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Grand Knight Letter

"Building a better world"

Every day, Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference-whether through community service, raising money or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world.

I would like to thank each and every Brother Knight for their time, compassion in helping our church, and council. Our council is where it is because of the hard work that you have put into it.

God Bless,

Michael Howell

Grand Knight

March 2016 Family of the Month Andy and Carol Aldax



Andy & Carol are both natives of Carson Valley and graduated from Douglas High School. They were married February 8, 1964 at the old St. Gall Church on Main Street and raised three children.

The oldest is Mark. He and his wife, Alison, live in Turlock, CA and have two daughters, Lindsey 22, will graduate in May from Chico State and Rachel 20, is a sophomore at UNR.

Daughter Julie and her husband Scott live in Reno and have 2 sons. Seth 13, is in 7th grade at Swope Middle School and Lewis 11, is a 5th grader at Jesse Beck Elementary School.

Son Gary also lives in Reno and works at the Sanford Center for Aging at the University of Nevada, Reno.

In 2007, Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) created the Andy Aldax Award for Exemplary Service in Conservation and Protection of the Carson River Watershed to honor Andy Aldax, a CWSD Board member who served from its inception in 1959 until 2012. Andy has been a life-long resident, farmer, and dairyman in the Carson Valley of northern Nevada and has demonstrated an ongoing dedication to improving his community, as well as the Carson River Watershed.

Andy and Carol are active in our parish. Andy is on the Finance Committee and an usher. Carol is on the Liturgy Committee and a Eucharistic Minister. Andy is always a willing volunteer in our council and currently helps with Bingo popcorn and is Vice President of the Columbus Hall of Immaculate Mary Corporation.

Andy and Carol feel truly blessed to have lived their lives and raised their children in this beautiful Valley. They are also blessed for their wonderful St. Gall Family and honored to be the St. Gall Knights of Columbus Family of the Month.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser and Scramble Golf Tournament

Ron Bankofier is coordinating a golf tournament fundraiser for our Council on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Genoa Lakes Golf Club. The \$85 entry fee includes a round of golf with cart, range balls, and lunch. The format is 4-person scramble with a 9 am check in and 10 am shotgun start. The event will be held in conjunction with the State Council Annual Convention at Lake Tahoe that weekend to allow some of the Statewide Brothers to enjoy a day on the golf course together. See last page of this newsletter for the printable entry form. Entries will be accepted until April 15, 2016.

2015-2016 Community Service Bingos

Each year the council selects up to 5 Bingos to raise money for Carson Valley community service organizations. For this year a minimum of \$500 is donated to each of these organization. Each player over 130 increases the minimum donation by \$10. Our Back Pack Buddies dedicated bingo on March 11, 2016 brought in 155 players and we made an \$800 Donation. The following organizations remaining this fiscal year are listed below. Come help or play and support both our council and these service organizations.

Between Horses and Humans – April 22, 2016

Suicide Prevention – May 13, 2016

Carson Valley Trails Association – June 24, 2016

4th Degree Exemplification

Our northern neighbor, Sierra Madre Council 4781, Carson City, is hosting the Northwest Nevada 4th Degree Exemplification on May 14, 2016. If you're a 3rd degree knight take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the patriotic degree and complete your degree levels. Contact Jeff Smeath at 742-6199.

Columbus Hall of Immaculate Mary Corporation

A proposed Lease Agreement for the Columbus Hall was sent to all members of the Council. A discussion and vote for approval are on the agenda for the Officer's Meeting on April 11th and the Council Meeting on April 13th, 2016.

Lawyer Nancy Jackson, Brothers Mike Mullins and Jim Baushke finalized the proposed agreement. We need these votes of approval at our April meetings so we can maintain our construction schedule without incurring a work stoppage. It will then be forwarded to the Parish (Fr. Paul) for signature.

Any questions can be directed to Mike Mullins or Jim Baushke.

A Note from our Insurance Agent

Insurance Check-Up for 2016

Where did 2015 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2015. Now, the first quarter of 2016 has flown by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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