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Grand Knight's Jan Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope all of you had wonderful times over the holidays with your friends and families. As we come into January we are really keeping quite busy. This month is dedicated by the Knights to respect the family and more importantly to respect life. I hope all of you had the opportunity to read the most recent Columbia magazine that had several good articles about the Catholic teachings regarding life from conception to death. And again I urge all of you to express your thoughts and concerns on these matters to our local and national leaders.

We have a couple of BIG events coming up with the Super Bowl Party and the Fish Friday's in Lent if you are looking for some fun times to have with your families and those of your brother Knights. Also I would like to challenge each of you to make a resolution this New Year to bring a new man in to our council and these events are wonderful opportunities to do that.

Thank you, each of you, for all of the help and support for our various events that we have held so far. I know I can count on your continued support for worthy events in the coming months.

Remember our meetings are being held in the upstairs classrooms during the winter months. Thank you for your considerations of these matters and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus, Bert

Highlights from the Dec Meeting

There was only a brief business meeting and there were no items to discuss.

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?'

The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01/18 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 01/18 Monthly Mtg. - Social Hr 5:30 pm, Mtg. 6:30 pm**
- 01/25 Basketball Free Throw - JPII GYM, 1:30 PM**
- 01/31 Knights Provide Room in the Inn Manpower**
- 02/01 Super Bowl Party - 3 pm OLOL Social Hall**
- 02/14 Valentine's Day**
- 02/15 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 02/15 Monthly Mtg. - Social Hr 5:30 pm, Mtg. 6:30 pm**
- 02/25 Ash Wednesday**
- 03/06 Fish Fry**

Knights Needed to Work
Room in the Inn
Saturday Night, Jan 31.

Did You Know

That over the past decade Knights have donated a grand total of more than 612 million volunteer hours to charitable causes?

That a cat has 32 muscles in each ear?

That the relationship of the KofC with Habitat for Humanity is growing dramatically and last year Knights donated more than 1.2 million hours of volunteer service at Habitat projects?

That an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?

That Pope Benedict recently thanked the KofC for our Order's efforts "to defend the moral truths necessary for a free and humane society, including the fundamental right to life."?

That in the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated?

A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He answered, 'Call for backup.'

Help Needed - January 29

On Thursday, January 29 from 6-8 PM, 6-8 men are needed to help packing care packages in backpacks for needy Sumner County schoolchildren. We approved this event a couple of months back. Sharon Ratcliff, wife of Brother Knight Dan, is collecting the materials needed for the backpacks. We will be providing hot dogs and refreshments for the help.

I thought about making a fitness movie, for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust.'

Christmas Dinners Donated

The Council once again distributed 10 turkey dinners to needy families here in Sumner County on Christmas Eve. Brothers Joe & Michael Staub delivered the meals to 6 families here in Hendersonville, 2 in Gallatin, 1 in Portland, and 1 in Madison.

Everyone appreciated the dinners and expressed their sincere thanks. One lady was overwhelmed with joy as she was not going to be able to make dinner for her family this year as she battles a reoccurrence of breast cancer. Providing dinners for her and the other families is a concrete demonstration of our charity in action and a practice that hopefully will continue for many Christmas' to come

Dues Due

2009 Dues Notices are being posted in early January. You may pay by mail or in person at a meeting on or before April 1.

If you pay in person, please help and put your dues payment in an envelope with your name on it

Tootsie Roll Drive Final Results

Chairman John Bolger has announced the final results from the recent MR Foundation (Tootsie Roll) drive. The gross collected was \$6,183 and, after expenses, the amount sent to the MR Foundation was 5656.75, the third highest total ever.

Criticism wouldn't be so hard to take if it weren't so often right



Fratern Benefits News Seven Resolutions for the New Year

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.

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

Nothing is quite so annoying as to have someone go right on talking while you're interrupting.

Fish Frys

This years Lenten Fish Frys will be held on Friday, February 15, and Friday, March 7, in the Our Lady of the Lake social hall. This year's Frys promise to be as terrific as last year's. Once again the Knights famous catfish, as well as white fish, will be served with all the fixin's.

The Frys are open to the entire church community. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome. Advance ticket sales will start in January.

Many volunteers will be needed to help. If interested, contact Mike Rector at 822-8461 for details.



I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse.

I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener. I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what I think they call blue teeth.

The purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Room in the Inn Workers Needed

On Saturday, January 31, the Knights will be the Innkeepers for Room at the Inn. We are doing this first because this is a good cause and a way for Catholic gentlemen to reach out to those most in need in our community. Also by doing this we are able to use the Social Hall for our annual Super Bowl party. We need men to cook the dinner, for 20 people, and stay the night with the Room at the Inn Residents. We will have a signup sheet and more details at the January meeting. Please think about working for this worthy cause.

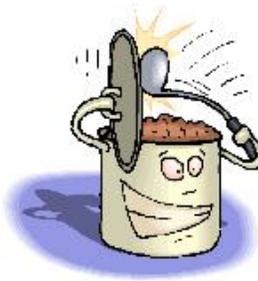
The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not. - Mark Twain

Super Bowl Party

This year's annual Super Bowl party will be on Sunday, February 1, in the Social Hall at Our Lady of the Lake church. Doors will open around 3:00 PM. The party is open to all Knights and their families, as well as prospective Knights. As in the past, you may also bring a friend (prospective Knight or two). Drinks and some foods will be provided, but all are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

We have secured a satellite hookup with two big screen TVs and an LCD projection unit to show on the screen. The large projection screen proved to be a big hit last year with an incredible picture.

Last year an impromptu chili cookoff was held at the party. This will be repeated again this year in hopes someone can outdo the fabulous "Rector's famous chili". Mike is confident of retaining the "best chili" crown against all comers. If you would like to knock that crown off his head, bring your own version of the "best chili there ever was" and enter the competition. Mitch Parochka and Joe Staub have already thrown the gauntlet down and will challenge Rector. The winner will be announced at half time.



[Editor's note - I wonder if these guys really make their chili or if they have the little lady prepare the dish. - That thought is reinforced since as I write this, Steve Mantegani has entered the fray with "Shelia's "Macon County, TN" hot Chili!!!!". Looks like this party will be a real popping place!]

This party has grown into one of the council's best social events of the year. Make your plans now to attend and look for more details at the January meeting.

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers

Annual Free Throw Contest

Chairman Steve Mantegani has announced that Council 9132 will once again hold the Basketball Free Throw Competition. The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 27 at 1:30 pm at JPII High School gym

Any youth ages 10 to 14 inclusive (as of 1/1/09) 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 in February.

All Brother Knights are encouraged to invite/bring a participant: your son or daughter, a relative, a neighbor, your child's friend from school or church. Please bring someone to have fun with us. The only restriction is that each youth may only participate in ONE local KofC event.

Signup sheets are available at OLOL and registration sheets will be available at the event. Please sign up in advance if at all possible.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the competition (rebound balls, keep scores, etc.). If you want to help with this event contact Steve Mantegani at 305-8291.

Words

The least important word is "I" - gets the least done.

The most important word is "We" - gets the most done.

The two most important words are "Thank You" - shows appreciation.

The three most important words are "All is Forgiven" - shows forgiveness.

The four most important words are "What is Your Opinion" - shows you are listening.

The five most important words are "You Did a Good Job" - gives encouragement.

The six most important words are "I Want to Know You Better" - shows understanding.

Its a Blonde Year

January - Took her new scarf back to the store because it was too tight.

February - Couldn't work in a pharmacy because the bottles wouldn't fit into the typewriter.

March - Got excited when she finished a jigsaw puzzle in 6 months because the box said "2-4 years."

April - Was trapped on an escalator for hours when the power went out.

May - Couldn't make Kool-Aid because 8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets.

June - Couldn't learn to water ski because she couldn't find a lake with a slope.

July - After losing in a breast stroke swimming competition, complained to the judges that the other swimmers were using their arms.

August - Told her blonde friend to hurry when trying to get into their locked car using a coat hanger because it was starting to rain and the top was down.

September - When asked what the capital of California was, answered "C".

October - Hates M&M's because they are so hard to peel.

November - Baked a turkey for 4 days because the instructions said 1 hour per pound and she weighed 120.

December - Couldn't call 911 because there was no "11" on any phone.