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## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTES

Fred Gaede, Grand Knight

Although the summer months tend to be a little slower, there are several activities coming up that will require volunteers. Help will be needed for the ice cream social, ESU Welcome Back Block Party, and Operation Helmet, which is a project of the Fourth Degree Assembly to help our troops when they deploy overseas. Please say yes when called.

Thanks to Kevin Nelson and Red Line, Inc., for their generous donation of meat for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Through donations like this our council is able to do what we do for others.



## OPERATION HELMET

Rev. Juan Padilla Fourth Degree Assembly will be running a "To-Go Breakfast" to benefit Ft. Riley soldiers to upgrade their helmets before they head to combat. Operation Helmet will help defray the \$34 per soldier helmet upgrade to help them to stay safe in combat. Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 12 just outside of Sacred Heart Church after the 8 and 9:30 masses. The menu will include sausage biscuit, sausage/egg biscuit, or sausage/egg/cheese biscuit at a \$1 donation apiece.

Orders need to be called or e-mailed in advance, cut off is noon on Sept. 9. Call orders to Vince Hammerl (342-1208), Rick Moore (341-1972) or e-mail [nuhusker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nuhusker@sbcglobal.net). Orders will be packaged and ready to pick up immediately after mass. Any donations will be accepted then or by mailing to P.O. Box 1051 with memo as Operation Helmet made out to Knights of Columbus. Plan now to support our service personnel.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

June – Jim / Donna Russell



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

June – Mark Runge



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 24-25 K of C State Golf Tournament, Garden City
- July 26 Business meeting, 7:00 p.m., rosary at 6:30
- Aug. 10 Officer's meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 17 ESU Welcome Back Block Party
- Aug. 22 Ice Cream Social, 4-7 p.m.
- Aug. 23 Business meeting, 7:00 p.m., rosary at 6:30
- Sept. 12 Operation Helmet, after 8 & 9:30 masses
- Oct. 3 Family Picnic, Peter Pan Park Grape Arbor

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fr. Rich Warsnak, Chaplain

In this month when we celebrate the birthday of our country as a free and independent nation, I thought it important to note the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence: Charles Carroll.

At the time he signed the Declaration, it was against the law for a Catholic to hold public office or to vote. Although Maryland was founded by and for Catholics in 1634, in 1649 and, later, in 1689 after the glorious revolution placed severe restrictions on Catholics in England, the laws were changed in Maryland and Catholicism was repressed.

Catholics could no longer hold office, exercise the franchise, educate their children in their faith, or worship in public. With the Declaration of Independence all this bias and restriction ended. Carroll first became known in colonial politics through his defense of freedom of conscience and his belief that the power to govern derived from the consent of the governed. He was a staunch supporter of Washington and when the war was going badly at Valley Forge, he was instrumental in persuading the revolution's board of war not to replace Washington with General Horatio Gates. Carroll supported the war with his own private funds; he was widely regarded as the wealthiest of all the colonists, with the most to lose were the fight for independence to fail. Carroll was greatly acclaimed in later life, and he outlived all the other signers of the declaration. (from the Catholic Education Resource Center)

Carroll lived out his faith in his public and political life. He did not separate them. He acted out of his faith in God and his love of Jesus Christ. He remains an excellent example of faithful citizenship.

The Knights have a long history of faithful citizenship as well. I am proud of all that we do to help our nation serve its members. Thank you all for your continued hard work and evangelization.

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