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Hendersonville Council # 9132  
Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389

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### Grand Knight's Feb. Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope all of you are doing well and had a good time rooting for your favorite team at the Super Bowl. Once again I want to thank all of you for your continued participation and support for our council events and activities.

I recently attended the KofC Mid-Year meetings in Nashville and I have to tell you that I am very proud of our council for the many accomplishments we have made so far this year and I am most thankful to belong to a council that has so many members committed to our work and each other. I can tell you that we run circles around many of the other councils in this area and the state. I hope all of you can take the opportunity to accompany some of our new Brothers to an upcoming Degree ceremony and have the chance to see how our council compares to others in the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome several new brothers who came into our council at the January meeting. Our group continues to grow and I am most surprised by the attendance we have seen this winter in our cramped upstairs rooms. Each meeting we are packed to the rafters and always making the best of the situations we have to deal with. For you new Knights I would like to also challenge each of you to get involved in our council now that you have made your 1st Degree. We have many things planned in the next couple of months that should enable you to get to know your brother Knights and their families better and to nurture your Catholic faith as well.

We have several events coming up that might appeal to many of your different interests and talents. In March we will be having 2 Fish Fries, on Friday 3/13 and 3/27. We will need help serving the large OLOL crowds that we anticipate. On the last weekend of March we will have our annual Silent Auction. This is a big fundraiser for us and help is needed now, asking for donations and planning this event. Each of us knows at least one business that we frequent that we could approach for a donation so give it some thought and make that call. We will also have an Easter Egg/Candy Hunt for the OLOL children on Easter Sunday which can always use the help of you and your families. Many of our brother Knights also help organize and participate in the weekly Men's Bible Study held each Saturday morning in the OLOL Social Hall where friends are made and fellowship is shared. If you are interested in a more personal walk with God, you might consider Eucharistic Adoration any day of the week. Many of our brother Knights have been blessed by participating in this and it is also coordinated by several brother Knights from our council. If you are interested in any of these events, please ask your Grand Knight or read your newsletter for more information. Keep in mind as well that all of these events can be appealing to many men in our parish who might like to also become members of our council.

As we approach the Lenten season and we consider what we might do or give up for Lent, maybe you can redirect time to one of our upcoming events or pursue that new member at church. I hope that we are all thankful for the many blessings that this council brings in to each of our lives in many different ways. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of these matters and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus, Bert

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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**
- 03/13 Fish Fry**
- 03/14 4th Degree - Donaldson**
- 03/27 Fish Fry**
- 03/28/29 Silent Auction**
- 04/18 Third Degree, St. Stephen's**
- 04/24 Senior's Banquet Mass**



#### Knights and Families Pack Food Donation Bags

On Thursday, 1/29, several Knights and their families helped to pack food bags to go into backpacks of needy Sumner County schoolchildren. The kids will be taking these donations home every Friday in February.

We packed over 80 bags of food to fit in their backpacks. Many thanks to Dan and Sharon Ratcliff for coordinating this worthy effort.

Participating Knights were: Bert Brahney, Ed Bruchas, Chris Fenton, Sig and Martha Hanke, Richard Land, Chico Pacheco and sons Carlos and Erick, Nick Pecora and grandson Cole, Dan and Sharon Ratcliff, and John Ratcliff and sons.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

The Editor Wishes to Apologize for the Many Wrong Dates in Last Month's Newsletter Articles. He Blames it on Temporary Snow Blindness. At Least the Calendar of Events Was Right.

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

We make a Living by what we get; We make a Life by what we give.

## Highlights from the Jan Meeting

There were 57 Knights in attendance.

A First Degree commenced at 6:50pm with five candidates; 4 from OLOL and 1 from Springfield. Our new brothers are Jim Hicks, Ryan Nelson, Ricardo Thompson, and Thornton Schoch.

A transfer brother, Dean Schaben and a reinstated brother, Juan Ramirez, were recognized.

A Motion was made to dispense with all reports other than the GK's. Motion was seconded and approved.

Bank balance is \$8089 before new expenses. Tootsie Roll Drive total was over \$6300.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Bill King Family, Letter from our Seminarian, Package and letter from Michael Staub.

**Recruiting:** Brother Dan offered to set up a table in the Narthex on meeting Sundays to try to recruit new members after Mass.

The meeting was dedicated to fallen Brother Dick Berger

GK thanked Brother Knights for all the hard work for the Christmas Party. Also a big thanks to Santa and all the cooks.

Youth Committee – Free Throw Competition Sun 1/25 at JPPII. Open to public. Steve Mantegani needs volunteers.

Backpacks for Sumner County kids led by Sharon Ratcliff. **Plan to help on 1/29 from 6-8pm at the church.**

Room at the Inn – Knights have the 1/31. Chico and Chris Fenton coordinating. **Please see them to help.**

Superbowl Party – Sun, Feb. 1. Mike Rector coordinating. Setup after mass. Party to begin ~3pm. Come early as space will be at a premium. **Planning meeting will be Tue 1/20.**

Fish Frys – **Fri March 13 and 27. Please plan on helping.** These are great social events

Senior Banquet Mass is set for **Fri April 24. Setup ~3pm.** Money will be requested at the next meeting. Jerry Tachoir and Bill Grist are coordinating. **Please let Jerry or Bill know if you can help.**

Special Visitors: Larry and Corry Fisher attended. Thanks to Larry's generosity and caring, he led the charge in starting a Sumner County chapter for TN Special Olympics. Requested any help the K of C could give. Motion was made by Mike Rector and seconded to appropriate \$500. Passed unanimously.

Silent Auction – March 28/29. Last year for Joe Staub to run this big event. **He is looking to mentor his replacement(s). Please consider helping Joe.** Also needs volunteers to get auction items.

Alan Baldrige – First information about a KofC Camporee. This is a family event and he will be sharing more in the months to come.

**Officer Nomination Committee** – Mike Rector and Mark Pense will be looking for Brothers to select the 2009/2010 Officers and committee members. If you are interested in helping to select the new Officers OR you want to be considered, please see Mike or Mark. MUST BE 3rd Degree or higher to run.

**Spouse of Dick Berger** – They have considerable medical bills. Mitch Parochka is leading a fund for Dick's widow. Please be generous. Motion was made by Mitch and passed to match fund collected up to \$500.

**Upcoming Degrees:** - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – 3/14 in Donaldson

**Adoration** – Please see Dwane Hunter or Dick Emery if interested in spending 1 hour with our Lord each week.

Wayne Frazier updated the Council on his efforts to get a flag pole in front of our church to support our country and all who have served. Still getting quotes. 2 fiberglass poles with freight is \$3550. Looking for contributions. Will come back to the Council when he has firmer quotes. See Wayne if you are interested in helping.

**Field Agent Report** – Reminded us why a policy is needed for our loved ones. Still needs to sign 4 people. Many new products to consider. Give Brother Steve a call!

**State Golf Tournament to help Seminarials** – Looking for us to

send at least 1 foursome to Franklin. Event is Memorial Day weekend.

Spring Fest – State requested an Honor Guard for Spring Fest 2009 held on May 17 in Shelbyville. It is a family event. More info will come from the GK.

Gk Bert named Nick Pecora Knight of the Month for his work on the Christmas party and most all events since becoming a brother.

The Family of the Month was Debbie and Ed Corbitt for their work with the Christmas party, turkeys and shirt sales.

The 50/50 drawing for \$41 was won by Wayne Frazier

**Mike Bertotti's** number was drawn for the \$67 jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$87.

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I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.- Groucho Marx

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## Fraternal Benefits News Beneficiaries...Who Do You Love?

It will soon be Valentine's Day. Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy? It would be a wise idea to find out – and update your beneficiary if necessary. As your K of C agent, I can help you do that.

Why is this important? A life insurance policy protects the financial status of another person – or people - in the event of your death. Through a beneficiary designation, you determine just who that should be.

When you purchase a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, you select a primary beneficiary and, if you desire, a contingent, or secondary, beneficiary. It's always a wise move to select a contingent beneficiary because you might outlive your primary beneficiary. A contingent beneficiary is the person designated to receive life insurance policy proceeds if the primary beneficiary dies.

You should be as specific as possible in wording your beneficiary designation. By naming your wife, daughter, son, etc., as beneficiary, you make sure that the life insurance proceeds will be available in a timely manner to them.

Your life situation will undoubtedly change over time. Plan to update your beneficiary designations periodically. This will ensure that your life insurance coverage will protect those you want it to protect. Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. You simply complete a change of beneficiary form (#113A) for each policy you want to change. I can provide you with these forms – and I will help you to fill them out. I can also help you with beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold – regardless of the company that issued it.

Give me a call. I'm at your service. Please contact me by e-mail at Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

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Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

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## Fish Frys Start March 13

Chairman Mike Rector has announced that the annual Lenten Fish Frys will be held on Fridays, March 13 and March 27 this year in the OLOL social hall.

Mike is putting the call out to all brothers to talk up this very successful parish social event and also to plan on helping if they can.

Last year's Fry's were so popular that parishioners braved the harshest of winter conditions to come and partake.

Call Mike Rector to help.

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A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog.

The children started discussing the dog's duties. 'They use him to keep crowds back,' said one child. 'No,' said another, 'he's just for good luck.' A third child brought the argument to a close. 'They use the dogs,' she said firmly, 'to find the fire hydrants.'

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## New Brothers

Council 9132 has grown by 6 new brothers as four men received their First Degree at the Jan meeting, one brother transferred in and one was reinstated. Receiving their First Degree in January were Jim Hicks, Ryan Nelson, Thornton Schoch and Ricardo Thompson while Dean Schaben transferred from the Sioux City, IA council and Juan Ramirez was reinstated.

Jim Hicks and his wife, Marilyn, are long time OLOL parishioners. Jim is CEO of Music City Fire Sprinkler in Hendersonville. His e-mail address is JimHicks@Bellsouth.net.

Ryan Nelson is a long time OLOL parishioner. He is studying at Vol State to be a sound engineer. His e-mail address is eagle\_belt@yahoo.com

Thornton Schoch is the husband of Anna, a member of the OLOL staff. He runs his own import/export business. His e-mail address is Alltrade@AOL.com.

Dean Schaben and his wife, Jamie, transferred to middle TN about a year and a half ago. They have three children at home; boys 5 and 2 and a girl 3. Dean works for Tyson Foods. His e-mail address is dean.schaben@tyson.com.

Ricardo Thompson has been at OLOL for a little over a year. He and his wife, Alicia, have 3 children; 2 girls and a boy. He is employed at a dry cleaners.

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## Silent Auction

This year's Silent Auction is only two months away and much work is needed to make it a success. As outlined in the letter below, Chairman Joe Staub is in much need of many solicitors. Also, since this is Joe's last year as chairman he needs an understudy to work with him this year and take over as chair next year.

Dear Brothers,

This year our Silent Auction is going to be early. The Silent Auction will be on Saturday, March 28th, and Sunday, March 29th, at the church Social Hall. With your help, we can make this the best year ever for our Silent Auction. It is our hope to raise \$10,000. We've come close in the past, but have yet to cross over that amount.

As always we need your help and support not only on the weekend of the Silent Auction, but in seeking donations from local and major vendors. I would encourage every brother to take a moment to consider who he knows that could be a donator of goods for our Silent Auction. I would also encourage reaching out and making contacts to larger business such as our airlines, hotels, casinos and amusement parks such as Walt Disney World. So many of those businesses would welcome business at this time and you will find that they are just a phone call or an e-mail away.

Please call me if you have any questions as to how to get started. It's really not difficult and you will help us raise the needed funds to continue funding our Council's activities.

Chairman Joe Staub

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## Super Bowl Party

The annual Council Super Bowl party was a huge success with 175-200 in attendance enjoying not only the game but also the fine fellowship. In addition to the three large TV displays and the fine food and refreshments, this year's party was spiced up a little with a chili cookoff.

The competition in the cookoff was fierce with many fine entries but when the impartial, totally honest judging was complete the winners were Smokin' Hot category - Paul Folse, Judges Best - Bill Degnan, and Grand Champion - Tim Callahan.

Party chairman Mike Rector issued the following thank you - "I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who helped out, or attended the KofC Super Bowl party. The committee worked hard to provide a good atmosphere for all who attended. The chili cook-off seemed to be a big success also. Thank you all for your hard work, and don't forget the KofC Lenten Fish Fry's are just around the corner. The dates for the Fish Fry's are March 13, and March 27."

## Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News Minutes of Meeting Jan. 18, 2009

Meeting Opened at 5:10 pm by Faithful Navigator Dave Eliskovich  
Bank balance as of Dec 31 was \$3410.46. Expected new money is \$160 from shirt sale and \$178 from the Council.

Committee Chair Bert Brahney reported on three needs for honor guards,

- 1) Bicentennial Mall rally for life by Bishop David Choby; e-mail Bert or Faithful Navigator for details.
- 2) Full honor guard for New Bishop of Knoxville to be soon. Clean Regalia to be worn; e-mail Bert for details or Faithful Navigator
- 3) Also Bishop David Choby is holding National convention at Shelbyville on Sunday. All day with Mass and a Cardinal will be Keynote Speaker.

There will be a 4th degree at Donaldson. Members are to suggest Brother Knights to become 4th degree. Contact Faithful Navigator Dave Eliskovich or Grand Knight Bert Brahney for details.

Bishop Durick Assembly dues are due;\$10 dues plus \$5 for ciborium's. Council dues are also due for all Knights. Members of the Assembly that are exempt from dues are only honorary 4th degree knights such as Fathers and those Knights of the Fourth Degree who are now serving in the military.

Report on the proposed Flagpole. 2 flag poles needed. Use fiberglass poles as aluminum and steel poles will attract lightning. Estimate for poles was \$3400. Plaque to be inscribed "In memory of our men and women service personnel and those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation free!!" Goal will be to install before July. Assembly suggests fund raisers needed. Maximum height of pole is 35 ft.

From the floor it was suggested that Knights personal contributions could be used to buy a flag pole from a business that may be going out of business. Faithful Navigator suggested a committee to be formed for the flagpole, please see Sir Knight Wayne or the Faithful Navigator if you would like to be on the committee. Also possibility of recruiting private funds from Knights. Suggest to bring before Parish Council which was planned to take place after the meeting.

Sir Knight Richard Smith needs more ciborium's as we are out.

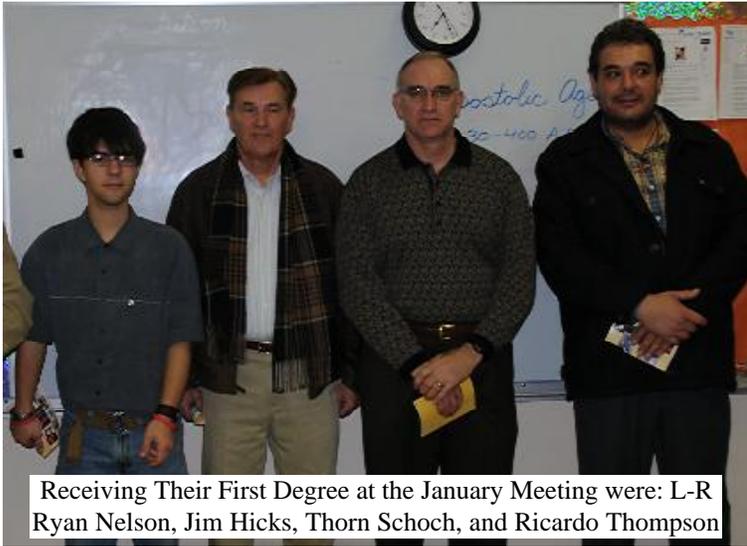
Past Faithful Navigator Brother Doug Blake gave thanks for the white cape that was voted upon and thereunto given him. Brother Doug donated a ceremonial sword to the assembly duly inscribed with message saying this is the Ceremonial Sword for Assembly Bishop Joseph Durick #9132 to go in lockup downstairs.

The Assembly was read a card received from Brother Bill King's widow, Rose, expressing thanks for the funeral mass for Bill as follows: " Dear Knights, Thank you for doing a very beautiful funeral mass for Bill. He was very proud of the knights and all of the good works you do. The communion cup is beautiful. That really is a very special honor for William and will leave it with the church. I will always remember the wonderful times with Bill at the fish fries and suppers. Thanks again for being there for him. Love Rose."

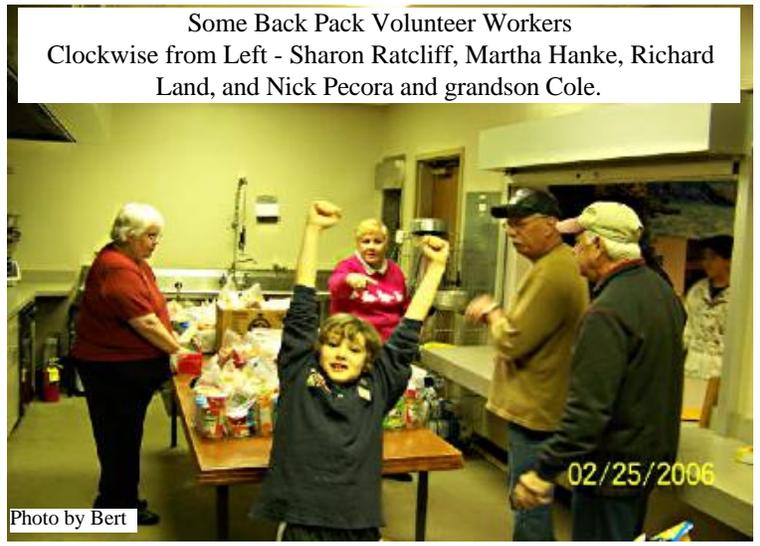
Meeting adjourned after For the Good of the Order and closing prayers.



**Remember Your Loved Ones  
on Valentine's Day  
and  
Throughout the Year!**



Receiving Their First Degree at the January Meeting were: L-R Ryan Nelson, Jim Hicks, Thorn Schoch, and Ricardo Thompson



Some Back Pack Volunteer Workers  
Clockwise from Left - Sharon Ratcliff, Martha Hanke, Richard Land, and Nick Pecora and grandson Cole.

Photo by Bert