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KC Newsletter  
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## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Greetings Brother Knights,

As the weather starts to cool (I hope), our event schedule begins to heat up! We have our first Spaghetti Dinner in a few years coming up on September 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you there and what a great opportunity to raise funds for the Coats for Kids program, which benefits children in our local community who need warm coats for winter. I would like to extend a big

thanks to Brothers and Worthy Trustee Mark Slaikeu and Terry Thelen for chairing this event and leading the Coats for Kids efforts the past few years!

We also will be supporting our greater parish community in early October with the Annual Fall Festival! The Knights will be a sponsor of the event and running the bingo again as usual. We will also assist the school community in early October by volunteering as crossing guards at the School Marathon! Some of you may know that this is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish, and our community is as strong and inviting as ever! The Knights are a big part of what keeps this community strong, and I am glad we continue to contribute to keeping the tradition alive! Many thanks to Brother Denny Reber for his work with the Fall Festival and Brother Al Worm with the Marathon!

Speaking of community, we had a great Annual Picnic in August and it was great to see the many Knights and their families there! Terry and Becky Thelen did a great job with the food and beverages. Rich Reber's pulled pork was fantastic! We were blessed with beautiful weather and a great time was had by all!

I am looking forward to the events of the next few months and I look forward to seeing many of you during the busy fall! This is always a fun time of year and my prayers to you all as we continue to make this a great community and council to be a part of!  
Vivat Jesus!

Jeff



### **Brother Mark Slaikeu, Knight of the year 2012-2013**

Mark Slaikeu has been a Knight of Columbus since 1985 serving as a volunteer, Event Chair person, Officer and a past Grand Knight. Mark is a longtime member of St. Peter Parish and a longtime resident of North St. Paul. Mark puts God and family first. He has been married to Dianne for 39 years is the father of three and now a grandfather.

Mark put in many hours helping to make Fr. Deziel's new space; he is always willing to help often without being asked. Mark puts out the signs for our events by getting the permit, putting information on the sign, and placing it before most of us think of it. He has spearheaded the coats for kids program the last 2 years as well as the breakfast to raise the money for this worthy program.



Mark, come to the Spaghetti on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>; he'll be there working, you can bet on it. We can all learn from him as Mark is very deserving of the Knight of the Year Award. Congratulations, Mark and thanks.

Note: If you are curious as to why I put Mark's picture in the middle of this article, it is because he hates to be the 'center of attraction'. I couldn't help myself. Bill

### Upcoming Events



Spaghetti Dinner September 14<sup>th</sup>! We are in need of volunteers to assist with this event. Help is needed between 3 to 9pm. Contact Terry Thelen at [651-245-0030](tel:651-245-0030) or [terry@midwestdiesel.com](mailto:terry@midwestdiesel.com)



Upcoming full membership meeting  
Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. be there or be square!



St. Peter Fall Festival Bingo is on Sat., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. This is our Knight Worker donation to the parish. Call Denny Reber at 651-777-2383 or on his cell 651-587-4398



Ray Brown Basketball Tournament. This is one of our largest single fundraisers bringing in \$2100 last year. If you are interested in helping, please let Al Worm or Jeff Schmidt know.

### Insurance Corner

You Have Suddenly Become Disabled! Now What?

A wise person once told me that reaching retirement unscathed was like trying to navigate a minefield. In fact, the minefield may be easier! Most people are rightly concerned about the possibility of suffering some type of disability that may impact their hopes for a relaxing retirement. Few actually protect themselves with disability insurance, however, because they don't understand how it works, or assume (wrongly) they will simply qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Therefore, they do nothing about navigating this dangerous financial minefield. This is a HUGE financial planning mistake!

Consider these statistics:

You have a 1 in 4 chance of becoming disabled before the age of 65.

The average disability lasts nearly 7 years (more than enough time to wipe out your retirement savings).

65% of disability claims are rejected by Social Security. The appeals and reconsideration process can take up to 2 years or more (again, more than enough time to wipe out your retirement savings).

Our top rated disability insurance program will allow you to receive much needed income, even while you are appealing SSDI denials or if your appeals have been exhausted. Remember, employer sponsored disability insurance might be only **SHORT TERM**. And, employer sponsored disability insurance programs may be ended at any time (some employers have done this as a way of saving money).

The Knights of Columbus can customize a plan for you that will compliment your employer's disability program, or we can design a “stand-alone” plan that will properly insure your income while fitting nicely into your budget. We can provide income for a few years, or until age 67 – your choice!

Call me or email me today to find out what plan may be best for you and your family. As always, you will never be pressured into purchasing anything.

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