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Durick Assembly #2389

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### Grand Knight's December Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope all of you are doing well as we come into the holiday season. This marks the halfway point of my term as your Grand Knight. I can tell you I have had great fun working on our many events, welcoming many new members into our Council, and having the opportunity to get to know each of you and your families a little better. We could not have accomplished so much without the hard work from all the members of this Council. I want to thank each of you for the contributions in time, effort and support that you have given to make this Council the success that it is.

With Christmas fast approaching I wanted to take a moment to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and I hope that we are all truly blessed this holiday season. I hope that we all have a chance to reflect on the true meaning of this holiday, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I recently had the chance to watch a movie, *The Polar Express*, over Thanksgiving weekend. It was about a little boy who wasn't sure whether or not to believe in Santa Claus. At one point in the movie he was given a magical train ticket with the word "Believe" written on it which seemed to confirm for him the existence of Santa. I was struck by that simple phrase and how it relates to our faith this time of year. Believe that we are about to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Believe, every Sunday, that we are about to receive the most wonderful gift of all, Our Savior, Jesus Christ. Believe that Christ is here with us every day, at home, at work, in the people we meet, at church, at Adoration. Believe; it's a simple phrase but it can have a very profound meaning in our lives and those of our families. Recently during a homily at a funeral Mass for our Brother Knight, Bill King, Father remarked how Bill was blessed with a childlike belief in the Lord and his fellow man. I think that deep down that each of us possesses that belief but that we just have to nurture it a little. I like to think that each of us has been given that train ticket; we just have to "Believe".

We are also going to try a new program this Christmas season where we recognize our friends and neighbors who have on display a Christmas Nativity Crèche in their outdoor decorations. You really can make this a family affair; have the kids on the lookout when you are driving around town. We will send a certificate of appreciation from the Council thanking that person for displaying the true meaning of Christmas for all to see. There is more information on this program in this newsletter. Please give it your consideration and get your families involved too.

We have many more exciting events planned for the upcoming months and I hope that each of you have the opportunity to participate in some of them. Take the opportunity to invite a new man to one of our meetings. We will have a 1st Degree at our January Council meeting so that would be a great time to invite some others to join our council. Also, we have our annual Super Bowl party coming up and any new prospective candidate and his family are most welcome to attend the big shindig.

Thank you again for all of your help and support for our Council. I pray that each of you and your families are truly blessed this holiday season.

Vivat Jesus, Bert

### NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER

The regular meeting on Dec. 21 has been canceled.

Any business will be taken up at the Christmas party on Dec.5

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/05 Children's Christmas Party - OLOL 6:30 pm**
- 12/13 2nd Degree in Gallatin**
- 01/18 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 01/18 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 5:30pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 01/25 Basketball Free Throw - JPII**
- 02/01 Superbowl Party**
- 03/06 First Fish Fry**

### Will You Help?

Sharon Ratcliff says they are very short of Innkeepers. Please sign up and help. Knights are especially needed the Saturday night before the Super Bowl as that is our Council's night.

### Vandy Parking

Chairman Jon Hoscheit has announced that the final income from the Vandy parking effort is \$2631.91. Not bad for not much effort and just a couple of cold hands and bodies.

Thanks go to Jon for organizing and shepherding this project and to all those who "worked" for their effort.

### Smoked Turkeys

Despite a few defugalties (common to all new projects), the smoked turkey roast came off well. A second smoker had to be called into action and some frozen birds had to be worked around but all in all 86 birds were cooked with 78 being sold (others donated).

Chairmen Ed Corbitt and Glen Word estimate that the net from this three days work will be \$800. Ed and Glen thank all those who helped out. It was much appreciated as is Glen's and Ed's effort.

### MR Foundation (Tootsie Roll ) Drive

42 Knights from Council 9132 had a big day on Saturday, Nov. 22, soliciting donations at the annual roadblock for the MR Foundation. An additional cadre of 12 knights helped with the counting of the money collected. This year's net surpassed last year's and at \$5,537 net was the third largest in our history. The good number of Brothers helping out allowed some shorter shifts and also increased the number of collectors on the streets.

All of this money stays in Sumner County to help build 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.

**A Merry and  
Holy Christmas  
to You All**



## Highlights from the November Meeting

There were 45 Knights in attendance.

GK Bert announced that the meeting was being dedicated to Bill King and his recovery and passed around a certificate of dedication for all to sign.

The kitchen crew was recognized by the GK for their fine work under trying circumstances.

GK Bert read correspondence from Tim Caher thanking the council for the cards, etc., after his mother's passing and also from the Homebound Meals organization thanking us for our help with their pancake breakfast.

The treasurer reported \$9,832 in the bank.

The Financial secretary reported that we had collected almost enough from donations at Octoberfest to pay for the refreshments.

Moved and passed to donate \$50 to the TN Right to Life.

A letter was received from the Bishop asking that we increase our support of our seminarian from \$500 to \$750 this year. A motion was made and passed to send \$500 now. This money goes for their personal expenses.

Larry Phillips reported that another \$300 has been received from the BRASS event.

Joe Baldrige, a transferee from Illinois and son of Alan Baldrige, was introduced.

Reporting for Jon Hoscheit, Dick Emery said that one more person was needed for parking at the Vandy game on 11/22.

Chairman Ed Corbitt announced that the children's Christmas party will be on Friday, 12/5, at 6:30 in the social hall. All children will meet Santa and receive a gift. Set up will start at 4 pm. Prospective Knights and families are also invited. Each family should bring a dish to pass.

Glen Word reported that 65 turkeys have been sold and cooking starts Monday, Nov. 24.

Joe Staub talked about the Silent Auction and said a committee will be forming in January.

GK Bert presented Mitch Parochka with his Past GK pin.

GK Bert asked for help with church cleaning on 12/13 at 8 am.

Larry Phillips said he could use some help with the Indian Lake Loop run on Thanksgiving. Those that can help should be at the Streets of Indian Lake at 6 am.

Doug Ebelhar said that KofC shirts could now be ordered.

GK Bert read a letter from Knight Michael Staub who is in Florida doing missionary work teaching highly handicapped children. Michael asked for help for purchasing needed supplies. Moved and passed to donate \$500.

Christmas gifts for the clergy and office staff were discussed. Motion made and passed that the council purchase two gifts from the angel tree for up to \$200.

Alan Baldrige suggested that the council send appreciation cards to Hendersonville residents that display a nativity scene at their house. He will head up a committee to look into this.

Joe Staub made a motion that the council provide Christmas dinners to 10 needy families (up to \$50 each). Passed.

The State Council meeting will be May 29/31. A motion was made and passed that we pay the \$135 registration fee for 2 delegates (one the GK and the other chosen by the GK - pending the advocates approval)

Knight of the Month awards were presented to Nick Pecora for his work at the pancake breakfast and other activities and to Tom Myerchin for his help with Vandy parking and at other events.

The Family of the Month award was presented to Chico Pacheco and his wife, Maria, for their work on CCD and the Spanish ministry.

John Bolger announced the details of the upcoming Tootsie Roll drive.

GK Bert announced a second degree on 12/13 in Gallatin and in January at the Cathedral.

The 50/50 for \$43 was won by Carl Strassle.

Bill Klingenberg's name was drawn for the \$46 jackpot. He not being present next month's jackpot will be \$67.

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What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

Crisp Cringle.

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## Did You Know

That in the year ending June 30, 2008 individual Knights donated more than 68 millions hours of volunteer time to helping our churches, our neighbors, and our communities?

That the modern Christmas tree was brought to the US by German mercenaries during the American Revolution?

That last year KofC blood drives brought donations from more than 393,000 donors?

That the first commercial Christmas trees in the country were sold in New York city in 1851?

That in the year ending June 30, 2008 Brother Knights made more than 5.6 million visits to the sick and bereaved?

That the first glass Christmas tree ornaments were introduced by A.F. Woolworth in 1890?

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It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

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## Fraternal Benefits News - Scrooge Didn't Believe

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

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

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

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Where do snowmen go to dance?

Snowballs.

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Smoked Turkey Chairman Glen Word at Work at One of His Smokers All Loaded Up and Ready to Cook

### Transferees

A recent transferee to our Council that the editor inadvertently left out of the November newsletter is Ed Clawson. Ed is transferring from the St. Joseph's council. He and his wife, Melissa, have 3 children at home - girls 18 and 10 and a boy 16. He is the store manager at Aaron Rental in Madison. and his e-mail address is emclawson@comcast.net.



New Transferee Joe Baldrige, Jr.

A more recent transferee into our Council is Joe Baldrige, Jr., son of Knight Alan Baldrige. Joe has just moved down here from the Chicago area and is employed by Walmart. His e-mail address is sloppyjoe7813@yahoo.com.

### New E-mail Address

John Bertotti is now at john.r.bertotti@gmail.com

### New Brothers

Four new Brothers received their First Degree at the October meeting but due to commitments, your friendly editor did not get their write-up in the last newsletter; so here they are.

Bill Boehm grew up in Owensboro, KY, and has been in the middle TN area for over 12 years. He and his wife, Nikki, have two boys at home, ages 4 and 2 with another baby due in April. Bill works for Willis HRH an insurance broker. His e-mail address is BEBoehm@yahoo.com.

Mark Gierla and his wife, Christine, have been at OLOL for a year moving here from New Jersey. They have 3 children at home, daughters 12 and 8 and a boy 10. Mark works for AO Smith a water heater manufacturer in Ashland City. His e-mail address is mgieral@hotmail.com.

Larry Stumpf moved here with his wife, Judy, a little over a year ago from Virginia Beach. They have three daughters ages 9, 6, and 3. Larry works for Geico and his e-mail address is Jsls94@gmail.com.

Brent Whitley came to OLOL from Salt Lake City about 3 years ago. He and his wife, Tracey, have three children at home - daughters 9 and 4 and a son age 7. Brent works for Gobe Direct a distributor of CD and DVD packaging and is a basketball coach at St. Joseph's. His e-mail address is brent@gobedirect.com

ELF NO. 1: What did Santa shout to his toys on Christmas Eve?

ELF NO. 2: Okay everyone, sack time!!

### Free Throw Competition

Chairman Steve Mantegani has announced that the Free throw Competition is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Jan 24 at JP II pending confirmation of that date with JP II.

The competition is open to all youngsters ages 10-14.



GK Bert Presents Family of the Month Award to Chico and Maria Pacheco

### Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News Minutes of Meeting Nov. 16, 2008

Meeting Opened at 5:10 pm by Faithful Navigator Dave Eliskovich  
Meeting was dedicated to Brother Bill King

The winners of the Golf Tournament donated the prize to a worthy charity. The 250 dollars was donated to the Army Relief fund at Fort Campbell.

Motion made and passed to donate 250 dollars for Bill Gunter who does travel for the 4th degree.

Discussion opened for donation to help the Rotunda at the National Shrine. \$100 was discussed. A pamphlet was passed around.

New Brother Bill Zimmer, a transferee, was welcomed to our assembly.

The Pursers Report showed an amount of \$3268.18

Flag Pole report: Brother Wayne has done considerable work on getting estimates for the flag poles. A motion was made by Brother Bill Grist to check with the Diocese for the placement of flag pole.

There was considerable discussion of the flag on the altar of the church.

Brother Ed Corbitt reported on the shirt sale. We have sold \$567 worth of shirts, and will make about 5 to 8 dollars profit per shirt.

Brother Richard Smith has 2 ciborium. Please report to Brother Richard if anything happens to a Knight.

Meeting adjourned after For the Good of the Order and closing prayers.

### Christmas Display Certificates

At the suggestion of a new transfer Brother Knight, Alan Baldrige, we would like to recognize our friends and neighbors who display a Nativity Scene Crèche as part of their outdoor Christmas decorations. These types of displays truly remind us all of the reason we should all be thankful for the greatest gift given to us all, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will send an Appreciation Certificate from our Council recognizing the person for their display and telling them what it means to us all.

So make this a family affair as you are out on the roads this season, if you or your families spot a house with a Nativity Scene, write down the street address and send it to me. You do not need to know the name of the person who lives there, we just need to know the street address. I will then get the address to our committee and we will send out the certificate. If you would like to help with this, please let Bert know. But at the very least keep your eyes on the look out.

### Christmas Party A Good Time for All

Our Christmas party on Dec. 5 was well attended as 42 youth and 97 adults were there to greet Santa and to feast on some out-of-this-world ribs, chicken and ham prepared by chef Bob Arms.

The youth enjoyed chatting with Santa and each received a present. Thanks go to Jonathan Corbitt for a great job as Santa's "helper".



Photo by Bruchas

Smoked Turkey Chairman, Glen, and Three Turkeys L-R Glen Word, Ed Corbitt, Ed Bruchas, Donnie Petre



Photo by Bert

Santa was big hit at the Christmas Party.



Photo by Bert



Photo by Bert

Doug Blake Leads the Children in Carols at the Christmas Party



Take a Tootsie Roll? Or Else!!!

Photo by Bernier

The New Shackle Island Holdup Gang Brothers Herron, Degnan, Hale, Pacheco, and Manilla