

# Marquette Council 1437

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

By Jerry Vadell, Grand Knight

**Brother Knights:** 

We're obviously in the thick of the Mardi Gras Season. Tourism officials are predicting a record breaker for this year. If the weather's good it should be pleasant for the weekend of the "Super Krewes" and Mardi Gras Day. This means the Council Hall should be very crowded – with the crowd consisting of many guests and "friends of Marquette." Big Chief Mardi Gras", George Schindler, III, discussed a litany of issues concerning Carnival at the Hall at the past few meetings. Let's focus in on one. There's a motto that: all are welcome to the hall to enjoy the parades – but please don't invite anyone to Marquette that you wouldn't invite into your own home. It's a good slogan. However, let's take the other side of the coin and ask: What about us, i.e., the membership? Would someone have reservations about inviting any of us into their homes? I know I'm being crude. But quite frankly. I don't know how else to address it. General statements and fire-side chats don't seem to be getting anywhere with some people.

When I joined the Knights of Columbus I was told that we are an Order of Catholic Gentlemen. The dictionary describes a gentleman as: A man whose conduct conforms to a high standard of propriety or correct behavior. \*Note\* It does NOT say perfect. But ... I have to ask. Does a gentleman:

- reach into a tray of jambalaya [where people are serving themselves from] with his fingers or spoon he's already had sticking in his mouth to feed himself? (Aside from it being plain rude, the rest of us are not the least bit interested in your germs);
- roam around constantly trying to gin up juvenile controversy(s) among members?
- have a habit of annoying guests that come to the hall to enjoy the parades? (continued on Page 2)

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Degree Team Leader

Barry Waller

#### Grand Knight's Message (continued):

- act as though he's auditioning for poster boy of the please drink / live responsibly campaign?
- attempt to use the dire straits of one person in order to make himself look better?
- engage in heated discussions and loud conversations at the bar while an officers' meeting is taking place just 20 feet away?

Mardi Gras at Marquette is billed as a great venue to enjoy the parades in a family-friendly atmosphere — as it has been and hopefully always will be. The way to create a family atmosphere is for us to cease acting like a bunch of selfish high-schoolers and try a little more to act like Catholic Gentlemen.

Here's hoping that everyone has very joyous and safe Mardi Gras.

Vivat Jesus! ◆

## **Membership**

For 102 years, Marquette has been going strong!

We need you to ensure the continuing future of Marquette.

- ✓ Keep your membership current.
- ✓ Attain your 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degree.
- ✓ Talk to your friends about Marquette.
- ✓ Recruit a new member.



I paid my membership dues online at www.kc1437.org.

# COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES (continued)

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#### **Insurance Program**

Your Shield For Life

## "Live On" or "Leave On" Money.

By Terry Kennedy, General Agent

As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focused shifts to those "golden" retired years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relaxing at home.

During my career as a field agent, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to "dump" somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to "live on" or "leave on"?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care and retirement products backed by the strength and security of a AAA-rated insurance provider.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner.

Terry Kennedy, General Agent 985-649-2703
Terry.kennedy@kofc.org ◆

# Mardi Gras

Marquette Council opens its doors the entire Carnival Season. All are invited. Every parade (but Druids) passes directly in front of the Council Hall. Fantastic location to watch the parades.

- All beverages are to be purchased at the bar, but feel free to bring all your own food. No outside drinks, please.
- Wristbands are required for admittance on:

Saturday March 5 Purple Wristband Sunday March 6 Green Wristband Tuesday March 8 Gold Wristband

- Those persons without wristbands on the above three days will not be admitted.
- Admission is free on all other days.
- Wristsbands can be purchased in advance or the day of the parade.
- \$8 admits one person all day; and \$15 admits two people all day.
- Kids under 16 are free!

All proceeds benefit Charity! All profits are used to support the charitable work of Marquette Council.

Important Notice about Wristband! Complimentary wristbands will only be provided to current officers. Current officers will receive one complimentary wristband for Saturday, Sunday, and Mardi Gras Day. Past Grand Knights will not be receiving any complimentary wristbands this year. •

Full Bar

Music

Brotherhood

Safe Location

Clean Bathrooms

Tables & Chairs

Tables & Chairs

On the parade route

Fun

Fun

Fun

Hi-Def TV



### **Home and Building Improvement Association**

By Barry Waller, PGK, Secretary

What follows is an explanation of the relationship between the Marquette Council, The Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association Inc., and the Board of Directors of that latter organization.

As the Supreme By-Laws forbid any Knights of Columbus Council to own real estate; the Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association Inc. was incorporated August 1, 1956 for the sole purpose of obtaining and maintaining a permanent home for the Marquette Council 1437. This organization's members consist of all members of the Marquette Council in good standing, while only Third Degree members have the right to vote and hold office. The sole beneficiary for any and all funds received is the Marquette Council.

The Board of Directors for the Home Building an Improvement Association (hereafter referred to as the Board) is an elected board of 11 members – 9 who are elected on a staggered three year term with 3 member terms expiring annually. The other 2 members are on the Board via their elected positions as Grand Knight and Immediate Past Grand Knight. The Board handles all of the activities in leasing the available space to our tenant, collects rent and handles all structural repairs on the building (312-314 St Charles, New Orleans) and remits any remaining funds less 10% for a major repair fund) to the Council – no individual or organization other than the Marquette Council can benefit from the Boards activities.

The 11 Board members meet twice a year — in January to elect their officers for the term, review all expenses and budget for anticipated maintenance and repairs. In August the, month prior to the annual Corporation meeting, the insurance is reviewed; building value established and another review of all past and anticipated repairs are reviewed. The Annual Corporation meeting is held in September at the Marquette Council home just prior to the scheduled Marquette monthly business meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. At this meeting all third degree members in good standing are invited to run for the 3 elected positions and to then vote on the members who terms are expiring. The elected members will be elected for a three year term and will be eligible to be considered for an officer position on the Board.

As every Third Degree member in good standing is a voting member of the Marquette Home Building and Improvement Association Inc, they have the right to know whatever business is being conducted on their behalf. The only exception would be the terms of the lease agreement with the tenant as that has privacy issues with our tenant. If there is any member in good standing desires to know anything about the board, please feel free to contact any board member. The Board is the guiding directors for the corporation duly elected by the membership to conduct business for the betterment of all Marquette members of any degree.

#### **Annulment Writing Workshop**

There will be an annulment writing workshop on five Tuesdays March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 and 12 at 7:30 pm to 9 pm at Our Lady of Divine Providence Youth Building, 8600 West Metairie Ave in Metairie.

Save the Date:

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56th Annual
Cadillac Party.

The Alexander Room
Metairie, LA

Join us to pray the Rosary
before each General Meeting
1:10 p.m. on the 2nd Floor

### **Our First Degree Team is the Best**

Within the Order itself, there are four "Degrees" of Knighthood, each degree is meant to exemplify one of our four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

A candidate joins our Order by participating in the exemplification of the First Degree, which imparts a lesson on charity.

Upon completion, he is then said to be a First Degree Knight of Columbus. Members participate in subsequent degrees, each focusing on another virtue. Upon reaching the Third Degree, the member is considered a full Knight.

Imagine being part of the team that welcomes candidates into our Order. Marquette Council has a very talented First Degree Team, and we are always looking for assistance with non-speaking positions and speaking positions. If you would like to be part of the Marquette First Degree Team, contact Barry Waller, PGK. ◆

### **Officers' Nominations Committee**

Meeting: March 22, 2011

The Officers' Nominating Committee for the 2011-2012 Columbian Year will meet immediately before the Officers' Meeting on Tuesday, March 22.

The Committee consists of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and the Trustees. Anyone else who wishes to attend and or participate is welcome. Take this opportunity to participate in this important nomination and election process.

Any questions, please contact George Schindler, III, PGK at (504) 450-5110.◆

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Eric Snyder Jeffrey Hoerner Knights of the Month

Brett Hahn
Family of the Month

#### **Thanks and Appreciation**

Thanks to Brothers Jeff Hoerner, Louis Hoerner, Brett Hahn, Ricardo Gutierrez, and Nanci Eastering (FoodArt) for a great meal at the February Meeting! Cajun Jambalaya, Homemade Hot Tamales, and Dessert.

And thanks to Brother Ronnie Jacobs for cooking chicken / sausage gumbo at the February Officers' Meeting.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, that's Thursday, March 10th, after Ash Wednesday.

#### Calendar for March

March 2	Wednesday
March 2	Wednesday
March 3	Thursday
March 4	Friday
March 5	Saturday
March 6	Sunday
March 7	Monday
March 8	Tuesday
March 10	Thursday
March 12	Saturday
March 13	Sunday
March 22	Tuesday
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#### When Does Marquette Meet?

#### **Business Meeting**

2nd Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 6 pm. Rosary at 7:10 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 pm. Dinner at 8:30 p.m.

#### Officers' Meeting

4th Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 6 pm. Meeting at 7 pm. Planning session.

#### **Marquette on Wednesday**

1st Wednesday of the month.
Doors open at 6 pm;
No meeting.
Various projects.

The above dates and times are subject to change.

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