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Guenter A. Rieger

Message May and June 2012
Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger



My dear Brother Knights.

As our fraternal year is winding down, I would like to reflect on a few things being a member of the Knights of Columbus and your Grand Knight.

“Being a part of an organization with over 1.8 million members world wide, and over 15,000 Councils and college Campuses, it’s an honor and also a responsibility. As we all know Membership is limited to “practicing Catholic” men aged 18 or older. Being a Catholic man can be a daily challenge in including our work place. We have to be willing and prepared to apply those principles, what our Order stands for, daily including in our work place.

Our Founder Father Michael McGivney has founded the Knights of Columbus to provide help and support for our widows and orphans. Father Michael McGivney wanted to protect Catholic families, and he put his principles to work, founding the Knights of Columbus.

True to his vision, the Knights of Columbus has continued its high ethical standards because we view our Brother Knights as family. As a result, our fine team of insurance and financial and investment professionals cares for the money our Brother Knights as if it were their own.”

“As our global economy continued to limp, and as the life insurance industry saw lower sales and experienced

significant investment losses resulting from the prolonged recession, the Knights of Columbus avoided the worst effects while recording record sales.

If we care about our Catholic friends and neighbors, why we would hesitate to invite them to become a member of our Order.”

***“If we are afraid
to let people know
who we are
and what we’re doing
as Knight of
Columbus,
we’re not allowing
them to participate.”***
Guenter A. Rieger

As Grand Knight I do understand that in today’s times especially, most people have minimal spare time to become involved with service organizations and do charitable works. But life is short, and before you know it, you may have missed the opportunity to make positive contributions to our society.

“Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the

feeling that comes with making a difference.”

I’m sure that everyone of you had the feeling making a difference in people’s lives.

Just think about our wheelchair project, which we started mid of May 2012, and completed on June 30th for our fraternal year 2011-2012. Raising funds during a period of only a few weeks and able to purchase 47 wheelchairs, providing children with freedom of mobility, is overwhelming.

Ending my terms as your Grand Knight (2010-2012) with such a successful project was overwhelming for me to, and I would like to thank all Brother Knights and parishioners of St. James Church, who made it possible.

It’s not my intention to count all accomplishments our Council has achieved during my two terms as your Grand Knight. Our Lord knows best what we have done and what we as Knights will do in the future, and I would like to leave with that.

This will be my last message as your Grand Knight. Two year ago I was given the honor to be your Grand Knight, a wonderful experience, filled with memories lasting a lifetime.

It has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of Brother Knights, and truly understand our Founder Father Michael McGivney’s message, what the Knights of Columbus stand for.

Thanks to all Brothers helping me during my terms in office as Grand Knight.



"With them I have achieved whatever success has been mine in the ultimate performance of my duties as your Grand Knight. I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brother Knights who, during the past year, and in particular in periods of stress and uncertainty, have given me the benefit of their advice the strength of their arms, the invaluable support of their confidence. Without their support I would have been lost. Thank You Brother Knights.

With them I have achieved whatever success has been mine in the ultimate performance of my duties.

I would like to close with a quote as Mark Twain summed up the situation when he said: *"Always do right. You will please some people and astonish the rest."*

On behalf of my wife Regina and myself, I would like to wish you a nice summer.

Thanks again, for given me the honor serving as your Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus

Guenter A. Rieger

Grand Knight, St. James Council 4949



Editors note:
GK
Guenter A. Rieger

During the last two years I was trying to summarize some of our activities in our newsletter. Since there is only limited space available in a newsletter, unfortunately not everything could be printed. If I missed your event or activity, I would like to apologize.

In addition to our newsletter I have created the KOFC4949 website. You find more information of St. James Council 4949 and our Order, the Knights of Columbus, on the website at www.kofc4949.org.

I have posted videos from our Council and videos form the Order including

videos from the Vatican. In short you can use the KOFC 4949 website as a research tool, like many other people do.

After less than two year in existence, the KOFC4949 website enjoyed more than 20,000 visitors, and I received a lot of compliments from many other Knights of Columbus Councils regarding that website. Thanks

We all have to agree that such an undertaken needed a lot of time and efforts.

Having assumed other Knights of Columbus responsibilities, unfortunately I will not have the time, which is needed, to continue with our newsletter. I will still maintain the KOFC4949 website as webmaster, to provide you with news from Council 4949 and our Order.

I'm confident, that we have many talented Knights in our Council, who will enjoy and willing to share their knowledge, providing you with a newsletter for the new fraternal year 2012-2013.

I would like to thank all Bother Knights who reported events to be recognized in our newsletter.

Looking back, I'm wondering how I was able to do all those things and being also Grand Knight of our Council too.

As mentioned before I have enjoyed those responsibilities. I'm sure some of you enjoyed reading it and also get a kick out of it, reading by finding some typos too. OOOPS ☺☺☺☺

St. James Council 4949 is a very active Council and we have a lot to offer.

Our Order is offering a lot to your personal and family life. Again to find out more, just visit the KOFC 4949 website, which contains many links and information and contact numbers etc.

I hope you will enjoy this last issue for our fraternal year 2011-2012. I wish you from the editor's desk a nice and save summer with a lot of sunshine, and enjoyment with your family and friends.

Vivat Jesus

GK Guenter A. Rieger, Editor

Easy reading.. ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

A young man joins a strict monastery. During the three-year novitiate, they are permitted to say only two words a year. At the end of the first year he meets with the novice master and says, "Food bad." At the end of the second year, he meets with the novice master and says, "Bed hard." At the end of the third year, he meets with the novice master and says, "I quit." The novice master says... "I'm not surprised. You've been complaining since you got here!"

Four mothers having lunch.

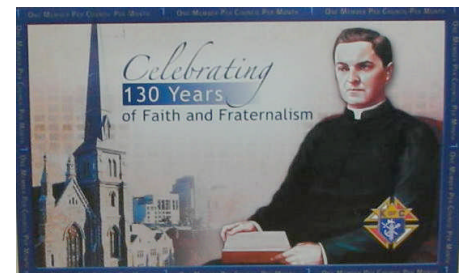
Mother 1: My son is a priest. When he enters the church, everyone says, Good morning Father. (And she's very proud)

Mother 2: My son is a bishop; everyone says, Good morning Your Excellency. (And she's very very proud)

Mother 3: My son is a cardinal; everyone says, Good morning Your Eminence. (And she's extremely proud).

All 3 look at Mother 4 and see what she has to say.

Mother 4: Oh, my son is not a priest. He's just a layman. And he's 350 pounds & 7 foot 6. And when he enters the church, everyone says, OH MY GOD!!!





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“Our Principles “All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

We as Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

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On behalf of my wife Regina and myself, I would like to thanks you again, for given me the honor serving our Council as Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus
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Grand Knight, St. James Council 4949



Birthdays in June 2012

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Patrick J Hagel	84
Anton S Kopp	81
John M Toporchak	48
Johann B Lingohr	22
Saveglio A Lozza	81
BenjaminWSchmaltz	25
Joseph O Dorval	62
Danial M Campbell	20
Ivan F Hysek	71
Stephen D Campbell	55
Clayton A Repp	35
John V Toporchak	75
Douglas G Morrison	68
Ralph Hounslow	70

Thank you received

St. James School Parent Support Group
We received two thank you cards from Izabella Brodeur and Dawson, Buburuz for donation funds to pay for those students for an Ipad. The Ipad will help for a better communication between their teachers and parents and students.

KOFC St. James Council 4949 donated in total of \$3,500 to t. James School Parent Support Group towards advancement of Education and Community Education Programs.



Students, teachers, president of P.S.G St. James and GK Guenter A. Rieger, show their Thank YOU cards and posing with their newly received Ipdos.

Pancake Committee Chairman

Bro. Mike Fedyniak



On behalf of the Pancake team of St. James Council, I would like to thank parishioners of St. James, OLOV Church, Knights and visitors for their support.

Our free Pancake Breakfast on Mother’s Day was very well attended.

We enjoyed serving to you pancakes during this fraternal year and looking forward to see you after the summer again.

God bless.
Mike Fedyniak

Council Director

Deputy GK, GK elect,
Bro. Sal D’Agosto

Our second annual garage sale was again a success. Thanks to your support we raised over \$2,800 which will



be redistributed to our community.

I’m looking forward to serve our Council as Grand Knight during the fraternal year 2012-2013.

God bless.
Deputy Grand Knight,
Council Director,
Grand Knight elect.
Sal D’Agosto