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Grand Knight's November Message

Brother Knights:

I have just been thinking about what we have been doing in the past month, and am writing this letter while serving as an *Innkeeper* at our Room in the Inn program.

November is not only the month of Veterans Day, but it is most known for the Thanksgiving holiday. (It seems like that should be two words. Thanks Giving.)

It is truly amazing how much we have to be thankful for in any given day, say nothing about thirty days.

We started out with Oktoberfest. Set-up and tear-down looked like an army of ants. There were so many people involved in making this happen. We had one of the biggest turn outs that we have ever had and everyone really enjoyed themselves, even the funny looking Elf. (Note to the Editor: Don't you dare!)

Next was the Bike Ride Across Scenic Sumner. We had all-hands-on-deck building PBJ's and manning relief stations. Thanks to all who did the road painting, our new Knight Tom Benim made it all the way around the 65 mile route without getting lost.

We had a group of police bikers riding in memory of police officers killed in the line of duty adding special meaning to the ride this year. Special thanks to Larry Phillips for directing this event again. Great job, Larry.

We have had several brothers selling tickets for parking at Titans games and continuing to raise funds for the Council and the Assembly. I would like to challenge each of you to work just one game. 200 knights x \$8.50 pr. hr. x 6 hrs = \$10,200. FOR SITTING IN A CHAIR. HELLO? Contact Mitch Parochka 264-1167

We provided the cooks for the Annual Homebound Meals Pancake Breakfast once again this year, raising money for their Meals on Wheels Program. Thanks guys.

Please join me in welcoming our new Brother Knights: Tom Benim, Dan Bernier, Mike Elmore, and Jeff Yelle and transferee Mike O'Connor. We hope this will become for you what it is to us.

Last weekend was one our most meaningful annual events. The Tootsie Roll Drive. We had an outstanding response to the appeal for help that John Bolger sent out for this. We were able to raise approximately \$4,000 for the M R Foundation.

These funds will all come back and be donated to Sumner Special Housing and be used to provide group housing for mentally handicapped citizens in Gallatin and Portland. There is a new home soon to be in the process of being built in Portland. The Council and the Assembly have approved the donation of an additional \$1,000 to this, in Memory of Carlton Russell.

Kenny Janson has asked me to request materials and labor for a Knights of Columbus area in the memorial garden. He would like to build a small area and call it the Carlton Russell Memorial Garden. There would be a border with paving stones that could have the names of fallen brothers installed as time goes on. I think this is a wonderful idea and would like you to ask Kenny what you can do to help with this.

I would like to extend my personal appreciation to our grounds crew

for the wonderful work that they do all year round making Our Lady of the Lake a beautiful place. You guys really make this place look great.

Thanks to Mike Rector for accepting the Office of Recorder, and Bert Brahney for agreeing to serve as our new Web master. Bert also worked together with Tim Caher and Steve Mantegani in hosting our first Annual Soccer Challenge at JP2 High School. Congratulations to all of the participants, and winners.

The best entertainment came when Past Grand Knight Dave Eliskovich tried to provide a challenge to Brother Anthony Mantegani, as a goal-tender, after the competition . Better luck next year, Dave.

Congratulations to the Fourth Degree Assembly for their great job of honoring the Fire Fighters of Sumner County with a dinner and program. Hats off to Joe Wall, FN, and Ed Corbitt, for a fine job of hosting and presenting. These Fire Fighters risk their lives all year long and are never thanked enough. I could tell that it meant a lot to them.

We will be launching our *Keep Christ In Christmas* promotions on the weekend of the 18th. Our fund raising director will be directing the sale of car magnets with a nativity scene depicting this theme. Please pitch in to help.

As you can see, it has been a busy month, and we all have a lot to be thankful for. I want to thank you for all that you are doing as a Knight, and wish each of you, and your families a Happy and Thanks Giving Holiday.

As most of you know I have been working closely with a family who lost their son in the war in Iraq. The depth of gratitude for such a sacrifice is beyond comprehension.

So, I would like to dedicate this month's newsletter to all of our servicemen and women who have given their lives for us, most especially Lance Corporal Tyler R. Overstreet, United States Marine.

Vivat Jesus. In His service and yours, Doug Blake, Grand Knight Council 9132.

Council Donates Wheelchair



GK Doug Blake and Community Director Jerry Rousselle present Father Bevington with a wheelchair donated to the church for use by parishioners while attending Mass and other functions.

**Third Degree Exemplification at OLOL
Nov. 18, 1 pm (Candidates at noon)**

Reminder - Meetings thru March Are Now
Upstairs Due to Rm in the Inn

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/12 Titan's home game (help needed for parking)**
- 11/13 2nd Degree at St. Steven's 7 pm (Ive OLOL 6:15)**
- 11/18 3rd Degree Exemplification, 1 pm**
- 11/19 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 11/19 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6 pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 11/23 Thanksgiving**
- 11/26 Titan's home game (help needed for parking)**
- 12/03 Titan's home game (help needed for parking)**
- 12/16 Children's Party**
- 12/17 Titan's home game (help needed for parking)**
- 12/17 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 12/17 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6 pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**

It's never too late to be who you might have been. - George Eliot

Did You Know

- That the KofC has partnered with the Wheelchair foundation to provide wheelchairs to those who cannot afford one on their own in nearly 150 countries?
- That each Thanksgiving more than 45 million turkeys and 55 million pumpkin pies are cooked and eaten?
- That the KofC has filed a brief in the 9th Circuit of appeals in support of retaining "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance?
- That 95% of Americans surveyed by the National Turkey Federation eat turkey at Thanksgiving?
- That the current KofC membership is over 1.7 million?
- That evidence suggests turkeys are native to North and Central America and have existed for more than 10 million years?

Homebound Meals

The Knights of Columbus Council 9132 served as cooks for the annual Homebound Meals Pancake Breakfast at Hendersonville High School on Saturday, October 28th.

Knights that volunteered were Dan Bernier, Doug Blake, Laymon Davis, Rodney Hayden, Dwane Hunter, Steve Mantegani, Richard Smith, and Jerry Tachoir.

The Homebound Meals Program provides meals for 91 elderly and/or handicapped individuals in our community every day. This breakfast is just one of the ways funding is generated.

If you would like to help with this program, volunteers and contributors are always welcome. For more information contact Brother Knight Bob Cizmarik.

Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

More Help Needed for Parking

Even though we have had a good response to our fundraising effort of parking cars at Titan's football home games, we can do better.

Even though we have raised around \$1,000 thus far in this endeavor, we can do better.

More brothers participating in this fundraising event means more dollars for our council.

If you are able to help park cars at any of the remaining Titan's home football games scheduled for Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 17, or Dec. 31, please contact our Titan's football parking coordinator, Mitch Parochka, at 264-1167 (home) or 506-1358 (cell). You can also e-mail him at mitchnorda@bellsouth.net.

Visit to Father Tomy

Wayne Frazier is organizing a trip to visit Father Tomy at his new parish. The plan is to go down for Saturday night mass on Nov. 11 and then take Father Tomy out to dinner. Will probably leave about 3:15 pm.

For more info or if you would like to go, call Wayne at 824-3012.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly 2389 met at OLOL at 5 pm on the 22nd of October. The meeting was well attended (about 30 members). All officers attended with the exception of Faithful 1-yr trustee, Faithful Friar, Faithful Captain, Faithful Scribe, and Faithful Pilot. All duly excused by the Faithful Navigator.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes which received a second; motion approved. The reason for this action was because of absence of the Faithful Scribe.

The faithful Comptroller Joe Bolger reported no new bills. However, the assembly was reminded that we will be getting all of the bills for the cost of the Firemen's Banquet.

Unfinished Business.

Banquet Committee

The banquet committee reported that the meal served would be prime rib, veg and baked potato with an estimated number of 90 at \$12 per plate for a cost of \$1,080. The total estimate for this event was set at \$2,000. Because of the efforts of Ed Corbitt (chairman), Greg Miles (cochairman) and Faithful Navigator Joe Wall, we will come in about \$700 below estimate. Great Job! Joe Wall, FN, also wanted to thank all of the Sir Knights that helped setup and serve at the event. The final cost and additional comments to follow in the next newsletter.

New Business

Faithful Captain Dave Eliskovich resigned and a motion was made to take nominations from the floor (this was done 3 times). One nominee was named and the candidate accepted the nomination - Doug Blake. Because of the time of the year, Faithful Navigator requested that a vote be taken; this motion was approved. The vote was taken and Doug Blake was elected Faithful Captain by acclamation.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 to the Sumner Special Housing in the memory of Carlton Russell. This motion was voted on and passed after discussion. Then John Bolger stated that we may go through the MR foundation to see if they would match the donation. John Bolger will send a e-mail to the MR foundation.

Honor Guards have been requested for the following events:

Carlton Russell's wake and Funeral Mass. It was well attended by 4th degree Knights from across the state with the current District Master Bill Gunter and a former District Master Dan Romer participating. There were a large number of Knights in attendance from across the state for both the wake and Funeral Mass including our State Deputy Bill Wicke. The Honor Guard was posted from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm The Ciborium honoring Carlton Russell was presented to Carlton's Children, Christe and Mike, at the wake and was displayed until 8:30 pm. It was then taken to Bush Jewelers for engraving. Again Bush Jewelry didn't charge for the engraving and the Ciborium after engraving was given to Christe. She stated that she would place it next to the Ciborium they received for Carlton's wife, so they can be together.

October 13th 6:30pm JPII for homecoming football game. This event was also well attended by Sir Knights from multiple Assemblies from the Nashville area. In total, about 20 Sir Knights participated.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Third Degree Exemplification Notice

We are hosting a Third Degree Exemplification at OLOL on Saturday, November 18th at 1 PM.

Candidates arrive at 12 noon. All 2nd Degree Knights are encouraged to attend.

We will need help with the dinner and set up. Please contact Mike Rector.

Also GK Doug needs to know if you will be attending so that we can make plans (doughblake@comcast.net or 519-5629).

Did you hear about the snake trainer who married an undertaker?
They have towels marked Hiss and Hearse

Highlights from the October Meeting

There were 48 Knights in attendance.

Gk Doug announced that:

there will be a 2nd Degree Exemplification at St. Stephen's on Monday Nov. 13 at 7 pm. There will be a carpool from the lower parking lot at 6:15.

the time for the 3rd Degree on Nov. 18 at OLOL is now 1 pm.

our new webmaster is Bert Brahney

the location of the Super Bowl party is confirmed as the Glen Oaks Clubhouse.

the November meeting will be in an upstairs classroom due to Room in the Inn in the Social Hall

the Homebound Meals program's pancake breakfast is Oct. 28. Seven volunteers are needed for the 6 am shift.

he attended the Bishop's Celebration of Charity honoring Fr. Bevington.

GK Doug Blake presented the Knight and Family of the Month awards. Co-Knights of the Month were Dick Emery for his newsletter work, coordination of the Octoberfest and leadership of the Adoration devotion and Randy Herron for this leadership of the cooking effort at Octoberfest and his continued role in maintaining the OLOL physical facilities. The Family of the Month award was presented to the Bob Schmidle family for the successful Halloween Candy sale effort.

Gk Doug read correspondence from Carlton Russell's daughter, Christe, expressing her appreciation for the Memorial newsletter for her father; from Wanda Dixon thanking us for the help with & donations at the Blood drive and for the gift certificate given in appreciation for her help with the yard sale; from the Tn Right to Life for our donation; and from Mitch Parochka thanking the Brothers who helped him move.

Mitch Parochka solicited more Brothers to help with parking at the Titan's games. This is an easy money maker.

Bob Schmidle announced that the candy sale should net about \$400. Not bad for little effort.

Larry Phillips reported that the 6th annual BRASS ride was a success with about the same number of riders as last year. The event should net just under \$2,400.

Mitch Parochka said that the sale of the Christ in Christmas magnets will kickoff on Nov. 18.

Steve Mantegani reported that the Soccer Kickoff will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5. We are too late to participate in the regional competition but will hold a local event with trophies. Steve made a motion to allocate up to \$100 for Trophies. Seconded and passed.

Bert Brahney reported that the landscape crew is planning a bed of plants in memory of all fallen Brothers and especially Carlton Russell.

Motion was made and approved for funds to provide Christmas gifts for the clergy and office staff.

Wayne Frazier discussed a possible trip to visit Father Tomy in Loretto. Decided that a good date would be Nov. 25. Wayne would like a group to go down for Saturday night mass and then take Fr. Tomy out to dinner.

John Bolger discussed the upcoming MR Foundation Tootsie Roll drive and asked for any additional volunteers.

Mike Rector, dinner coordinator for the 3rd Degree on Nov. 18, asked for volunteers to help with the dinner preparation and serving.

GK Doug announced that Brian Davis has had to resign from his position of Recorder. Nominations were taken and Mike Rector was elected as the new Recorder.

Motion was made and passed to provide \$200 requested by Father Lucas for a special charitable need.

Motion made and passed that we provide \$250 for an advertisement in the Supreme convention program booklet. Individual Knights are invited to purchase an individual ad for \$20.

District Deputy Joe Wall presented the Father McGivney award to last year's Membership Chairman, Bob Schmidle, for his leadership in the excellent recruiting year we had last year.

Faithful Navigator Joe wall announced that the November 4th Degree meeting will be an open meeting and all-degree Brothers are invited to attend.

Jerry Tachoir said more Knights are needed as Eucharistic Ministers. Several Brothers volunteered and training was conducted after the meeting.

The 50/50 drawing for \$41 was won by Craig Gonsewski.

Somebody's number was drawn for the 43 jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$83.

"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." -- Wiesel

New Brothers

The October meeting saw five new brothers join our Council, one transferee and four who received their First Degree prior to the meeting.



New Brothers - L-R - Standing Mike O'Connor, Tom Benim, Mike Elmore; Kneeling Dan Bernier, Jeffrey Yelle

The transferee is Mike O'Connor from the Hollywood, FL, council. Mike and his wife, Becki, moved to Hendersonville about 9 months ago with their son, 9, and daughter, 7. Mike is a manager at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. He is on e-mail at oconfam@comcast.net.

The new first-degree brothers are Tom Benim, Dan Bernier, Mike Elmore and Jeffrey Yelle.

Tom Benim, who is from Louisville, moved here with his wife, Marilyn, from North Carolina about 5 years ago. He is an engineer at duPont in Old Hickory. His e-mail address is benimte@comcast.net.

Dan Bernier is a Commercial Fire Inspector with ADT in Nashville. He and his wife, Cheryl Sue, have been at OLOL since 1991 moving here from Taunton, MA. His e-mail address is LostN505@Bellsouth.com.

Mike Elmore and his wife Lisa, moved here from Louisville about 2 years ago. They have three girls at home ages 8, 6, and 8 mos. Mike is Manager at Cummins Crosspoint, a distributor for Cummins products in Nashville. He can be reach online at Michael.J.Elmore@Cummins.com.

Jeffrey Yelle, originally from St. Paul, MN, moved here from Beaumont, TX, this past June with his wife, Jenny, and his two children. He is Corporate Quality Manager at LP Building Products in Nashville. His e-mail address is jenjeffye@comcast.net.

BRASS - Successful Again

Chairman Larry Phillips reports that BRASS (Bike Ride Across Scenic Sumner) was a big success again this year with 56 riders participating. We were pleased to have the Police Unity Tour participating. They are raising money for a National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC.

The day started out pretty cool, but ended up another beautiful morning in Sumner County. 36 of our riders went the 32-mile route and 20 riders attacked the 62-mile ride. With the addition of some new sponsors this year and some extra sales on the T-shirts we are close to raising \$2,400 from this year's event. The best ever.

Larry thanks all the many Knights and family members who helped to make this event a success. And he says, "Let us make next year's event even better."



They're Off

First Annual Youth Soccer Challenge

Chairman Steve Mantegani reports that the Youth Soccer Challenge which was held on Nov. 5 went very well especially considering that this was the first year for this event.

A total of 9 youngsters competed. The winners, who each received a Soccer Bobble-Head Trophy, were:

- Girls Age 10 - Jill Shaw
- Girls Age 11 - Rachel Rader
- Boys Age 10 - Phillip Rader
- Boys Age 11 - Dylon Follett
- Boys Age 12 - Kyle Smith

Steve thanks those who helped with the event: Doug Blake, Bert Brahney, Tim Caher, Dave Eliskovich, Anthony Mantegani, Mitch Parochka, Paul Rader, and Buddy Shaw.



Police Unity Tour Participants



Soccer Challenge

Fraternal Benefits News Time Flies

A wise man once told me that time surely flies in the life insurance business. Without doubt, time flies for you, our fraternal leaders, as well. Even though our fraternal year is not yet half over, June 30 will be here before we know it. Since we all have our sights set on the Star Council Award, now is the time to work towards that goal. The purpose of my column in this issue is to remind you of the wonderful opportunity we have to help our Order grow, and to offer a couple of suggestions on how we can best do that.

The month of October brought the Orderwide membership "blitz" recruitment campaign. Now is the time to follow through with all the interested prospective members we spoke with during October. Let's make them members during November.

I can help, not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of joining the Order. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership "sale" yourselves.

In an earlier column, I asked you to "give me a seat at the table" when laying out the council agenda for the fraternal year. I reiterate that plea here. Call me today. I'll help in any way that he can.

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

If God is your Copilot ... Swap seats.

Big Crowd at Octoberfest

A big crowd showed up for the annual Parish Octoberfest this year to enjoy the many kids games, good fellowship and good food. As usual many Knights were in the thick of things making sure things went well especially the cooking of the chicken and brauts.

The Octoberfest is a joint venture of the Parish Council, Knights of Columbus and Mom's Plus.



Knights at the Grill at Octoberfest

Tootsie Roll (MR Foundation) Drive

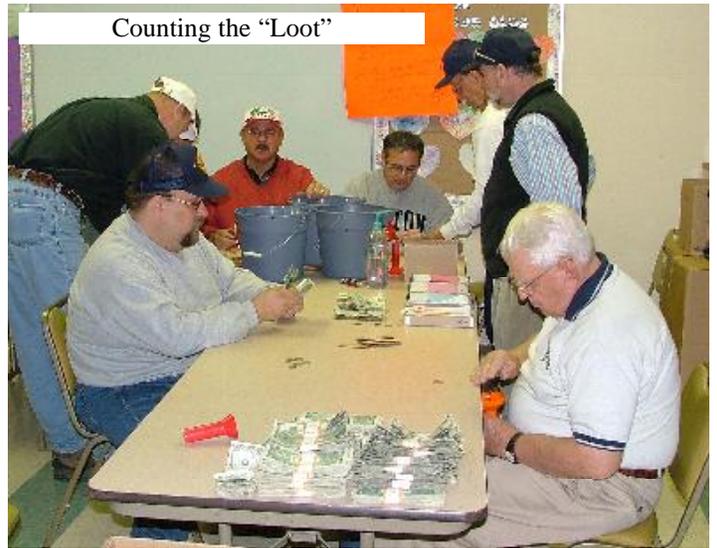
This year's Tootsie Roll drive was another success as we received a net of \$4,000, about average and only slightly under last year's total. We had a good number of Brothers helping out which allowed some shorter shifts and also increased the number of collectors on the streets.

All of this money stays in Sumner County to help operate our homes for the mentally challenged in Sumner County.

Congratulations go to John Bolger for another fine job chairing this activity. If you didn't help this year, make a note to do so next year. It's a fun time and a good way to put our Charity into action.



On the Road for the MR Foundation



Certificate of Appreciation Presented

At a recent Mass, GK Doug Blake presented a Certificate of Appreciation to our two priests at OLOL, Fathers Bill Bevington and Luckas Arulappa



Fourth Degree Provides Honor Guard at JP II Homecoming



A lay minister's sister wanted a small, casual wedding so she asked her brother to officiate. He had never performed a marriage ceremony before so he asked his pastor for advice.

"My sister has asked me to marry her," he began, "and I'm not sure what to do."

The minister answered, "Try telling her you just want to be friends."



*Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Family
May We All Give Thanks for Our Blessings*