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Hendersonville Council # 9132

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Grand Knight's Dec. Message

Brother Knights:

Merry Christmas Brother Knights. I wish all of you the happiest of holiday season with your families and friends. Please keep those that are less fortunate than us in your prayers and be sure, as always, to remember those in our armed forces that will not have the opportunity to see their families this Christmas. If you know someone overseas and can reach them, consider sending them a card or an e-mail in time for the holidays. It would mean a lot.

There are a number of activities going on this month that you will want to learn more about. The Council approved a \$200 donation to the parish's Angel Tree program that provides assorted gifts for needy children and their families this Christmas. I would encourage you and your families to consider sponsoring a child, adult or a family this Christmas. Visit the tree in the gathering space at church. Charity is the virtue upheld by all First Degree Knights of Columbus. Remember and support, as you can, those in need of love and assistance this Christmas Season.

The Council's Annual Christmas Party for all Knights and their Families will be held on Saturday, December 18th in the social hall. What a great time for all Brothers to come out in support of this wonderful tradition for every Knight and his family. Santa Claus will be visiting us this year and I am sure will have a bag loaded with "goodies" for the children. Bring all those little ones in your home out in force and don't forget your teenagers too! It is truly a festive event that you won't want to miss. We kick off the event shortly after the conclusion of the 5:30 Mass so we'll see you there between 6:30 and 7. Dan Kula, this year's event Chairman promises it will be a fun evening for all!

Our next council meeting will be the following night beginning at 6pm with a special holiday treat from our talented Lecturer Brother Bob Gillespie. You won't want to miss this special meeting that begins with our holiday happy hour sponsored by our Social Committee headed by its Co-Chairmen Brothers Dan Kula and Mike Rector. Mark your calendars, Palm Pilots and Blackberries for Sunday, December 19th, out last regularly scheduled Council Meeting for 2004.

The calendar will be filling up as we end 2004 and head into 2005. Come learn what's new, exciting, and rewarding by spending an evening with your fellow brothers! You'll be glad you did.

Hope to see you all on the 18th and again on the 19th.

In His and Your Service, Joe

"Work is the greatest thing in the world, so make sure you save some for tomorrow."

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/18 Christmas Party - 6:30 PM

12/19 4th Deg Assembly - 5 PM

12/19 Monthly Council Mtg

01/30 Youth Free Throw Contest

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened." -- Winston Churchill

Highlights from the Nov. Meeting

There were 43 Knights in attendance.

Meeting was called to order for the 1st degree at 7:05 pm after the usual great meal put on by Chef Bob Gillespie at 6 pm.. There were 4 candidates; Bill Hahn, Joe Wall, Clint Taylor, and Cary Justice. We welcome you all.

Motion made to dispense with the previous meeting minutes. Was seconded and passed.

We had a guest, Fred Bailey, from Gallatin, who works with children and young adults. He is blind, but he gave a marvelous speech of how the cycle of low moral values and lack of work ethics needs to be broken so these people can grow up to be self dependent and be active and productive members of society. We thank him for an insightful speech. He needs some people to help. In addition to help with tutoring, he requested lawyers, doctors, engineers, etc. to please come to talk to these children. Hopefully when the professionals talk to these children they will get inspired to do good, and see that they can do it themselves.

Got a thank you from Katherine Fox for the help with postage to the troops in Iraq.

There will be a State Assembly meeting on December 4th, with Mass and meetings. We will have some officers attend.

There was a letter from the State Supreme that our illustrious financial secretary's tenure is about to run out. Since a term lasts for 3 years and time is about to expire, the officers that need to sign the approval gave concurrence. John will remain as Financial Secretary.

John Bolger, our financial secretary, advised that we grossed \$3,494 on the MR Foundation Tootsie Roll Drive. The cost for the candy was \$690 of which 50% will be paid by the Gallatin council. Barbara Shinnault purchased the remainder of the Tootsie Rolls for the church for \$102. This will give us a net of \$3,251. There were some locations that did not do very good this year due to construction. John thanked all that helped and advised that next year we will have more sites and that we will need more help with the drive.

John also advised that our current balance is \$8,585, with some pending bills and some monies coming in from the Titan games.

Dan Kula advised that we will again have a Christmas party for Knights and families and asked for some volunteers, of which he got 4 to volunteer. There was a motion made to give up to \$750 for the party. Motion passed.

Joe Staub asked that we help with the Angel tree, like we did last year. Motion made and passed to donate \$200.

Jim Galvin will go to Haiti this coming February and will give the council an assessment of the conditions and needs there at our sister parish.

Brian Davis gave us an account of the Titan situation. He deferred to Ed Corbitt. Ed advised that we now have the south end zone booth back. We will have to see how we can maintain the situation and see how it goes from there.

Joe Staub looked at the church calendar and advised that he reserved Friday thru Sunday, April 8, 9, and 10, of next year for the Silent Auction. He is looking for some volunteers and advised that it would take about 20-25 people to help pull a good auction off.

Fr Bevington advised that he needs help for a certain lady to move

and requested for some volunteers. This person is moving Sat Dec 4th, in the 10 to 2 time frame.

Mike Rector needs help for some yard work for a needy person this coming weekend.

Paul Zola advised that Sunday Feb 6th, 2005 is the Super Bowl party. Larry Phillips is supposed to have the hall reserved.

There were no prayer requests at this time.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jim O'Dell. He took home \$42.

Jonathon Davis' number was drawn for the Nov. jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$184.

"Money won't buy you friends but you get a better class of enemy" - Spike Mulligan

Did You Know

That in the year ending June 30, 2004, volunteer outreach was at record highs of \$130 million raised and donated to charity and 61 million hours of service?

That people do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more?

That in the year ending June 30, 2004, a record of 4,090 new contracts of long-term care products were issued bring the total number of contracts in force to 12,576?

That 40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute?

That, in the year ending June 30, 2004, charitable gifts from state and local councils and assemblies and Squires totaled \$108.5 million with \$ 43.5 million going to the church activities, \$48.5 million to community activities and \$16.5 million to youth activities?

"If your parents never had children, chances are you won't either." - Dick Cavett

Family Christmas Party Scheduled Santa to Visit the Kids



The Knight's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 18th, at 6:30pm in the OLOL Social Hall. We will feature a free meal & beverage. We request that all Knights & their Ladies or Significant Others bring a covered dish and/or dessert.

Last year we had over 100 attendees. We invite all Knights & their families to attend. A special invitation is extended to all prospective members and their families.

We plan to have a visit from Santa. He will present gifts to all the children. A children's menu will be offered and there will be special children's games and activities.

The following Knights and their Ladies are on the committee: Doug Blake, Dave Eliskovich, Dan Kula, Jerry Rousselle, & Joe Staub .

"Give a man a fish and he has food for a day: teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend." - Zenna Schaffer

New Council/Assembly Web Site

Joe Wall is putting together a web site for our Council. He wants to put pictures of all the Council and Assembly officers and committee chairmen on the site.

If Joe doesn't already have your picture please come to the December meeting so he can get one. For those of you who have any left, comb your hair

"Age can come with wisdom, or it can come alone."

New Brothers

At our November meeting we had 6 new Brothers enter our Council, one transferee and 5 who received their First Degree Exemplification.

Receiving their First Degree were Cary Justice, Bill Hahn, Father Lucas, Clint Taylor, and Joe Wall. Transferring into our Council was Daryl Spindler.

Cary Justice was born in Memphis and has lived in this area for about 10 years. Cary is a Chiropractor with an office in Madison. He is also the varsity basketball coach at St. Joseph's school.

Bill Hahn is a plumber with Procter and Graves Service Co. He and his wife Marilyn are longtime residents of middle Tn.

Clint Taylor came here from Baton Rouge 8 years ago. He is a student at UT Chattanooga and is studying for his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. His e-mail address is daperDan@comcast.net.

Joe Wall, originally from New Jersey, moved here 6 months ago from Maryville, TN. with his wife, Marie. He works for Farmers Insurance and his email address is JoeWall@Comcast.net

Father Lucas as we know is from India and has been here at OLOL since August.

Daryl Spindler is transferring from the Evansville, IN council. He is plant manager at the Imperial Group facility in Portland. He and his wife, Renee, with their two boys have been in Hendersonville for 7 years. His email address is DARYLSPINDLER@Comcast.net.



New Brothers

Back Row -Father Lucas, Daryl Spindler (transferee), Bill Hahn, Joe Wall
Seated - Clint Taylor, Cary Justice

A couple were returning to their seats after a trip to the movie theater concession stand.

"Did I step on your toes on the way out?" the guy asked the man at the end of the row.

"You certainly did," the man responded angrily.

"All right," the husband said to his wife. "This is our row." - Readers Digest

Year of the Eucharist

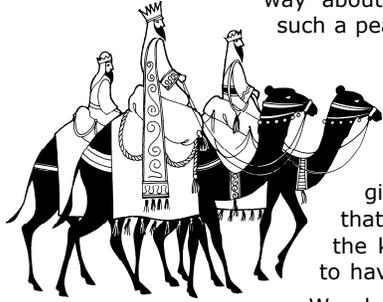
Our November "Columbia" magazine contains an article on The Year of the Eucharist (October 2004-2005) as proclaimed by Pope John Paul II. The article encourages all Knights to find a way to make this year a "time for renewed fervor, devotion, commitment and faith involving Jesus in the Eucharist".

One way Knights of Council 9132 can make this renewal is to take part in our parish's Eucharistic Adoration devotion (as many currently do). It takes only an hour a week and rewards you with an quiet time to forget your troubles and to move closer to the Lord.

Hours when we particularly need an additional adorer are posted on the Adoration table in the Narthex. There is also a signup form on the table.

Fraternal Benefits News Happy and Holy Holidays!

I would like to extend to you my sincere best wishes for a holy and happy holiday season. I imagine you feel the same way about the Christmas season as I do - such a peaceful, happy time.



But just take one moment to ask yourself what your family's Christmas would be like if you weren't here. This year, why not give them the most precious gift of all - a life insurance plan that will allow them to have, always, the kind of Christmas you want them to have.

We have plans that will guarantee income for your family's future - for just a few dollars a month.

Enjoy this season of celebration. Please call me for an appointment and we will discuss a gift of security and protection from you to your loved ones.

Vivat Jesus! Marshall Garrison (615-898-1868)

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin.

At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

'Children Are People, Inc' Needs Our Help

Freddy Bailey of Children Are People, Inc gave a talk at the November meeting on the work he does with disadvantaged children. Freddy believes that we must break the cycle of dependency on governmental welfare and his organization strives to teach youth that they must be independent and take charge of themselves. He believes that they need to dream and to know that they can become anything they want to be if they work to achieve their dream.

Mr. Bailey tries to intervene with youth when they are in early grades and then give them the skills and drive they need to succeed. He said Knights could help in many ways such as:

- Give an hour a week to help teach math, English and reading skills, or
- Give an hour a week to drive a van or
- Volunteer to become a role model for these kids and meet with those that want to grow up and work in your profession.

Children Are People can be reached at 230-5702.



Freddy Bailey of 'Children Are People, Inc' talks to Knights at Nov Mtg

Tootsie Roll Drive

Final results from the Tootsie Roll Drive show that we now have an additional \$3251 to help operate our homes for the mentally challenged in Sumner County.

Congratulations go to John Bolger for another fine job chairing this activity. Keep in mind for next year that John could have used even more help with this project.

Q: What does Father Christmas write on his cards at Christmas?

A: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ (no-L)

Free Throw contest - Jan 30

Our annual Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, Jan 30, at 1 pm at JPII High School gym. The gym will be open from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Signup information will be coming in the January newsletter and in the bulletin at Mass or you can ask Chairman Steve Mantegani for further details.

Q: What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A: It's Christmas, Eve!

Cell Phone Directory HeadsUp

A directory of cell phone numbers will soon be published for all consumers to have access to. This will open the doors for solicitors to call you on your cell phones, using up precious minutes that we pay lots of money for.

The Federal Trade Commission has set up a "do not call" list. It is called a cell phone registry. To be included on the "do not call" list, you must call from the number you wish to register. The number is 1-888-382-1222 OR you can go to their web site at <<http://www.donotcall.gov/>> and add your number to the do not call list. Give this to friends who have cell phones.

Q: What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

A: Crisp Cringle.

Phone & E-mail List

The editor intended to publish the Council phone list this issue since we have several new Brothers. However, there just wasn't room. The phone list will be published in January which usually has less to report and will try to get the e-mail list in the February issue.



*A Blessed and
Merry Christmas to All*