KOFC bursaries will be printed in the next newsletter.

May 31st, was another important event, taken place at Columbus Court. Jacob Schmaltz, son of Brother Kevin Schmaltz, completed his First Degree. He followed his father and his two brothers to become a Knight Jacob is now our youngest Brother. Welcome Brother Jacob Schmaltz.

June 11th, 2011, our council will host the banquet for the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification.

Remember our business meeting will be this month on June 21st.

On June 14th, is the installation of officers at St. Joseph's Church in Armstrong. Officers of four councils will be installed, including the officers of the 4th Degree. Please bring your wife to the installation in Armstrong. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Looking back: Time is flying by and our fraternal year is coming to an end, and a new beginning will start on July 1st, 2011.

It's like life. The beginning with birth and the end with death, which in our believes will be he beginning to eternal life.

We as Knights take our commitment seriously by fulfilling the task started by our founder Father Michael McGivney.

Yes, it's up to each Knight how much time he is willing to spend for this noble cause. Sharing our knowledge and

experience with our council will be a wonderful experience.

I have to repeat myself again and again by saying "as more you get involved, as more you appreciate being a Knight of Columbus."

I personally would like to thank Sir Knight John V. Torporchak for asking me many years ago to join the Knights of Columbus. Thanks John. I know, I will never be able to devote the same amount of time like John has spend during his last 51 years being a Knight. But I am trying to do my best.

As our fraternal years is almost over, I would like to take this opportunity by thanking all officers, directors and committee chairman for the work they have put in our projects during our fraternal year. A big Thanks to all our members, attending meetings and helping in different function. A special thanks to our ladies allowing us to do our work.

Thanks to our Chaplain Father Dale, for his support and his spiritual guidance.

On behalf of Regina and myself I would like to thank you for your support and we would like to wish you and your family a great summer.

Vivat Jesus!

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