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The Grand Knight's Message

Two recent activities bring to mind certain words we should remember and live by.



I recall the many discussions involving the pricing of the Oktoberfest tickets, and the trepidations and reservations that were expressed. At the outset, some members complained about the \$5 tacked on for drinks that we had decided to pre-sell and include in the \$25 total cost per ticket. It was felt that the increase in the ticket price was going to make ticket selling more difficult because of current economic difficulties and the existence of competing events. Other members worried about the difficulties in distributing drink coupons, and the service and financial control work that were required. Quite a bit of brainstorming and last minute discussions took place, and solutions and action plans, such as deploying a beverage cart for example, were formulated.

The other activity involved negotiating and manning space at Champlain Square to sell the charity appeal tickets. We have never done this before. We had our doubts. We might fail, because we are not used to doing this. Most of us are shy and are not used to selling. Questions abounded. Where and how are a table and chairs going to be borrowed and deployed? How many of our elders would be available during the day, when most members are at work? How are we going to secure the cash box and the tickets?

It may not be entirely appropriate to cite the motto of the Special Air Service of the British Armed Forces in these situations, but it is instructive. Simply, it is 'Who Dares Wins'. A motivational speaker expressed a similar sentiment. He said, 'Luck favours the brave.'

If we didn't try, we would not have raised a lot of money from the Oktoberfest. About 320 tickets were sold. Brothers Perur and Arnold again spearheaded ticket sales. Brother Cesar ordered a bigger stock of drinks. Guests were pleasantly surprised that \$5 worth of drink coupons was

included in the ticket price, while we were more than happy to sell nearly all our stock of drinks.

And how did our Champlain Square effort turn out? First of all, without Brother Mike Madden leading the way, this activity would not have taken place. Second, if Brother Richard Leung and other brothers did not keep an eagle eye on the cash box and the tickets, we could have easily suffered the same fate that had befallen on another council, which lost their cash box to a thief. We were positioned right next to the automatic sliding door exit of the mall. We raised over \$1200 and did not misplace any ticket.

Indeed, luck favours the brave.

Our Second Oktoberfest was a Success

Our council held its second Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance fundraiser on October 18, 2003. Over 300 guests attended, and enjoyed the dinner prepared by Charlie's Caterer Express and live music dished out by the Catch 22 Band led by Mr. Bobby Baria. Brother Noel Jimenez and Eva Castro were our hosts for the night. Our Chaplain, Father Guy Rivard implored God's grace and blessing for all in his opening prayer.

With \$5 worth of drinks provided to every guest, Bro. Cesar Tomayao and his group of bartenders and servers were kept busy throughout the night, providing beer, wine, pop, water, and mixed drinks. Bro. Jun Jimenez operated the beverage cart to help shorten the line-up. We ran out of beer, and had only one bottle of water left at the end of the evening.



Group photo after a successful night

Quite a few of our guests did not want to leave until the music stopped. Thanks to Bros. Noel Jimenez, Rene Montilla, Cesar Tomayao, and Nestor Te for a great job in screening and selecting the band for this event. We are on our way in achieving our goal of having at least two music groups to tap for future events.

Many other brothers and sisters deserve special mention. Bro. Leo Felipe handled negotiations with the caterer very well, Bro. Richard Leung and his crew capably handled the tickets, Maria, Karlissa, and Eva Castro designed and supervised the installation of decorations, Bro. Rene Montilla produced once again our beautiful program, Gloria Montilla prepared the flowers for the tables, Bro. Roseller Cuyugan picked up the sausages from Freybe, Bro. Ray Magleo hauled the drinks in his Land Rover, Bros. Perur Bala, Noel Prado, Adel Aguilar, and Arnold Aquilario led ticket sales, Bros. Ray Garcia and Mike Devasagayam were workhorses for much of the night, while Bro. Daniel Politeski secured the gate and made sure that the remnants of the setup and takedown crew had a photo to relive and relish the night in the days to come. Last, and certainly not the least, my wife Susan was the brains and unseen guiding hand in all of this.

Thanks to all brothers and sisters for a very successful 2nd Oktoberfest.

Grand Knight

Charity Appeal Campaign Begins

Our Council has begun selling charity appeal tickets to the public. An initial supply of 150 booklets was obtained during the regional meeting in September. These were distributed to our members under the supervision of Bro. Noel Jimenez, ahead of the starting date of October 8.

Plans were initiated to sell tickets in the malls. With Brother Michael Madden taking the initiative, we were able to obtain permission to sell tickets from November 3 to 9, at Champlain Square on Kerr corner 54th, and in January 2004 at Metropolis in Metrotown.Centre. An additional 500 booklets were ordered, in anticipation of a successful campaign.

Sales at Champlain Square are estimated at just over 100 booklets. Given that there was no space to display a vehicle to draw attention to the raffle, and because of the village style setup of this commercial area, the results have been good. As it was necessary to station people in our sales booth at all times, council needed the active participation of our senior members during weekdays. Bros. Michael Madden, Manny Mendoza, Edgar Rosario, Ruben Dioquino, and Jun Jimenez volunteered many hours to this effort. Our Financial Secretary Richard Leung came in every night to help selling and to tally daily sales at Bro. Mike Gabas' residence which was located just behind the mall. It was regrettable that we had only one volunteer present in some shifts, but hopefully more members will participate in the Metrotown leg of the campaign, which carries the added responsibility of safeguarding the Chevrolet truck that will be on display.

Grand Knight

Congress 2003: Serving the Archdiocese

The Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese held its Congress 2003 in St. Mary's Parish on October 24-25, 2003. Our council was asked to provide parking control and security at the two parking lots, the school gym, and the church entrance from 10:00 A.M. from Friday the 24th to 4:30 P.M. of Saturday the 25th. Brother Daniel Politeski organized the crew and called and emailed our members with the help of Brother Jun Benitez to help man the various posts.

The event organizers requested a complement of five men at all times to keep watch and control traffic. However, getting a crew out on Friday proved to be a daunting task, as many of our members were working on that day. Bros. Edgar Rosario, Mike Madden, and Jun Benitez were hard pressed for much of the day in securing the event. Fortunately, Friday night and the next day saw many more brothers show up, allowing some of us to view the exhibits and buy some of the merchandise on display inside the gym. Brother John Nash proved to be a tough traffic controller all day Saturday, which led one to wonder if he was a traffic cop in a previous life. Zeny Ocol and her group of volunteer caterers supplied us with food and hot drinks to keep us awake and alert throughout.

Overall, the event organizers were very pleased with our service, and graciously commented that this congress saw the most organized parking control ever.

Grand Knight

The Fun of Coordinating 3rd Sunday Coffee & Snack - A Brother shares his experience and feeling -

When I was first approached by our worthy Grand Knight to undertake the coordination of coffee services, one of many community projects of the Knights of Columbus, I had a second thought. First and foremost, I had no experience whatsoever in such undertaking. Secondly, coordinating a group of people to prepare snacks for the parishioners on every third Saturday and Sunday's Masses for the next three months is not going to be an easy task.

However, after being assured that the pool of volunteers I'm going to be working with had the experiences and expertise to handle the job, I finally made up my mind and told myself to give it a try. I found out in no time that this is absolutely true. On my first day of work, I did observe that this group of people was working so smoothly like a well-oiled machine on a production line. It made me even wonder what they need me for. Noticing that I was just standing there, watching them in amazement, they made me feel at ease by explaining what they were doing and what they expected me to do in return. Within a short time I became one of the team. The spirit of teamwork while preparing the food really overwhelmed me. Last but not least, on knowing that at the end of each Mass, I'll be seeing again and again, the faces of the parishioners, adult and young alike, smiling and feeling satisfied on the food we had prepared for them. To me, this is more than enough reward for a job well done.

Bro. Mike Buensuceso

Divine Mercy Prayer Program

The Divine Mercy Prayer program in honour of Pope John Paul II commenced Oct. 3 2003. The centrepiece of the Prayer program is an image of Christ as Divine Mercy. The image was blessed by the Pope on June 28 and will travel between local councils until Oct 4 2004. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson said that the Knights of Columbus is honoured to spread this devotion and help popularize it among the faithful; and by sponsoring this program we hope that Catholics will come together in prayer to celebrate 25 years of leadership by Pope John Paul II. The intention of the prayer program will be for the Pope and all priests.

The Image of Divine Mercy originated from a vision Saint Faustina had on February 22, 1931. She wrote in her diary: "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing; the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, " Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: **Jesus, I trust in You.** I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world". Pope John Paul II entrusted the world to Divine Mercy during his trip to Poland in 2002.



When Saint Faustina asked about the meaning of the rays from His pierced Heart, Jesus explained: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood, which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. In other words, these two rays signify the Sacraments, and also the Holy Church born of the pierced side of Christ, as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit, of which water is a symbol in Scripture.

It is worth to mention that in this devotion we are "vessels of mercy" through which God's love can be poured out upon the world. Thus doing only the devotion is not sufficient. We have to show mercy to our neighbours. Our Lord strongly speaks about this to Saint Faustina: "I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it "

Recorder

Our Council is no longer banking with VanCity

Our Archbishop decision that Vancouver archdiocesan schools can no longer operate in-school "junior" student credit unions sponsored by VanCity Credit Union recently made the headline in the media. It was made after VanCity launched an ad campaign featuring two men sitting cheek-to-cheek, saying, "I want to bank with people who value all partnerships." His Grace said, although "educating children in financial responsibility and management is a considerable and significant good," it is not acceptable to permit organizations which support groups or initiatives in conflict with the Church's teachings to have a presence within Catholic schools.

To stand behind and to show support to the Archbishop our council decided to close our account gradually with VanCity and moved to Community Saving Credit Union at 5108 Joyce St. for our banking needs.

Recent provincial court rulings in British Columbia and Ontario made same-sex marriages legal. Next year, the federal government is expected to introduce formal legislation allowing such marriages. It is not surprising that some already saw the commercial value of the newly introduced "marriage". As Knights we recall the official statement of the Order on the issue of same-sex union, which is part of a resolution adopted by delegates to the 121st annual Supreme Council meeting of the Knights of Columbus:

"The Knights of Columbus, wherever present, in keeping with our responsibilities as practicing Catholics and brother Knights, will oppose any effort to alter the institution and sacrament of marriage to include unions between persons of the same sex."

Recorder

Mark of the Beast

The term comes from the last book of the Bible that says: *Also it [the Beast] causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name* (Revelation 13:16-17). With the coming globalization and current/future chip-technology many Christians equate this mark with bar code system and/or microchip implanted in our hand or forehead. The latter will make it possible to trace our movement and action. In fact the technology has been applied to livestock. It will replace stacks of cards we are now carrying in our wallets, be it Identity, debit and credit cards. In short many Christians believe the world before the second coming of Christ will be a global cashless society where everyone will be under constant surveillance save those who refuse to receive the mark. The person who will control and oversee the system is believed to be the Beast or the Anti Christ mentioned in the book of Revelation chapter 13, who will act like God and demand to be worshipped. Those who receive the mark will be tormented in hell (Revelation 14:9-11).

Lecturer & Recorder

BRAIN TEASER

Young Lisa always wanted to place equal number of Roses at the Altars of St Mary, St Jude and St Theresa Churches in Vancouver/Burnaby and was saving some money for it.



One day as she was passing by the Flower shop, which she had hoped to enter one day to buy the Roses. As usual she stopped to admire the Roses. Then she saw that the usual lady was not there and a nice kind old lady was inside, smiling and calling her inside. Of course Lisa,

full of apprehension entered the shop and the kind old Lady at once made her feel at home. She gave her a bunch of roses and told her to go and place the same number of flowers at each of the Church Altar she had wished to do.

Lisa went to St Mary's and placed the desired number of flowers at the Altar and PRESTO, the remaining flowers in her hand multiplied ten times. Frightened and confused she went to St Jude and placed the same number of flowers she placed at St Mary's and behold the remaining flowers in her hand multiplied ten folds. With her heart full of Prayers and Thanksgiving she rushed to St Theresa's and placed the same number of flowers at the altar and there were none left in her hand. She knelt and prayed and went home spiritually richer.

Brother Knights, can you tell me how many roses she started with and how many she placed in each church?

Lecturer

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Joke of the Month

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a 'Gripe Sheet', which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P = Problem logged by the pilot.)

(S = Solution and action taken by the engineers.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.
S: Something tightened up in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
S: Cannot simulate problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
S: Took hammer away from midget.

Lecturer

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