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Grand Knight's Feb. Message

Brother Knights,

I am writing this letter a little earlier than I normally do because I will be working with our Dental Team at our Sister Parish in Haiti next week. This is the second trip I have taken with our Mission Team, and am looking forward to the work we do. I know that most all of you are contributing to this mission through the monthly green envelopes and the annual school tuition fund drive, and I would like to personally assure you that these funds are doing a tremendous amount of good for, truly, the poorest of the poor. Those of us who travel to Haiti to serve this mission do so at our own expense and don't ask for any compensation. Being able to see the look in those children's eyes is thanks enough.

I would like you to know that we, as a council, always have, and will continue to support this mission. This year we have approved a donation to The Matthew 25 House in Port o' Prince, Haiti. Named after the well known Gospel: Mat 25:40 "Whatsoever you have done for the least of men, you have done unto Me.", this house serves all missionaries who come to serve the people of Haiti, through the Parish Twining Program.

I will also be carrying a suitcase filled with shoes and peanut butter, a great source of protein, to combat malnutrition. On behalf of our mission team and the wonderful people of Haiti, I want to thank you for all that you have done.

As the year progresses, and as our budget allows, I would like to contribute further in this charitable cause if at all possible. I welcome your collective input in this, and all decisions that we make. Remember, we have a round table meeting on the Tuesday before our monthly council meetings. Everyone with anything to share is always welcome.

The only bad thing about this mission trip is that it falls on SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY. Our whole team is working very hard to make this the best one yet, and I won't be able to enjoy it with you. One thing you can say, for sure, about our council. We know how to throw a party. But then again, I don't think there is another council in the State of Tennessee that has an Official Officers Position called "BEERMAN".

I hope our newest members, Bob Arms and Art Croteau, know what they're in for. *Too much fun*. Welcome to 9132, Bob and Art.

Talking about new members; have you thought about asking someone to join the Knights? If they join during the month of February, they, and you, will be eligible to be in a drawing for seven days and nights stay at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel during the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus from August 3rd through August 9th.

This is a \$1,300 value. If you have ever thought about sponsoring a new Knight, this is the time.

At our midyear meeting, the State Officers gave us information about the Supreme Convention. This thing is going to be HUGE. There will be Knights, and dignitaries from all around the world. Hundreds of Bishops, Archbishops and Cardinals. There will be representatives here from the Vatican. This is truly the *Experience of a Lifetime* for anyone who is a member of the Knights of Columbus. I would like to encourage everyone to make plans to participate in as many events as you can during this week-long event. As I said, it begins on Friday, August 3, and goes through Thursday, August 9. Schedule some time off for yourself during this time so you can enjoy the

festivities.

Getting back to things a little closer, we are looking forward to another successful fund raising event in our Silent Auction. Brother Joe Staub, along with Mitch Parochka and Bill Degnan, have already begun organizing and have been calling on each and everyone of us to chip in with a little bit of effort. Please give them your best effort to insure another successful season of fund raising.

On another point, if you have not been receiving any information about council events, other than in this newsletter, perhaps it is because we do not have your contact information. If you have a new email address or phone number, please let me know so that we can keep you posted on what we are up to. You can reach me at dougblake@comcast.net or call 519-5629 anytime.

Thanks guys, for wearing your name badges. This makes everybody aware of who we are and all that we do. Wear them with pride. After all, you are a Knight.

I'll see you when I get back.

Vivat Jesus.

In His service and yours, Doug Blake, Grand Knight

Did you hear about the poor fortuneteller?

He's not making much of a prophet. - Reader's Digest

UPCOMING EVENTS

02/14 Valentine's Day

02/18 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 PM

02/18 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg 6:30 pm

02/18 District Free Throw, St. John's, Gallatin, 1 pm

03/03 4th Degree Exemplification - St. Rose of Lima

03/29 125th Anniversary of the Knights

03/31 Silent Auction

Did you ever notice that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?

New Brothers

The January meeting saw our council grow by two brothers - a transferee and a new first degree Knight.

Receiving his first degree at the meeting was Bob Arms. Bob lives in Cottontown and has a contracting business, Fletchline, Inc, in Springfield. He and his wife, Wanda, moved here about two years ago from Grand Rapids, MI, although Bob was born and raised in Adams, TN. Bob and Wanda have three daughters at home ages 13, 7, and 4. Bob can be reached on-line at b.arms@comcast.net.

Transferring into our council is Art Croteau. He and his wife, Paulette, moved here from Pt. Charlotte, FL, last October. Art is a seafood specialist with the Publix store in Goodlettsville. His e-mail address is artnisfo1996@peoplepc.com.

Welcome to you both. Get involved and you will find this a very welcoming and fun and charitable council

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

I'm having a real good time like I am."

Highlights from the Jan Meeting

There were 38 Knights in attendance.

Our new Brother Knights; a transferee and a new Knight from the 1st degree held earlier in the evening were welcomed to the Council. GK Doug mentioned our need to serve in any way for the Supreme Convention in August.

Knight of the Month: John Bolger. Family of the Month: the Ed Corbitt family

Treasurers reported our balance as \$8641.26

Thank you notes from Dan Bernier and Ann Williams were read

GK discretionary for \$50 to St. Ignatius Council and \$100 to MR Foundation in memory of Mike Drew

Sale of Keep Christ in Christmas magnets netted \$2300.

Free throw contest is Sun. Jan 28 @ JPII

Silent Auction March 31st, See Joe Staub or Bill Degnan for details.

\$100 was donated for Father Bevington

Allocated \$500 for the Super Bowl party. Hope to recover some money from the 50-50s.

Allocated \$500 to Haiti.

Plea went out for help for JPII youth 2000.

State Convention delegates are Doug Blake and Bob Schmidle.

Allocated \$625 for State Convention funds.

District Deputy's report: The upcoming 4th degree in March will be in honor of Carlton Russell. We are also on track for numerous awards.

Bill Grist mentioned the upcoming PSA classes

The 50/50 drawing for \$27 was won by Don Ey.

John Peel's number was drawn for the Jan jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$143.

Humility does not mean you think less of yourself. It means you think of yourself less. - Ken Blanchard.

Did You Know

That the KofC is a key backer of the Americans United for Life (AUL) pro-life group?

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid?

That the AUL published "Defending Life 2006", a state by state legal guide to pro-life issues available at www.aul.org?

That there are more chickens than people in the world?

That an updated edition, "Defending Life 2007" is available to Knights at a special price of \$19.95 at www.aul.org?

That Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance?

What did the person who invented the door-knocker get? The no-bell prize.

Fraternal Benefits News An Economic Must

Do you have seat belts in your car? Of course you do! How many do you have? Aren't you certain that you have one for every member of your family? Would you buy an automobile that only provided one "belt" - that being for you?

But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with the one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father - not the mother.

Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance," should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children.

If you want to discuss these needs,, please contact me by e-mail at Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

Reminder

Dues are due (for those under 70 years of age).

Membership cards for those who have paid will be available at the meetings thru March and then will be mailed to others by mid April.

Q: How many DIY buffs does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One, but it takes two weeks and four trips to the hardware store.

How can there be "self-help" groups?

Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly 2389 met at OLOL at 5pm on 21st January. The meeting was well attended. All officers attended with the exception of the Faithful Fria and the Faithful Outer Sentinel; they being duly excused by the Faithful Navigator.

Minutes for last month's meeting were approved as being read.

Joe Wall Faithful Navigator communicated a directive from Supreme District Master in regards to the wearing of Regalia and Honor Guards. Effective immediately, the only medals or jewels that can be worn while on honor guard are the 4th degree pin and or the US flag pin.

If the Honor guard is for the Supreme, then no medals or jewels are allowed.

Also participation in an Honor guard requires full Regalia.

For the 4th degree exemplification the new fourth degrees are not required to purchase white gloves.

The next 4th degree exemplification will be held on the 3rd March at 12:30pm at St. Rose of Lima Church in Murfreesboro. Fee is \$70 for prospective 4th degrees which includes the meal and \$20 for the meal for other attendees. The cut off date for applicants to complete the forms is the 24th Feb.

The exemplification will be in honor of Carlton Russell and an invitation has been extended to his daughter, Christe, and son, Mike. Full Tuxedo and full regalia for the honor guard.

Please no wing tipped shirts.

The Ad for Carlton for publication in the brochure for the Supreme Convention prepared by the Faithful Navigator was circulated; motion to accept was passed.

At this point the District Deputy Marshall Ernest Plus arrived to attend the rest of the meeting.

Currently no bills outstanding. We are awaiting an influx of funds from the Central parking project.

Fees are now due and request was made to pay promptly.

Currently there are no applications received for the 4th degree. This is to be brought up in Council meeting.

New Business.

JPII request for security and also an honor guard for the youth 2000 retreat on the 9th through 11th of February. Volunteers are requested and a sign up sheet was passed around.

Times are:

4:30pm to 11pm on the Friday.

7am to 10pm on the Saturday

7am to noon on the Sunday.

10:30 Mass on the Sunday with Bishop Chubby saying Mass

Numbers required are about 20 on the Friday (two shifts), 50 on the Saturday, and 30 on the Sunday.

Doug Blake Grand Knight for Council 9132: nothing to report other than the need for volunteers for the Supreme Convention. Joe Wall Faithful Navigator reported that application forms and description for the requirements are on the state web site.

Joe Fertitta Deputy Grand Knight for Council 1010 had nothing to report.

Super Bowl Party

If you missed the great Council Super Bowl Party, you have only yourself to blame. This year's crowd was the biggest yet and they not only enjoyed the game but also a lot of good food and spirits. In addition to the activities for the adults, there were many games for the kids that were a big hit.

Mike Rector chaired the committee that made the party happen and he sent out an e-mail thanking all those that helped: Doug Blake, John Bolger, Bert Brahney, Bill Degnan, Dave Eliskovich, Craig Gonszewski, Bill Grist, Steve Mantegani, Larry Phillips, Bob Schmidle, Joe Staub, Fran Varboncoeur, Terry Vollmer, and Paul Zola. And, of course, thanks go to Mike as well.

A guy bet on a horse merely because he saw a priest blessing it before the race. When the horse lost, the man told the priest, "So much for your blessing!"

The priest replied, "I wasn't blessing the horse. I was giving it last rites."

Silent Auction Needs Your Help

My Worthy Brothers,

The 2007 silent auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. In order to reach our fundraising goal of \$10,000 for this event, we are going to need the help and cooperation of every member of council #9132.

To this end, the Silent Auction Committee is asking all members to donate at least one item from your place of business, (where feasible), OR to solicit at least one item from a place of business that you patronize on a frequent basis.

To assist you in this endeavor, please find enclosed a copy of our official merchant solicitation letter. Simply sign it, and present it to the business that you are soliciting.

To help insure the smoothest flow of information and communication amongst everyone possible, I kindly ask you to do two things: First, please provide our silent auction chairman, Joe Staub with a WEEKLY update of your efforts. His e-mail address is stonevillage@comcast.net. Secondly, when you do secure a donation, please provide Bill Degnan with all the pertinent information relative to the donation received. Bill's e-mail address is wdegan@yahoo.com.

A question was raised at our last council meeting about what to do with an item once it is given to you. The silent auction committee asks that you please hang on to it until the week or day of the silent auction. The silent auction committee members don't really have the space necessary to hold onto all the items donated.

Finally, I am in possession of a list of members of the Greater Gallatin Area Chamber of Commerce. If 4-6 council members are available to get together, we can get this list knocked out in short order. Bill Grist has graciously agreed to conduct a mini seminar/training session at the church library to help you get over whatever trepidations you may have about phone solicitations. Please send me an e-mail if you can help with this project. My e-mail address is mitchnorda@bellsouth.net.

The Silent Auction Committee thanks you in advance for your assistance with this annual fundraiser. With the whole council working together, there is absolutely no doubt that we will exceed our goal this year!

Vivat Jesus,

Mitch Parochka, Silent Auction Co-chair

A man who bought a horse but then went back to the farmer and complained, "I thought you said this horse you sold me could jump as high as an eight-foot fence."

"I did, and he can," said the farmer.

"Well," replied the man, "he can't jump at all."

The farmer added, "Neither can a fence."

In golf why is it twice as difficult to hit a ball over water than sand?



Remember Your Loved Ones on Valentines Day

Attention

**All Third Degree Knights
Sign Up for the Fourth Degree
in Murfreesboro
on March 3rd.
Signup Deadline is Feb. 24.**

Attention

**All Second Degree Knights
There will be a
Third Degree
at at St. Luke's in Smyrna
at 1pm on Feb.17**

Attention

**All First Degree Knights
There will be a
Second Degree
at St. Ignatius in Antioch
at 10 am on feb. 10**

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

The true measure of a career is to be able to be content, even proud, that you succeeded through your own endeavors without leaving a trail of casualties in your wake ... It is decidedly not true that nice guys finish last. - Alan Greenspan



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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COUNCIL, No. 9132
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January 2007

Dear Merchant,

The Knights of Columbus (KC) Council 9132 of our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Hendersonville, TN is soliciting donations for our silent auction to be held March 31, 2007. We are a non-profit, fraternal organization. This is a fund raising activity that we sponsor every year to support our charitable donations to many organizations such as:

- Child Welfare League of America
- Food for Families
- Homeless Outreach
- Jason Foundation
- Meals for Homebound
- Mental Retardation Foundation
- Other Civic and Church Organizations & Activities

Your donation to this worthy cause will help us raise even more money for these foundations in 2007. It is through support from major sponsors such as you, that we have been able to make this event one of our major fund raising events of the year. Please help us continue our fund raising efforts by donating any item or items for auction from your business. As always, all donations are tax deductible and we will provide you with a letter of thanks along with a description of the items you donated for your records.

Sincerely,

Receipt for Donated Items

Item Donated: _____

Retail Value: \$ _____

Donation Made To: Knights of Columbus Council 9132 – Hendersonville, TN

Date of Donation: _____