

# Daniel P. Sullivan Council 10208 295 Balearic Road, H.S.V. AR., 71909 Council Newsletter January – June 2006

## Grand Knight's Opening Statement

Brother Knights,

As the 2005-2006 fraternal year is nearing a close, I want to thank the officers and directors for their efforts in planning meaningful activities for our membership, our church, and our community. Activities build fraternity which is a founding principle of our order.

Brother Knights Bob Honzik and Gerald Krawczynski have been instrumental to helping the council meet the annual goals of membership and insurance participation so that we could be eligible for Star Council Award. Our 1<sup>st</sup> degree team headed up by Tom Yerina is a true asset to our Council in achieving our membership growth goals. These goals have been exceeded and the required programs in the areas of church, council, community, family and youth have been conducted. I am confident that Council 10208 will achieve Star Council for 2005-2006.

One small thing we did this year was to promote wearing the symbol of the order through wearing shirts and hats with either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> degree logos. At our recent picnic many Knights wore these items and I received, as Grand Knight, many compliments from the wives at how well you guys looked. I would like to encourage you to continue to do this when we interact with the public.

As you are aware, the Knights are promoting Fr. Michael J. McGivney toward sainthood. You can help by obtaining a personal copy of the book "Parish Priest" and by joining the Michael J. McGivney Guild as referenced in the Columbian Magazine.

Russ Harrison Grand Knight

#### **Activities Report**

2006 was kicked off with a rousing New Years Eve party in the lower hall. Again this year the event was a sellout. Since I work at one of the golf shops in the Village, I hear a lot of comments about things in our area and the one consistent comment is that the Knights put on the best New Years Eve party in the Village. Thanks go to Ray Bertrand who chaired this event.

Semi annual audit was conducted by our Trustees in January and our Council is financially sound and is following recommended accounting procedures in receipt and disbursement of funds.

We were busy with the Free Throw Contest in January chaired by Ike Eisenhauer and the Right-To-Life March in downtown Little Rock. The weather did not cooperate but the event was still successful. In February we brought back the New Orleans Style Mardi Gras Party as a benefit for St. Michael's Catholic Child Care. Thanks to Ed and Mary Ann Miller, and Milt Spaniel for the decorations, and to Ed and Claudia Keearns for the chicken jumbo and bread pudding. It was fun and did provide a financial benefit to St. Michael's.

March 25 had a Mass celebrated for the Unborn Child and a ceremony was held after Mass at the Unborn Child Monument near the lower hall entrance. Msgr. Malone and Fr. Vic conducted the prayer service. April we celebrated Easter and in May, Michael Kerwin and myself attended the State Convention in Pine Bluff, AR.

In May we had our joint 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> degree Family Picnic at the Balboa Pavillion. The weather cooperated and the attendance was the highest yet. Hank Matthew and his wife Kay chaired this event and Hank even arranged for a beautiful double rainbow display to conclude this event.

Chuck Ralph took over the chairmanship of the French Toast Breakfast from Gerry Young who had knee surgery. Chuck along with the kitchen crew of Rick Hiemenz, Bill Gerstner, Pete Szatkowski, Bob Steveken, John DeJanovich, Ray Ambrozich and Dave Struthers provided an enjoyable breakfast for the parish family and a profitable fund raiser for our charitable donations for the fraternal year.

I want to thank our District Deputy, Bill Wavering, for his guidance during the past year. Bill will become the State Program Chairman for 2006-2007.

## Awards & Certificates

Knight of the Month for November – Chuck Ralph Family of the Month for November – Hank and Kay Matthew Knight of the Month for December – Buddy Dixon Family of the Month for December – Bernie and Marilyn Bauer Knight of the Month for January – Ray Bertrand Family of the Month for January – Larry and Carol Cruz Knight of the Month for February – Bill Gerstner Family of the Month for February – Bob and Mary Ann Honzik Knight of the Month for March – David Salmen Family of the Month for March – Ed and Claudia Keearns Knight of the Month for April – Pete Szatkowski Family of the Month for April – Jack and Dee Griffin Knight of the Month for May – Hank Matthew Family of the Month for May – Lee and Theresa Borne **Knight of the Year – Chuck Ralph** Family of the Year – Ed and May Ann Miller

## Coming Events

Officer Installation Dinner for 2006-2007 will be Tuesday June 13 at the lower hall of the church. Dinner will served banquet style. For reservation contact Russ Harrison 922-1767.