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Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389

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Grand Knight's April Message

Brothers,

Uppermost on my mind this month is the upcoming silent auction the weekend of April 19 & 20th. This fundraiser is one of the biggest events of our fraternal year and it will take each and every one of us to be successful.

I want to encourage everyone to solicit at least one donation from a business that you patronize on a regular basis. If you own a business and can donate a product or service, that would be most helpful and greatly appreciated.

Equally important is the vote at our April meeting on the Emergency Assistance Fund resolution. This resolution seeks to create a bylaw for our council which would allow us to render mutual aid and assistance to members of our council and their families who are in need or distressed in some way.

I urge you to carefully read the resolution that is printed in this newsletter. Having a thorough knowledge and understanding of this resolution prior to voting on it is absolutely essential.

A couple of other items to keep in mind: New officer elections will take place at our May meeting. You MUST be a 3rd degree member to hold office. Also, our June meeting will take place one week earlier than normal due to Father's Day. The June meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10th.

I received a phone call the other night from the TN State K of C Membership Director. He wanted to know the formula for our success in exceeding our membership quota thus far by some 227%. I told him quite honestly that the formula is in the character of our members and in the quality of our programs. He said that he wished that he could bottle our formula and spread it around to the other councils in the state.

It is a credit to the dedication and efforts of each member when state officers stand up and take notice of what's going on at OLOL Council #9132. It's all you, brothers!!

Vivat Jesus! Mitch Parochka, Grand Knight

A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere. - Groucho Marx

UPCOMING EVENTS

04/19-20 Silent Auction

04/20 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm

04/20 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg 6:30 pm

04/21 Second Degree, St. Stephens 7pm

05/02 Senior Banquet Mass - 6 pm

05/17 Third Degree, OLOL 10am

05/18 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm

05/18 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg 6:30 pm

Highlights from the March Meeting

There were approximately 50 Knights in attendance.

As of publication the minutes of the meeting were not available.

The 50/50 drawing for \$45 was won by Jerry Tachoir.

Richard Smith's number was drawn for the www jackpot. He, being present, won \$45; next month's jackpot will be \$25.

Did You Know

That information on our KofC top rated insurance program can be found on-line at www.kofc.org/benefits?

That apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning?

That podcasts of interviews with KofC newsmakers can be found at www.kofc.org/podcasts?

That the plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets?

That information on the KofC book club can be found at www.kofc.org/book club?

That most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin?

Under a sign that read "Employees Must Wash Hands," someone scribbled, "I waited and waited, but I finally washed them myself."

Fraternal Benefits News Good Advice

Remember your teacher's good advice? "Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction." Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job - or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone.

Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals.

This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation ... just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do-everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our own dreams and hopes for our families. Life insurance programming is a service you should have. . . and one that I provide.

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

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman."

"Oh yeah?" said Charlie, "And how did this one end?"

"When it was over," Mike replied, "She came to me on her hands and knees.

"Really," said Charles, "Now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She said, "Come out from under the bed, you little chicken."

New Brother

One new brother, Kevin Collins, received his First Degree at the March meeting.

Kevin has been in the middle TN area for 4 years moving here from Maryville, TN. He and his wife, Nina, have two children, a boy and a girl - two-year old twins. Kevin is a mortgage broker with Platinum Financial Group in Nashville. His e-mail address is collins212121@yahoo.com.

Knights Memorial

A recent addition to the OLOL prayer pathway is a memorial to deceased Knights of Council 9132. Funded by the Council and constructed by Kenny Janson with some help from fellow brothers, this memorial features engraved stones for each of our fallen brothers.

The inscription on the centerpiece of the memorial reads, "In memory of the deceased members of Council #9132. That God may grant eternal peace to the souls of our departed brothers."

If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.

Brother Loras Vaske

Brother Loras Vaske passed away just before Easter. Loras was very active in Council #9132 and for many years provided the meals for the meetings. He was also very involved in the workings of OLOL, being Building Committee chairman for many years and a regular fixture as greeter at the early Sunday mass.

Loras was a caring individual who was always ready to step forward and help those in need. He will be missed.

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

A: Well now, one would not actually "change" the light bulb into anything. Rather, one would remove the current light bulb and install a new one in it's place....

Knights Take On Special Spaces Project

Spearheaded by Brother Steve Mantegani, several brothers of Council 9132 have taken on a Special Spaces project donating either money or time or both to fulfill a dream of an ill Gallatin youth.

Special Spaces is a nonprofit organization focused on making a difference in the lives of children with life threatening illnesses. Through the generous support of volunteers and sponsors, they transform the bedrooms of these special children into magical places of hope.

The recipient of the effort of brothers from our council is 12 year old Bryson Butler of Gallatin. Bryson has had 11 surgeries for cranial facial...the bones in his face breakdown and have to be replaced.

Bryson's dream is to have a castle-theme for his room complete with a moat bridge.

With materials purchased with money already raised from council brothers (over \$2250 collected to date including \$500 from the council), volunteers from the council will have a work party at Bryson's house on April 5th to redo his room into a castle motif. Partnering in this effort is radio station 95.5 The Wolf.

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

Council Elections

Nominations will be taken for Council officers for the upcoming year at the April meeting with further nominations and then the election at the May meeting.

If you are interested in holding a council office, contact Mike Rector or Mark Pense.

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

"I would rather fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail." -- Woodrow T. Wilson



Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News
As of publication, minutes of the Assembly were not available.

Fish Frys Final Report & Thanks

Worthy Fryers

I would just like to take a moment and thank all the Brothers who came out and helped with our Lenten fish frys. The turn out from the Brotherhood was terrific. Just for the record, we served well over 700 people this year. The feedback from the Parish was great. These fry's are quickly becoming one of the biggest social events our Parish has to offer.

I can't thank you all enough for the hard work, as well as the good times that were had by all. Many people have already said that they are looking forward to next year's frys. Once again, thank you Ol' Worthy Fryers, and God Bless.

Mike Rector, Fry Daddy

Planting a Garden?

If you plant HONESTY, you will reap TRUST
If you plant GOODNESS, you will reap FRIENDS
If you plant HUMILITY, you will reap GREATNESS
If you plant PERSEVERANCE, you will reap CONTENTMENT
If you plant CONSIDERATION, you will reap PERSPECTIVE
If you plant HARD WORK, you will reap SUCCESS
If you plant FORGIVENESS, you will reap RECONCILIATION
If you plant FAITH IN CHRIST, you will reap a HARVEST
So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

Idle Thoughts of a Retired Person...(whose mind wanders)

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

I had amnesia once -- or twice.

I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible ... and I believed them.

Emergency Assistance Fund Resolution

Resolution to establish, operate, and oversee the operation of a committee to provide emergency assistance to Brother Knights of Knights of Columbus Council 9132, Hendersonville, Tennessee and their immediate Family Members.

Be it resolved; in accord with the first principle of our order, Charity, Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus Council 9132, wishes to establish a structured method for the limited purpose of rendering aid and assistance to our Brother Knights and their immediate family members, as here defined, we herewith establish the Council 9132 Emergency Assistance Fund Committee (hereafter, the Committee) and hereby set forth the rules by which its members shall be appointed and serve, how it will be funded by Council 9132, how requests for disbursements may be submitted, how requests shall be evaluated, how requests will be fulfilled and the governance of the committee.

The Committee

The Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight, by virtue of their office, shall serve as voting members of the committee. The Financial Secretary, by virtue of his office, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the committee and shall have the authority to veto any action of the Committee. The Grand Knight shall appoint five knights in good standing having attained at least the Third Degree of the Order, not to include the Trustees of Council 9132, as voting members of the Committee. Current serving Trustees of Council may not serve on the Committee. The members of the Committee for each Fraternal Year shall be appointed within the first thirty days of that year and serve for a one-year term or until such time as their successor is chosen. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.

Meetings of the Committee

A meeting of the Committee may be called at any time by any member of the Committee with twenty-four hours notice to all other members. Attendance by five voting members shall be deemed a quorum of the Committee. The Grand Knight or his designee shall chair all meetings. Meetings of the Committee shall be closed to all persons except for members of the Committee, and any member, in good standing, of Council 9132, invited by a member of the Committee for any purpose deemed appropriate by that member. Minutes shall be taken and maintained by a designated member of the Committee. For the sake of privacy, two complete sets of minutes shall be maintained. One set of complete minutes, shall be available for inspection with forty-eight hours notice by any member of the Committee, the Trustees of the council, or the Pastor of the Parish. Another set, with all references to the requester deleted, shall be available for inspection with forty-eight hours notice by any member, in good standing, of Council 9132.

Funding of the Committee

Upon approval of this Resolution, the Council shall fund, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council, a checking account at a local financial institution in the amount of \$2000.00. The council shall also approve a fund in the Council's Budget of \$2000.00 for the purpose of maintaining a minimum balance of \$2,000.00 in that account. The maximum amount of all monies dispersed from the checking account of the Committee shall be \$2000.00 per Fraternal Year. As funds are dispersed, the Financial Secretary shall deposit a like amount to maintain a balance of \$2,000.00 at all times. At the beginning of each Fraternal Year, the Committee, with the approval of the Financial Secretary, will request that \$2,000.00 be set aside in the Council's General Fund for the purpose of dispersing funds for legitimate reasons approved by the Committee up to the maximum set forth here.

Procedure for Making Requests to the Committee

Any member, in good standing*, of Council 9132, or a member of his immediate family (wife or child) shall be eligible to make a request from the Committee. Requests must be made in writing in an appropriate form as determined by the Committee. All requests shall include at least the following information: Name, Address and Phone Number of the requester. If not a member of the Council, the relationship to a member of the requester, the reason the request is being made, documentation of the need (i.e., the bill, a letter from the debtor or whatever is deemed appropriate by the committee), or an explanation of the need. Requests shall be presented by any member of Council 9132, in good standing.

*In cases of extreme need, as determined by the Committee, a Knight or a member of his immediate family who is not in good standing may apply.

Procedure for Approval and Disbursement of Requests

A member of the Committee or an appropriately invited member of the Council must present any request. Due diligence, as determined by the Chairman of the meeting, is required before a vote may be taken. A simple majority of the Committee voting in favor of funding the request shall cause the Financial Secretary to disburse funds to the debtor or the requester by check as determined by the Committee. Disbursement of funds shall be accomplished within twenty-four hours of approval by the Committee. The Committee may meet as many times as deemed necessary.

Privacy of the Work of the Committee

The privacy and dignity of all persons seeking assistance from the Committee shall be maintained at all times. Any member who is found to have intentionally violated the privacy of any person making a request of the Committee shall be dealt with in a manner consistent with Section 162, Paragraph 1 of the Supreme By-Laws.

Oversight of the Work of the Committee

Oversight of the work of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the Council's Trustees. Trustees shall receive and audit an annual report of the work of the Committee to include; all requests made, disposition of the requests and the total of funds disbursed by the Committee during the Fraternal Year. At the first meeting of the following Fraternal Year, the Financial Secretary shall make a report of the work of the Committee to the Council while protecting the privacy of all requesters to the Committee. The Chairman of the Trustees shall then immediately report to the Council that a proper audit of the work of the Committee has been made and the results of that audit.

Modification of the Rules of the Committee

Any member of the Committee may request, in writing, a change or suspension of the rules of the Committee. Requests must be submitted to the Grand Knight or his designee and shall be the first order of business at the next meeting of the Committee. Approval of any modification of the rules of the committee will require a two-thirds majority of the members of the committee and shall be published in the next newsletter of the council.

Dissolution of the Committee

If, for any reason, should the Committee by majority vote or two of the Council Trustees shall recommend the dissolution of the Committee, notice shall be given in the Council Newsletter of the intention of this action. At the next regular meeting of the Council a motion shall be made by one of the Trustees and seconded by another of the Trustees to dissolve the Committee and return any available funds to the Council's General Fund. Approval of the Dissolution of the Committee shall require a two-thirds vote of the members, in good standing, attending a meeting of Council where a quorum is present.

Respectfully Submitted, EAF Planning Committee

The above resolution will be voted on at the April meeting.