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## KC Newsletter August 2013

### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



It is not too hard to look around and realize we live in a pivotal, challenging time in history. One could tune into the news and see what is going on around us and have serious doubts about our faith and the future that our kids and grandkids will face, it has gotten to the point where I don't let my kids watch the news. It would be very easy to feel like all is lost and there is no future, yet among this are positive signs, signs that maybe the future is not so bleak.

We have a new humble Pope, one that promotes a simple life, without excess, back to the basics. Maybe this is what all of us should do, forget about the next big thing, the promotion, the new car, or who will win the next Dancing with the Stars. Those of us at St. Peter's have a humble Pastor, a faith-filled community that would be hard to find elsewhere. We need to cherish this, we are fortunate to have such a place where there is faith, hope, and happiness.

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Picnic, a good opportunity to celebrate our community. I invite you to come to our picnic and be around folks who like you want to get our culture back to the basics! If you know of someone who wants to join our order but is on the fence, bring them to the picnic. This will be an opportunity for them to find out just who the Knights are, a faith based fraternity focused on unity, fraternity, charity, and patriotism! Come join us for a day where we celebrate ourselves and the basic principles we live by!

I hope to see you at the picnic, and may God bless each of you and your families!

Vivat Jesus!  
Jeff Schmidt  
Grand Knight

### **The Joe and Roxanne Sonneks Family Knights family of the Year**

The Sonnek family was selected and celebrated at our Grand Knights dinner as our Family of the Year.

Both Joe and Roxanne have either led or been a part of many activities at St. Peter's church. Joe and son Joey have been regular participants for all of our fish fry's. Roxanne also helped this season by stepping in and working with others at the dish washing machine. Joe also spearheaded the renovation of the convent for Fr. Deziels living quarters. Roxanne stepped in as sacristan at the 8:00 A.M. Mass when Louis Speiss took ill. Roxanne and Nicole (Joey's wife) are regular Eucharistic ministers at the same Mass.

Joe and Roxanne became friends at North High and, after Roxanne converted to Catholicism, they eventually married. Besides Joey, they also have a daughter attending college at Kearney State in Nebraska. Bottom line, they are a devout Catholic family and very involved with activities in our parish, and epitomize the qualities we look for in selecting recipients for the Family of the Year.

Thanks to Denny Reber for this article.

### **Insurance Corner**

The economy is not as hard to understand as people think. It's really no different than operating your household, just on a massive scale. But, it is important to pay *some* attention to the news stories surrounding the economy. Doing so will allow you to get a good, basic understanding of why the markets appear to do so well in spite of a very sluggish economy.

There are two basic reasons why the stock markets are doing well in spite of a struggling economy: Quantitative Easing (QE) and low interest rates. You can think of QE in simple terms: the Federal Reserve is flooding the economy with new money in a bond buying program (*borrowing*). This means that more money is being printed and placed into circulation. This would normally have an *inflationary effect*, causing an increase in prices and interest rates. However, the Federal Reserve is also keeping interest rates at *artificially low rates*. Part of the reason for this is because raising interest rates would mean increasing the interest payments made by the government to bond holders (US citizens, China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and others), thus making it very difficult, if not impossible to pay our debt. So, the Feds are engaging in a very dangerous balancing act: trying to sustain the economy without causing a crash by utilizing methods that have in the past....caused economic crashes!

So, what does all of this mean for families of the Knights of Columbus? In my humble opinion you might expect to see a drop in stock market prices with a resulting upswing in interest rates at some point. If you are invested in a KC annuity, IRA, or Roth you'll be fine because they are based on interest rates, and as interest rates increase so do your returns with KC products! Give me a call to add to your existing KC annuity or IRA, or start a new one. It may be time to start questioning the strength of your stock portfolio and move to safer waters with the KCs.

God bless,

Dale Robinson, FIC  
Certified Senior Advisor

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*Join in the fun!*

**Knights Family Picnic at Hause Park 11:00 to 2:30 on Saturday August 10, 2013**



**UPCOMING FULL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

Monday August 19, 2013 in Fellowship Hall; Rosary at 6:45 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm

**UPCOMING OFFICERS & DIRECTORS MEETINGS:**

Monday August 5, 2013 in Conference Room C; Meeting at 7:00 pm

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