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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 29-May 1	State Convention Kenner
May 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree John F. Kennedy Council
Hammond	
May 8	Mothers Day
May 9	Feast of the Ascension
May 15	Deadline Family of the Month

District 12 will have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Supper will be served 6:00P.M. to 6:45P.M. Degree will start at 7:15P.M.

All Grand Knights start working on Columbian Award Application. I want in in my hands by May 31<sup>th</sup>. I do not want it turned in late.

All Grand Knights need to call me when you have a date for your installation of officers.

All Grand Knights need to have more membership drives. We need to increase our membership. Grand Knights also need to contact your insurance agents and invite them to meetings and socials.

I still need members on District 12 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team. I am trying to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree every month. I need more member to come forth and become a team member.



## INSURANCE GENERAL AGENTS

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## Why Choose Us?

### We are strong

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright.

Don't just take our word for it.

- Standard & Poor's has given us their highest rating (AAA, Extremely Strong) for 18 consecutive years.
- A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for

35 consecutive years.

- The Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) has given us their certification for our ethical business and marketing practices.

Only three insurance companies in the United States can claim these three accolades. In Canada, we stand alone with these endorsements.

Remember, in 2009, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$150 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

### **We are secure**

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured members. In 2009, we paid well over \$431 million in death claims and other benefits, and more than \$309 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive is the fact that from 2000 to 2009 the Knights of Columbus paid \$3.191 billion in dividends to insured members

### **We are stable**

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

## **Family Fraternal Benefits**

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

To learn more about these contact your agent.

Call your insurance General Agents for all your insurance needs. Invite him to your meetings and socials. We need to promote our insurance program. Insurance Agents are needed Call your General Agent if any members are interested.



## Long Term Care

### For the Unexpected

Record numbers of people are living well into their 80s, 90s...and even past the age of 100. That translates into more time to do the things you want to do, to spend time with the people you love. It also poses new challenges. In aging, you change in some familiar ways — and some ways that might be completely unexpected. In your 60s and 70s, tasks and activities that you once performed routinely or with ease might become increasingly difficult. And, over time, you may need more and more assistance with such activities. You might also experience a sudden, acute need for such help after a debilitating illness — such as stroke.

Everyone is potentially at risk. A 2005 study<sup>1</sup> found that 69% of people turning 65 years of age will need some long-term care before they die. Women are at a higher risk than men with 79% of women turning 65 years of age needing some long-term care and 58% of men turning 65 needing some long-term care. Among those turning 65 years of age, 44% will need

less than 1 year; 30% will need 3-5 years; 12% will need 5 or more years. On average, private nursing home care can cost upwards of \$78,000 per year.<sup>2</sup> You may be able to manage with at-home nursing care. Yet this option, too, can be quite expensive: such services can cost over \$55,480 per year in the U.S.<sup>3</sup> for eight hours of service, 365 days a year.

These figures can be expected to increase over time. 40% of those receiving Long-Term Care services are adults between the ages of 18 and 64.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Peter Kemper et al, Long-Term Care over the Uncertain Future: What can Current Retirees Expect?, Inquiry, Volume 42, No.4, Winter 2005/2006, pp. 335-350.

<sup>2</sup> 2007 Nursing Home Cost Survey, MetLife Mature Market Institute, September 2007.

<sup>3</sup> 2007 Home Health Care Cost Survey, MetLife Mature Market Institute, September 2007.

<sup>4</sup> 1999 Conning And Company, LTC; Baby Boomer or Bust 1999.

## UNITED WE STAND



**For Our God, Our Country, Our Order and Our Priests**

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well being of your council and the order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community.

Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to family life.

Recruit And Retain Members Ask A Prospect To Join. They Are Not Going To Ask You. You Must Ask Them To Join. We need To Increase Our Membership.

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OUR RED, WHITE AND BLUE. OUR TROOPS ARE DEFENDING IT. WE MUST PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE. THE WORLD IS ALWAYS FIGHTING WARS. MAYBE ONE DAY THE WORLD WILL LIVE IN PEACE. WE MUST ALL PRAY THAT ONE DAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE.



I HAVE BEEN PREACHING NAME BADGES FOR 3 YEARS. GRAND KNIGHTS NEED TO PROMOTE NAME BADGES. THEY SOULD BE WORN ST ALL MEETINGS, ACTIIVITIES AND AT CHURCH, THEY PROMOTE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.



Ask 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members in your council to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.



### **Year of the Volunteer' Membership Campaign**

- Membership Campaign
- Membership Campaign Overview
- [Action Steps](#)
- [Support Materials](#)
- [Campaign Incentives](#)

Volunteerism is not just a giving of time – but of ourselves. By this gift, we are doing far more than counteracting the economic recession. We are building a nation of neighbors helping neighbors, making each of us more fulfilled as individuals, and creating a solidarity that makes us more united as communities and as a nation, said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, during his opening remarks at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Summit on Volunteerism as a Response to the Economic Crisis sponsored by the Order in February 2009.

The theme for the 2010-11 membership campaign “The Year of the Volunteer” follows this call to service by not only asking Knights and their families to serve, but to encourage them to bring men with a similar commitment to helping others into our Order – increasing our ability to

serve our neighbors. Our members help our communities and people in need in many ways – by sponsoring blood drives or youth sports teams, raising funds and volunteering for Special Olympics and other programs for people with intellectual disabilities, holding food drives for local soup kitchens. Through these and other actions, they show prospects firsthand the great work that our Order does and encouraging them to join the Knights of Columbus.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes. While impressive, these figures can be even greater if we have more men and their families involved in our good works. Recruiting these prospects will help make this fraternal year truly “The Year of the Volunteer.” In the links to the right you will find information on the “Year of the Volunteer” campaign including recruitment strategies, incentives, and materials.

We only have only 2 months and we will start a new Fraternal Year. The new officers for the new year THE Grand Knights needs to send in Officer’s’ Report to Supreme, State Deputy and to me.



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- Everywhere You Go!

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NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



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