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From Our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I write this with a stomach requiring rest after a long weekend full of turkey, stuffing, and all the fixings and of course... pumpkin pie! I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your families. It is a great opportunity to rest and recharge before the hectic final month of the year. That is, unless you chose to battle the crowds for those Black Friday specials.



Now we enter Advent and soon the Christmas season. Hard to believe another year is almost over. As I reflect on the past year, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you that have contributed to our "little" council's activities. Parish breakfasts, Mardi Gras, corn roast, blood drive, sausage making, card party, St. Joseph Cemetery mass reception, area "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards, Christmas card sales, poker tournament work, soccer challenge, free throw contest, spelling bee, parish barbeque, obtaining parish tables, Lugnut family night, vocation support, Parish stair painting, MI drive, food drive and the list goes on. As you can see we are involved not just in Parish activities, but in projects that include children, families and the community as a whole. This gentlemen, is a lot of good work! It makes a difference. Thank you all that have helped! If you have not volunteered, please consider making it your New Year's resolution to help at one event in 2010.

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The Knight of Columbus have designated this fraternal year as “Year of the Priest”. If you are not aware, we have been supporting a seminarian (Enzo Randazzo) for the past three years. To support our Priests is one of the principle foundations for us as Knights or Columbus. As such, we plan on increasing our support and adding our support to a second seminarian this fraternal year.

I would like to congratulate John Vatter who became our recorder last month. Thanks John for filling this void.

I pray all of your families have a healthy and safe Advent and Christmas Season.

Vivat Jesus

GK Mike Czajka

Texas Hold ‘Em Fund Raisers

Our council has been hosting some Texas Hold-Em poker night fundraisers this past year. Our next Poker Knight fundraiser event is four days, December 10-13 at Champion’s Sports Bar & Grill, 2440 Cedar, Holt. The hours of the event are from 4-2 am Thursday and Friday and high noon until 2 am on Sat and Sun. Please call Bruce Bobb or Mike Czajka to sign up.



All we are expected to do is exchange chips for cash and collect a “rake” from the dealers. You should be comfortable in handling cash and handling accurate exchanges. The money our council has earned has allowed us to support many new charities and aid in various Church projects and needs.

Volunteers will get \$10 per shift for food and drink.

Cruising the web...

Following are some web sites suggested by brother Knights for you to check out:

www.supporttm.com - Support Traditional Marriage - an informative & active site

www.fathersforgood.org - an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus.

www.catholicjukebox.com - nothing but fun and musical enjoyment on your computer

January Birthdays

Jan 21– Terrence Baker

Jan 24- Tom Adado

Jan 29– Bruce Bobb

Jan 29– Clem Cormier

Jan 30– Michael Brown

Jan 31– Greg Perkowski

Membership

My Brother Sir Knights, Vivat Jesus,

Recruiting season is still in season, all year long! Our fraternal year is almost half way done. It's time to talk to those buddies and friends you know and encourage them to join our council. Please contact your council membership directors or Mike Czajka at 517.775.4161.

Thank you, Tim Russell, Jim Beckwith Membership directors.

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Fr. Bill Luger for being our Knight of the Month for November. Thank you Father Bill for all you do for us Knights and our Parish.

Congratulations also to Tom Adado and John Vatter our previous months winners.

Thank you all for all you do.

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting—Dec 10th at 7:00 pm

Poker @ Champions Holt—Dec 10th - 13th

Sausage making—Dec 19th Parish Kitchen

Breakfast—Dec 20th after 9 am mass

Rainbow Homes Silent Auction—Feb 6th IHM

Mardi Gras Dinner—Feb 16th

The Good Sheppard



Inspiration provided by Mr. Schulz



Keep Christ in Christmas

Thanks to fellow Knight Ken Watterson, once again we will be seeing “Keep Christ in Christmas “ billboards in our area. St. Casimir’s billboard will be located at Mt. Hope and Bank Street and will be up starting November 30th. Also, we will have Christmas cards, “Keep Christ in Christmas” lawn signs and magnets available for sale before and after masses. Please support this great cause.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE BIG GRILL!!!



THIS BIG OLD BEAUTY IS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ANY CURRENT 9711 KNIGHT IN GOOD STANDING. FAMILY GATHERING, GRADUATION PARTY, OR OTHER BIG EVENTS. CONTACT THE GRAND KNIGHT FOR AVAILABILITY.

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Next Meeting of Council **Date: Dec 10th**
Time: 7:00 pm **Place: Council Chambers**