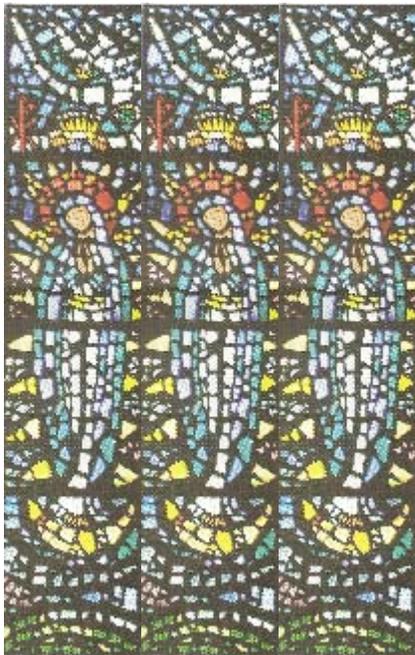




Saint Mary Queen of the Universe Council 8196 June, 2012 Newsletter

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Recent Activities

On March 16th our council hosted a fish fry in the Parish Hall. Brother Jerry Schumacher organized the event with the assistance of several other Brother Knights. The dinner was well attended by our parish as well as others visiting from various other parishes.

Jerry Schumacher serving fish during the fish fry. Clint Newton (in apron) is assisting.



Part of the fish fry crowd



In April, our council made a donation to the parish for the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to be installed in the church. These simple-to-use units are based on computer technology which is designed to analyze the heart rhythm itself, and then advise the user whether a shock is required. They are

designed to be used by lay persons, who require little training to operate them correctly.

The AED Device shown here is located on the back wall in the gathering area of the Church



On June 5th, our council had its annual family picnic at Lakewood Park. Jerry Schumacher and crew grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and families brought side dishes.

Below, part of the crowd enjoying the food and fellowship at the picnic



Father Peter poses for a picture before digging in.



Larry Stoss and Harris Clark chit chatting during the picnic



District Deputy David Fox presented the District Knight of the Year award to John Ourada, and the District Family of the Year award to the Larry Stoss family.

The 111th annual convention of the Kansas Council was held in Topeka May 5-7. St. Mary's Council GK Doug Mergen and Depkuty GK Tom Katafiasz attended. 2012-13 state officers elected were: State Deputy Scott Maurath, State Secretary Pat Winchester, State Treasurer Dale Weber, State Warden Doug Wietharn, Program Director Jamey Roth, and Membership Director Mike Grothoff. They will take office on July 1.

An initiation of new members in the first degree was held May 8. Initiated were Nicolas Blasé, Troy Losey, and Brian Yockers.

Nicolas, age 26 is a Phar. Asst. at Hospira.

Troy is a manager for Autoscribe Informatics based out of Massachusetts, where he travels North America installing and designing software for laboratories. He is married to Monica, with two sons, Levi and Logan.

Brian has been a physical therapist at Salina Regional Health Center for nearly 25 years. His hobbies include watching sports, reading, and golf.

Welcome Nicolas, Troy and Brian!

On June 19th another 1st degree was held to initiate two more members into our fraternal organization.

Pat Ochs works for SRS (Social Rehabilitation Service here in Salina, and is married to Lisa. They have three children, and have been St. Marys parishoners for some time.

Kenton Dreiling works for Veris Technology, and is married to Lindsey. They are also members of St. Marys parish, and have one daughter.

June 19th initiated members Kenton Dreiling (Left) and Pat Ochs (Right) stand with Grand Knight Doug Mergen

Welcome Kenton and Pat!



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As we start the last month of the fraternal year, I am tempted to sit back, relax and congratulate myself for what I consider to be a successful last 12 months. With the addition of at least 3 new members at our First Degree this month, we should meet the requirements for the coveted Star Council Award. It has been many years since our council last qualified for this honor. As much as I would like to think that this is a reflection on my ability as Grand Knight, I know that I am only a small part of what has happened to reach this achievement.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of John Ourada in recruitment and J.J. O'Connor and Adam Bruna in building our insurance membership. Thank you to all the officers for your participation this past year. I look forward to great things happening in the next 12 months. Thanks to all the returning directors for your contributions this past year and your commitment to your program for the next fraternal year. I welcome Adam Cote (Church) and Chase Maxton (Family) in their new positions and offer my most sincere appreciation to Leon Deges and Charley Rhein for their involvement as director of their program. Special thanks are deserved for Al and Beth Koch for their wonderful meal preparation every month.

Finally, I want every member of Council 8196 to know that I value your membership and apologize if I have not personally invited your participation or thanked you for your efforts. We have many projects and undertakings planned for the next year. If we all pitch in and contribute in some way, we can reach our goals. As always, please contact me at 785-452-8355 or demergen@cox.net if you have any concerns.

Vivat Jesu,

Doug Mergen, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Corner

K of C and Church Year

Our just finished annual K of C summer picnic occurred between the feasts of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christ (or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ). As I was preparing my homily and thinking about Lawrence's bugging me for an article, I also thought how fitting a time to celebrate our picnic.

Trinity Sunday celebrates who our God is: a trinity of persons in perfect relationship with each other. Our goal as the Knights is to be in the image of our God -- to be in relationship with each other and with the larger church and world. We do this especially when we are doing our activities to assist others.

Corpus Christi answers the question: in light of who our God is, who are we? We are told: we are the Body of Christ. We come to Mass each week (or more often) to receive the Body and Blood of Christ so that, as St. Augustine said so well, **we become who we are.**

We are most the Body of Christ when we are praising God with other Knights in the Church, making space for newcomers in our meetings and activities, helping the handicapped, etc.

Now that we have reflected on who our God is and who we are, we move into Ordinary Time. This does not mean: BORING!!!! Ordinary comes from the Latin word that means counted or measured time. Obviously, this refers to 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 9th Sunday, etc. But even more, this is the time we live what we have been celebrating and reflecting upon.

Knights, HAVE A GOOD SUMMER. When we are not into our measured or regular time, it can be a little more difficult to pray, to come to church, to be patient, etc. But remembering that we carry the name of Christ, his Church and our Order with us at all times, should give us strength.

Father Kerry Ninemire



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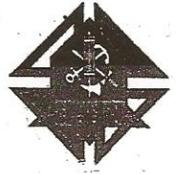
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