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Grand Knight's Jan Message

Brother Knights -

Happy New Year to you and your families. Now that the bitter cold that gripped us all through the Christmas break is slowly turning a balmy 60 degrees, it's time to be thinking of the New Year and consider making some resolutions for the New Year! I, for one, plan on dropping another 15 pounds for starters. Too much liquid refreshments and carbs in my diet. My wife plans on having me on the South Beach Diet so we'll find out if it works or if I end up switching to Margaritas.....

Speaking of resolutions, why not consider making one that commits you to getting out of the house a little more this year and join your fellow Brothers at Council 9132? We have a busy few months coming up and I know that you would enjoy spending some time with us. Our New Year gets kicked off on Sunday evening January 16th with our regular Council meeting. We start at 6pm (not 7pm as the sign in the church vestibule says) with our signature Social Hour. Come spend some quality time with your Brothers and be fed well by our own Bob Gillespie who always does a great job. Our monthly Council meeting kicks off at 6:45pm and we have a number of topics that will require your input.

Our Council's Free Throw Contest will be January 30th. Steve Mantegani will fill us all in on the details at the Council Meeting. Shortly after that Our Super Bowl Extravaganza will be held one week later on February 6th. You won't want to miss that one. Larry Phillips and Paul Zola PROMISE it will be BIGGER AND BETTER than last year... Can't wait to hear about it guys!

Dan Kula has a number of new social programs that he will be talking about including a Mardi Gras Festival, a St. Patrick's Day Green Beer Event and then in April we will be having a New and Enhanced Silent Auction that is planned for the entire weekend of April 8-10th. It's going to be a blast and we'll need your help to make it work.

As you can see, we're going to be off and running in January. We're in need of your participation and help so please consider becoming involved as much as you can and come share in the excitement that is brewing. We miss you when you're not a part of the brotherhood so come join us on the 16th and beyond...

Wishing you and your family a most happy, safe and blessed New Year.

In His and Your Service, Joe

Did you hear what Noah said to his sons when they went fishing over the side of the Ark? "Be careful--those are the only two worms we have!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01/16 4th Deg Assembly - 5 PM**
- 01/16 Monthly Council Mtg - Social Hr 6 PM**
- 01/24 32nd Annual March for Life**
- 01/29 Mardi Gras Party**
- 01/30 Free Throw Contest**
- 02/06 Super Bowl Party**

"It is not impossibilities which fill us with the deepest despair, but possibilities which we have failed to realize." - Robert Mallet

Highlights from the December Meeting

There were 26 Knights in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Grand Knight Joe Staub who welcomed our new transferee from St Joseph's Council, Don Backhurst.

Request for all 4th degree Brothers to wear regalia to the January meeting for pictures to be put on the web page.

Joe Hall gave a presentation about the new web site. It will cost the council \$6.95 per month for 2 years. More information to follow.

Haiti group requested that \$500 of the \$1,000 that the Knights gave for 20 children be used to purchase books, desks,..etc. It was declined and the Haiti group will use the total amount as the Knights requested.

Joe Staub advised that the angel tree was a huge success. Over \$5,000 was raised for the needy families and kids. Our thanks to the wives and all that helped with this worthy cause.

Joe made a motion to give \$100 Christmas gifts to Sister Maria and Barbara Shinnault. Grand Knight discretion will be used.

Motion made and passed to have Bill Grist and Jerry Tachoir take Fr Bevington and Fr Tomy out for Christmas dinner and to buy them a gift.

Richard Smith requested help for the Christmas Day Titans game. We know this is a most sacred day for all, but if you can find the time, please sign up for this night game.

The Music City Bowl will be the 31st at 11:00 am. Help will also be needed for this game. See Fran Varboncoeur.

The silent auction looks to be one of our best functions for next year. Please see Joe Staub. He needs about 25 members to help.

Mike Rector thanked all those who helped with the yard work for Miss Hall. She is a parishioner and it was greatly appreciated. Fr Bevington was also thankful.

John Bolger advised that the Sumner Housing will need our assistance this coming spring. So get your hammer and nail muscles in practice.

The 50/50 drawing for \$20 was won by Fran Varboncoeur

Fran Varboncoeur's number was drawn for the December jackpot. He being present, won \$184. Next month's jackpot will be \$20.

"Too many people get their exercise by jumping to conclusions, running up bills, stretching the truth, bending over backward, lying down on the job, sidestepping responsibility and pushing their luck.

Transferee

Our newest Brother in Council 9132 is Dan Backhurst who is transferring from the St. Joseph Council. Don works at Peterbilt and he and his wife, Tonia, live in Hendersonville. Don's e-mail address is DandTBackhurst@CS.com.

"Nice guys finish last... but they have the most people waiting to greet them at the finish line." -- Ben J. Nelson

All Fourth Degree Knights are asked to bring/wear their regalia to the January meeting for a group photograph for the new web site.

Knights in Shining Armor

The Shining Armor Award is given to the men who exemplify the characteristics of a Knight: faith, dedication, and camaraderie.

As a first year Knight you may qualify for this Shining Armor Award by:

- being involved in at least three council service programs
- attending at least three business meetings
- receiving your Second and Third Degrees.
- meeting with the Council's insurance representative
- recruiting at least one new member

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone.

"It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Did You Know

That the KofC in partnership with Sisters of Life and the Diocese of Bridgeport have opened the first-of-its-kind retreat center devoted to all aspects of pro-life work?

That the three most common fears are spiders, people and social situations, and flying?

That Knights from all over the US will join tens of thousands in the 32nd Annual March for Life in Washington, DC, on Jan 24?

That the five most commonly grown fruits on earth are grapes, bananas, apples, coconuts, and plantains?

That annually, Knights at state and local levels report raising and contributing more than \$4 million for pro-life programs?

That the three most common US town names are Midway, Fairview, and Oak Grove?

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

New Web Site

One of our new Brothers, Joe Wall, has set up a web site for our Council and Assembly. Council and Assembly activities, events calendar, monthly newsletter etc. will be available for review. Also included is a password protected membership list for both the Council and Assembly and a write-up on becoming a Knight.

Give this SPAM protected site a look at <http://www.kofctn9132.org>.

For more information, give Joe a hollar at joewall1@comcast.net.

Fraternal Benefits News

Seven Resolutions for New Yr

1. Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent. First things first: Life insurance protects your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family is protected - come what may. As your field agent I will happily provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Please give me a call!

2. Don't spend more than you earn. We expect the government to balance the budget, but what about our own finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.

3. Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures. Without self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If you can't figure out where your money goes, save the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.

4. Take advantage of all savings options available to you. Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you. (P.S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs in the U.S. and RRSPs in Canada.)

5. Adopt a long-term perspective. Beware of get-rich-quick schemes - few of them work. Instead, patience is the more productive approach - and it requires less of your daily energy. A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.

6. Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible. Would you have bought that \$1,000 big screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest typically charged by a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months...if not years.

7. Be prepared for unexpected expenditures. When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples of these expenses might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs - maybe even a discretionary purchase, such as that big-screen television.

Call me today for details. I want to help.

Vivat Jesus!

Marshall Garrison (615-898-1868)

There are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there. - Indira Gandhi

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Mardi Gras Party - Jan 29

Social Chairman Dan Kula has announced that he is planning a Mardi Gras Party & Dinner at Breaux's Restaurant on Saturday, January 29.

Final planning is now underway and more details will be available at the Jan. meeting.

So plan to attend and keep your eyes and ears open for the details which will be announced at the meeting and also will be published on our Council Web site (<http://www.kofctn9132.org>).



A little girl told her friend, "I can be sick for nothing because my father's a doctor."

"That's no big deal," her playmate replied. "I can be good for nothing because my father's a minister."

Super Bowl Party

The annual KofC Super Bowl party will take place on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Glen Oaks Clubhouse starting at 3:30 pm. This is a family affair for everyone who wants to watch the game.

Attendees are asked to bring snacks, chips, pretzels, etc. Mike Rector, Craig Gonszewski, and Paul Zola will supply chicken wings, shrimp, and Rector's "world famous

Chili". Paul and Fran Varboncoeur will also supply a large pasta salad. The Council will supply liquid refreshments for young and old.

Game time is at 5:00, so party will start around 3:30 to allow for half-time door prize tickets and football pool to be sold. We will also have sweat shirts and tee shirts as always as door prizes.

Come and bring the family - at least those that would enjoy the game.

A Southern Baptist minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he then sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365....." "Shall We Gather at the River.".....

Christmas Party Enjoyed by All

A good crowd of 110 Knights and families enjoyed themselves at the recent Christmas party on Dec 18. Santa in the person of Bruce Janson paid a visit and passed out presents to the 27 children there. Bruce was pressed into service when the regular Santa, Wayne Boger, was hospitalized days before the event for a heart bypass operation. (The evening started with a special prayer for Wayne's speedy recovery.)

New this year was an Arts & Crafts table that was enjoyed by children of all ages.

The evening was topped off with what everyone described as a "fantastic" meal. The tenderloin and gourmet chicken entree was prepared by Dave Eliskovich and Joe Staub with all attendees contributing a covered dish or dessert. There was enough food for the party and to cover the next night's meeting and also provide some for the Room at the Inn folks.

Congratulations for a great party go to Social Chairman Dan Kula who wants to "sincerely thank all who made the evening a very special event....especially the following Knights & Ladies....Doug Blake, Dave & Carmen Eliskovich, Bruce Janson, Nancy Kula, Gerry & Judy Rousselle, and Joe & Gail Staub."

For those Knights that didn't attend this fun time, especially those with small children, you need to put a reminder on your 2005 calendar so you don't miss it next December.

Mike Rector Appointed District Deputy

Our own Mike Rector has been appointed the District Deputy for District 10.

This is quite an honor and we congratulate Mike on his appointment. Based on his work in Council 9132, we know he will do a fine job.

Knights Help Parishioner

Several Knights, in a project organized by Mike Rector, recently helped out a lady OLOL parishioner with some yard work that she was very grateful to get done.

The Knights spent about 3 hours taking down an old privacy fence, removing a lot of brush and cleaning the house gutters.

Helping Mike on this project were Danny and Mike Bertotti, Joe Staub and Fran Varboncoeur and Gail Staub who provided some much appreciated snacks and beverages for the workers.

Free Throw Competition set

Chairman Steve Mantegani has announced final details for the Free Throw contest which will be held on Sunday, Jan 30.

Registration and competition will be from 1pm to 2:30pm in the Pope John Paul II high school main gym. Any youth ages 10-14 inclusive (as of 1/1/05) from the Hendersonville and surrounding area are eligible to compete. Registration forms are available at OLOL.

There will be separate divisions for boys and girls in each age group. Winners will advance to the District competition on Sunday, Feb 13, at St. Anne's.

Steve encourages all Brother Knights to invite/bring a participant; your son or daughter, a relative, a neighbor, your child's friend from school or church. The only restriction is that each youth may only participate in ONE local council event.

Steve has about 6 volunteers now but could use another 8-10 Brothers to assist with the competition (rebound balls, keep scores, etc.). If you can help, call Steve at 826-0976 or e-mail him at steve.mantegani@cumulus.com.

Scenes from the Christmas Party



Looks Like They Are Having a Good Time



Are You Going to Leave Me Any Cookies and Milk on Christmas Eve?



Some of the Attendees Enjoy the Great Meal