



Knights of Columbus

Blessed Sacrament Council 11001

July 2009

Grand Knight's Corner

As we celebrate Independence Day, it's appropriate to discuss some recent changes many of you have noticed in our recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

First some background information. Many of you may not be aware that the Knights of Columbus were instrumental in having the words "under God" added to the Pledge. At the urging of the Knights, Congress passed a resolution that was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14th, 1954, to officially amend the Pledge. The president specifically thanked the Knights and Supreme Knight Luke Hart for their leadership in implementing this change. Later that year the Knights were also recognized by the American Legion for their contribution.

Critics have charged that including the words "under God" in the Pledge is a violation of the concept of "separation of church and state." The Knights have filed friend-of-the-court briefs before the Supreme Court to defend the current wording of the Pledge.

The Supreme Council has determined that by adding the words "the born and the unborn" when we recite the Pledge, we are actually providing leverage to those who want the words "under God" stricken from the official version. These opponents could point to our modification of the Pledge to demand that the official wording be changed to reflect their atheistic agenda.

Furthermore, according to the Supreme Council, the current pledge wording "with liberty and justice for all" should be construed to include all individuals, both the born and the unborn. Based on these arguments, the Supreme Council has instructed Knights to cease using the added words "the born and the unborn."

A second issue is that there is no comma between, nor should be a pause between, "one nation" and "under God". Why is this important? Some opponents claim that as the Pledge is commonly recited, there is a natural pause after "one nation" and that the words "under God" could easily be removed.

We have adopted these changes at all official K of C functions. I encourage you, however, to continue to remember the unborn in the silence of your hearts whenever you recite the Pledge, as a show of our continued solidarity with the cause of life for all people from natural conception to natural death.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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Treasurer's Report:

The balance in our checking account is \$5900.72. Our savings account balance is \$4785.72.

Drawing:

James Tuttle's name was drawn at the June meeting. Since he was not present, the \$12 rolls over to this month's drawing.

Council Rosary:

Join us to pray the Rosary together next Wednesday, July 8th, before our general meeting. We will be meeting in Kraemer Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Vocations Chairman:

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as vocations chairman for the coming year. If you are interested, please contact Tim Hindman or Clem Pella.



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Field Agent's Corner

How Your Dividend Can Enhance Your Coverage. There's a simple – and painless – way to increase the amount of your permanent life insurance coverage. How? Simply use your policy dividend to purchase paid-up additions. When you choose this dividend option, your dividend becomes a single premium that purchases additional insurance on your life. How much depends on your age: A \$500 dividend will buy more insurance if you're 25 than if you're 50.

Over time, the increase in your policy's face value – the amount you're insured for – can increase substantially. What's more, your paid-up additions build cash value and are eligible to receive dividends, beyond that of the base policy and with no current tax liability. (Remember that dividends are not guaranteed.)

Regardless of your current health, paid-up additions are purchased at a standard rate. An additional note - at any time while your policy is in effect, you can change the way your dividends are paid to you. The other dividend options are:

- Leaving them on deposit to accumulate interest.
- Taking them as a cash payment.
- Applying your dividend to pay all or part of your premium.

As your field agent, it's my job to help you to understand the options available to you and to help you to make any changes in your coverage. Just give me a call.

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Altar Server Camp:

The Altar Server Leadership Camp is looking for volunteers to help with putting on the camp. There will be two weeklong sessions, July 19-25 and July 26-August 1,

at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. They are also looking for volunteers to bake cookies (they need 8-10 dozen per day). If you can help, please contact Liz Hertel at 477-2165 or Tim Hindman at 429-4613.

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach:

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach will be holding their "Witness to HOPE" week July 12-18 to kick off their capital fundraising campaign. The goal of the campaign is to fund their move to a new facility on North 27th Street. A volunteer will speak after each of the Masses the weekend of July 11-12, and a short video presentation will be shown at the school after the Sunday morning Masses. The Knights will host coffee and rolls after all Masses on July 12th. A free will offering will be taken, with the proceeds going toward the campaign. Please join us in supporting this vital ministry to our community's working poor and homeless. Thank you!

July Birthdays:

Happy birthday to the following Knights who are celebrating during July:

Howard Blake	7-4
Aaron Dominguez	7-4
Mike Montanez	7-7
Clem Pella	7-13
Fr. Finnian Nwaozor	7-14
John Bousek	7-18
Fr. Michael Agbayi	7-19
Joe Erion	7-21
Paul Dion	7-26
James Buckles	7-27

Knight of the Month:

Don Cunningham

Family of the Month:

Charles and Muriel Beardslee



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Good of the Order:

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- For the repose of the soul of Lucy Gallardo, mother of Manny Gallardo, who passed away on June 30th, and for her family.
- Mark Main's father, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Levi Dybdal, grandson of Erich and Jan Broer, who is undergoing cancer treatments.

Help Us Help You:

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and have access to e-mail, please send you e-mail address to Tim Hindman (th42820@windstream.net). Not only will you be saving our council money for postage, but you will also make it easier for us to effectively communicate with you in a timely manner.

Important Web Sites:

Supreme: www.kofc.org
State: www.nebraskakofc.org
Council 11001: www.nebraskakofc.org/kc11001

Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Item/Location
7/8	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting – Kraemer Hall
7/11-12	Sat - Sun		Grand Knight's Seminar – Doubletree Hotel Downtown, Omaha
7/12	Sun.	After Mass	Coffee and Rolls – School Gym (free will offering to help fund Matt Talbot Kitchen "Witness to HOPE" campaign)
7/25	Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Kitchen / closet cleanup – Kraemer Hall
7/25	Sat.	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	4 th Degree Steak Fry – K of C Hall, 60 th & South Meeting Dinner
8/5	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Officers Meeting – Meeting Room
8/12	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting – Kraemer Hall
8/18	Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament School Open House & Ice Cream Social
8/22	Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Family Picnic – Irvingdale Park
8/30	Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Corporate Communion & Installation of Officers