

THE CURTIN CALL

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Curtin Council #2541, Fr. Curtin Assembly #128, W. H. Knights of Columbus Club

Past Due Dues Blues, Part 2

Editor

As reported in the last issue, there are a number of non-life members who are in arrears with their dues. In order to inform the membership of the seriousness of this situation, here are some numbers: the council has *347 members*; there are *92 members* who owe various amounts; and the total arrears dues is a shocking **\$13,131.00**. These members may feel that, by not paying their dues, they aren't harming anyone else, but this is not the case.

The rest of the dues-paying members have to make up their portion of the \$6.25 (raised to \$7.25 this year) per member assessment to the State Council, \$3.50 per member to the Supreme Council, \$1 per member for the Catholic Advertising fund, and \$2 per member for the Culture of Life Fund for a total of \$13.75 per member. Those bodies insist on their assessment, whether all our members pay their dues or not! The Club is also shortchanged by this non-payment as they only collect their \$17.60 per member on paid dues. The Council only gets to use \$4.55 of the \$40 dues. For every member who does not pay, it takes the working amount from three members to make up the annual assessments.

The Financial Secretary has called and sent letters to these 92 members on a number of occasions, requesting them to make arrangements to pay these arrears down over time, but they have not done so. The Council is in agreement that we cannot continue to carry these members on the rolls any longer.

If they make no effort to pay, or to explain why they cannot pay, or to submit letters of withdrawal, then the retention committee has directed the Financial Secretary to publish their names in the October Curtin Call. If they still do not make an effort to pay, the Council will have no recourse but to begin suspension procedures. Suspension means that all honors and seniorities (such as for honorary life status) will be lost.

Upcoming Events

Aug 7 - Bpt. Bluefish Baseball Game

Aug 10 - Feast of St. Lawrence

Sept 1- Council Meeting

Sept 8 - Club Meeting

Sept 9 - Assembly Meeting

Sept 11 - Italian Festival

Sept TBD Soccer Free Kick Contest

Oct 2 & 3 - Apple Fest

Oct 6 - Council Meeting

Oct 13 - Club Meeting

Oct 14 - Assembly Meeting

Oct TBD - Tag Sale

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See Us On Facebook	Editor
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We have taken another step into the 21st Century. Both the Assembly and the Council have started Facebook fan pages to keep our membership informed of happenings and to have discussions about things that matter to Knights. The Assembly is at K of C Fr. Curtin Assembly #128 and the Council is at K of C Fr Curtin Council #2541. The difference is a period after 'Fr.' in the Assembly site, and no period after 'Fr' in the Council site. Otherwise, type them in as they appear here with spaces, Caps & punctuation.

If you're not a Facebook member, it's easy to join: go to www.facebook.com, enter your first and last names and your email address, choose a password that you'll remember, select your sex and birthdate, and you're in. Advice - keep your privacy settings fairly high to prevent spam. The friend list on both sites is growing every day, and we're getting Knights from all around West Haven and around the country. If you can't get to the club, you'll find a lot of us on FB. Check out our friend lists, and sent requests to any of the people you know. Once they confirm you, you can visit each others pages and comment on their posts, send messages and chat with them. Use the Search feature to find old friends, school chums, family members, etc.

Feast Of St. Lawrence	John Anderson
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On August 10, St. Lawrence Church will hold Evening Prayer at 7 P.M. for the feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. Benediction will follow. A special collection of food will also be made to benefit W.H.E.A.T. All are invited to attend. St. Lawrence is located at 207 Main Street in West Haven. For additional information, please **contact John Anderson at 203-931-1776.**

Bluefish Ball Game	Rich Antosca
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The Bridgeport Bluefish will take the field at Harbor Yard on Saturday, August 7th, against the Camden River-sharks at 6:05 PM. The Knights have a block of tickets, so we'll all be together in one group, and, if past experience is any measure, we should all have a great time. Tickets are **\$10 for adults, \$8 for children 4 thru 12.** The local team always puts out a good effort. We look forward to you joining us for this great social event. A very fine fireworks display will follow the game. **Call 203-640-7783 for tickets.**

Humor	Editor
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From Bill Engvall's "Here's Your Sign", Rutledge Hill Press, c 2005:

A fire truck went flying past me with its siren going. My wife asked, "Do you think they're on the way to a fire?" I said, "No, they're just in a really fast parade." / I was at the zoo with my family and a woman asked me, "Is that a baby monkey?" I said, "No, we just haven't shaved our son yet." / My wife was running her hand across my face because it was so smooth and asked me if I had just shaved. I said, "No, I sucked in really hard and pulled the hairs back into my face." /

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District Deputy	Editor
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We welcome District Deputy Ray Potkay back as our D.D. He will be working with Fr. Curtin, Fr. Pinto and H.H. John Paul II Councils for the next fraternal year. With all the plans we have for 2010-2011 we will need all the help that our District Deputy can bring to bear. We pray for God's grace to help him in the coming year.

New Officers	Editor
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Congratulations to the officers of the Council, Club and Assembly who were elected at the end of the last fraternal year. Their terms officially start on the first of July and run through June 30, 2011. Please pray for God's blessings on these men in their efforts on behalf of our order. The jobs don't seem to require much work until you get to do it. Then - Surprise! There's more than meets the eye.

WH Italian Festival	Rich Antosca
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The Council will have a booth again this year at the West Haven Italian Festival. This annual celebration of Italian heritage will take place on September 11th from Noon to 10 PM. The location is on Campbell Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Blohm Street. Please be sure to stop by and say hello, You're also more than welcome to hang with us and meet all your West Haven friends as they pass by. Last year it seemed as though the entire city was there. This event is a chance for us to combine public relations for the Knights with some fund-raising and recruiting.

WH Apple Festival	Rich Antosca
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Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 2 from 9 AM to 7 PM and Sunday October 3 from Noon to 5 PM are the dates and hours of the Annual West Haven Apple Festival on the Green. We will be manning a booth here for the 4th year in a row. Past years have been very successful in that we have gained several new members and raised a bit of money for our charitable works, while interacting with a whole lot of wonderful people. We get a chance to tell folks what the Knights are all about, engage in great fun with our Lollipop Tree, and have a ball with the little ones as they try to toss beanbags into "Old Smiley" in exchange for a piece of candy.

Manning the booth at this event never seems like work at all. It's getting to visit with friends and neighbors while getting credit for Council activity. We look forward to seeing you as you stop by with the kids and grandkids. While you're here, hang out for a while and I'm sure you'll meet somebody you haven't seen in a while.

<p>Bar Hours</p> <p>Tuesday & Wednesday 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM</p> <p>Friday 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Closed Monday & Thursday</p>



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Giant Tag Sale Rich Antosca

The Council is planning a Tag Sale for the third weekend in October. If you've been considering getting rid of some old "white elephant" item that's been under-foot, please hold on to it instead of putting it out for the trash. Instead, donate it to the tag sale so that we can use that unwanted stuff to try to raise more funds for our charitable works in the community. We should have our plans finalized in another month, and will pass on the details in our website and on our Council and Assembly FaceBook pages

Humor, Cont. Editor

We were eating dinner the other night at an Italian restaurant and I was having spaghetti & meatballs. Just as I was about to take a bite, the guy at the next table asked, "Hey, is that spaghetti?" I said, "No, it's extremely long rice." / A lady came up to me and asked, "Are you wearing cologne?" I said, "No, ma'am, I just drank a bottle of Aramis and I'm sweating it out now." / I bought a hot dog at a ball game and a guy in line behind me asked, "Is that a hot dog?" I said, "No, it's a tubular Reuben sandwich." / We had our house painted green while our neighbor was on vacation. When he came back he asked why our house was green. I said, "Because it's sick." / I took my friend out waterskiing. While he was in the water putting on his skis, another boat came by and the driver yelled, "Hey, y'all gonna water-ski?" I said, "Nope. We're trolling for sharks, and he's the bait." / My friend was over at the house the other day when my cat walked into the room. My friend asked, "Is that your cat?" I said, "No, it's a rat that just crawled out of the clothes drier." / The other day I was sitting on the sofa watching a football game. My wife walked in and asked, "Are you watching TV?" I said, "No, I am trying to move it across the room with mental telepathy."

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