



"The opportunity to serve together"

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Father's Day!

Father's Day poses as just the perfect occasion to express feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to every dad in the world. Though the day is celebrated with utmost fervor and enthusiasm in the present times, things were not the same. Father's Day celebration had a modest beginning. The history of Father's Day dates back to 1909, in Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd was listening to a Mother's Day sermon, at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church. The lecture inspired her to have a special day dedicated to her father, William Jackson Smart, who had brought her up and her siblings, single-handedly, after their mother died.

Sonora could realize the greatness of her father and wanted to let him know how deeply she was touched by his sacrifices, courage, selflessness and love. To pay a tribute to her great dad, Sonora held the first Father's Day celebration on 19th of June 1910, on the birthday of her father. She was the first to solicit the idea of having an official Father's Day observance. However, unlike Mother's Day, which was readily accepted, Father's Day was received with mockery and hilarity. Though the day was gaining attention, it was mostly for the wrong reasons. Jokes, satire, parody and derision were all that the day was commemorated for.

In 1913, a bill in accordance with making the day official was introduced. The idea was approved by US President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. Later, in 1924, the idea gained further momentum as it was supported by President Calvin Coolidge. In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. However, it was thirty years later that a Joint

Resolution of Congress gave recognition to Father's Day. Another 16 years passed before President Richard Nixon established the third Sunday of June, as a permanent national observance day of Father's Day in 1972.

The day was primarily nationalized in the honor of all good fathers, who contribute as much to the family as a mother, in their own ways. Another theory states that even before Dodd came into the picture, Dr. Robert Webb of West Virginia is believed to have conducted the first Father's Day service in 1908 at the Central Church of Fairmont. However, it was the colossal efforts of Dodd, which made it possible for the day to acquire national recognition. The white and red rose was made the official flowers for Father's Day celebration. While the white rose commemorated gratitude for a father, who was deceased, a red rose expressed thankfulness to one, who was living.



Outgoing Grand Knight's Message



Brothers All,

We have come to the end of another Columbian Year.

It was a privilege to serve our council as Grand Knight and to welcome our new Grand Knight, Brother Richard Brown.

During the 2009 Columbian year we continued to support the parishes of St. Anthony and St. Barnabas hosting four major events, the Boy Scouts pancake breakfast and three Lenten fish dinners. The proceeds from the dinners going to the Portsmouth Senior Center, St. Anthony, St. Barnabas, and the Catholic Youth Basketball League. We also held our annual Christmas party at Anthony House. In addition to the many charities and organizations we help support on the Island, we are raising money to purchase an ultra-sound for Woman to Woman in Newport.

We recruited two new Brother Knights into our council.

This past year was not without difficulties relating to the Council's income. We have seen a drop in our income due to the economic slow down. We expect this downturn to continue for the near future, however, our Council remains financially strong.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the help and support of my fellow Officers and Brother Knights and pray that our new Grand Knight, Brother Richard Brown, may be blessed by the Holy Spirit in leading our council during this coming Columbian year.

Vivat Jésus,
Richard Kane, Immediate Past Grand Knight

Incoming Grand Knight's Message



Brothers All,

To begin my message, I would like to share a little of my background.

My wife, Linda and I moved to Portsmouth with our three children in 1992. We have been members of St. Anthony's Church for the entire time we have been living in Portsmouth. During this time I have been involved with the Choir, taught CCD and Confirmation classes, currently lecture at various masses and serve on the Parish Council. We have always thought if you are going to be a member of a church, then it's important to be involved in the life of the church.

I have been a Brother Knight for only two years. I joined the Knights of Columbus because I was looking for an organization that would allow me to provide service to our community with the fellowship of Christian brothers. I am excited to have been given the opportunity to serve as this council's Grand Knight. I see our council as a group of dedicated Brothers and Sir Knights willing to cheerfully participate in activities that will provide a service to our fellow residents of Portsmouth.

The new Columbian year will be filled with many activities that we have participated in for many years and a few that will be new. The new fund raisers are due to the contribution of the newly recruited Brother Knights. A new recruit equals new ideas. We will need to continue to create new ideas for ways to generate funds needed by so many groups that the Knights of Columbus support. I pray that we will continue to attract new recruits in the coming Columbian year.

Vivat Jésus,
Richard Brown, Grand Knight

Fr. Christopher S. Rooney Council 3618 Schedule of Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINT OF CONTACT	COMMENTS
July 18	St Anthony's Feast Parade	10:00 AM	Grand Knight	Portuguese American Club Grounds
Aug 12	Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM	Grand Knight	St. Anthony Church Meeting Room
Sept 9	Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM	Grand Knight	St. Anthony Church Meeting Room
Sep 23	Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM	Grand Knight	St. Anthony Church Meeting Room
Oct 2	Oktoberfest	6:00 PM	Mark McMannus	St. Barnabas Church

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE PICTURES!



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