

The Knight Writer

News and Happenings for Knights of Columbus Council # 69

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Message from the Grand Knight

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many brother Knights, families and friends for helping make the last couple of months one we can be proud of.

In October, our council participated in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. A special thank you to Bob Fimbel and Bob Fimbel Jr. for co-chairing this event. With volunteers, corporate sponsors of Aldenville Credit Union, People's Bank and Dielectricks. We were able to turn in over \$6,900.00 at the state charity ball. All money raised goes to help "God's Special Children".

In November, I was honored to present \$8,252.36 in checks and donations raised at our annual wine tasting to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen in Chicopee. A special thanks to Stan and Diane Matras for chairing this event. Their gathering enough sponsors and volunteers made this a tremendous success. The money stays in our community to help the less fortunate. Thank you to all who helped make this evening possible. In the last eight years our wine tastings has raised about \$40,000.00 for Lorriane's Soup Kitchen.

There is a lot of work involved in production and mailing of this newsletter. I must take a moment to

apologize for the tardiness of this edition. I know everyone is waiting for the information about the Christmas parties. Details are listed on the flyer. Please respond quickly so these parties may run smoothly. Thank you for all your patience.

Merry Christmas

Dennis Miner

Dennis Miner, Grand Knight

413-592-5160

From The Financial Secretary's Desk

I will be sending out dues invoices for the Fraternal Year 2010 in the very near future. There are still a considerable number of members who have not paid for 2009. Any member with a question or problem regarding dues is asked to contact Grand Knight Dennis Miner or myself. We are here to help!

Included with the dues mailing will be a book of KofC State raffle tickets. This ticket is a win-win situation. The Council makes money on each book sold. The buyer has the opportunity to win a cash prize. Most important is the fact that it aids in keeping the per capita assessment in check (currently \$ 7.75). I have all the books you can sell! Please get in touch if you need more. The Council is obligated to participate in the raffle. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Vivat Jesus

Mark K. Olson, FDD

Financial Secretary



A Message from our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Perhaps that phrase appears to be somewhat premature while we are still in the month of November. Though that may be true for the calendar year, it is not true for the Liturgical Year. The First Sunday of Advent begins the new liturgical year for the Church. Advent is a time of new beginnings. Throughout the Advent season, the Church will revisit the longing of the Hebrew people for the coming of the Messiah. The spirit of Advent encourages us to enter that same sense of longing as did the Hebrews of ancient days. It was that spirit of expectation that Ann and Joaquim shared with their daughter Mary about the coming of the Messiah. Therefore, upon the visitation of the Angel Gabriel, Mary was filled with grace as she responded to God's invitation with the words "... let it be done to me according to your word."

Advent, well celebrated, enables people of good will to celebrate Christmas with the joyful assurance that "the Word dwells among us!" The Blessed Virgin Mary gives each of us the example of the type of faith that is needed, especially in these modern times. Mary chose to listen to the Angel Gabriel because Mary was a woman of prayer. Her decision to say "yes" made possible the Miracle of the Incarnation. Today, we are often too busy to listen to the voice of God. We live in times where the "booming sounds and the flashing lights" grab our attention. Yet the voice of God remains constant but quiet.

My prayer for you, Brother Knights, is for a holy season of Advent. With an Advent season of "joyful expectation", Christmas is sure to be a time of renewed joy and peace. May you know a prayerful Advent and a joyful Christmas season. *And they shall name him Emmanuel! For God is with us!*

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill Tourigny

SPAGHETTI SUPPERS



January 5th 4:30—6:30 to sponsor the St. Patrick's Church Appeal Committee

If you are interested in chairing our spaghetti supper meals each month please contact Grand Knight, Dennis Miner .

DEGREE SCHEDULE

The Third degree scheduled for November at our council was cancelled by the State. A new date in January is being sought. If you are interested in taking your Third Degree please Contact Grand Knight Dennis Miner at 413-592-5160 to let him know.

The First Degree is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday in January.

District Deputy's Report

Knights of Columbus are promoting the "Year of the Volunteer". Elder Council #69 has shown me how a council can work together. I would like to congratulate all members, families and friends who have worked as a "volunteer" for this council on the numerous events this past year. I would also like to recognize the degree team of Elder Council #69. A lot of hard work and organization go into making a degree successful. During the Holiday season, remember to keep "Christ in Christmas".

My wife and I would like to wish you and your families a very joyous Holiday Season.

Mike Kirkpatrick

District Deputy

A Message from the Forth Degree

Dear Brother Knights,

We, the officers of the Father Daniel Doyle Assembly #2631, extend an invitation to you to complete your journey to full Knighthood. As you know, there are four steps in our ORDER. Many of you have advanced to the Third Degree, we are asking you to take the last step and become a member of our Fourth Degree Assembly.

Applications are available from any officer of our Assembly. Our dues are low, but our service to the order is high. Please contact the Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight John Smus at 413-536-5295 or the Honor Guard Commander, Sir Knight Roger Korella at 413-237-9361 for details.

A Message from the Field Agent

Of the 100's of insurance companies in North America, only 3 have maintained top ratings by A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association for ethical business practices.

But only 1 gave \$ 144 million to support Catholic and other charitable causes last year. Let's talk.

Jim Healey
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Children's Christmas Party



Please see attached flyer if interested in attending and return slips by mail or drop off in the Lounge no later than Wednesday December 16th. We need to plan for this event so we must know in advance who will be attending and can not have people who have not signed up arrive on the day of the party.



Members and Community

Christmas Party



Members and Community Christmas Party will be held December 12th in our Banquet Hall. Consider having your family, a group of friends, or your small business join us for this event. Let us handle the cooking and entertainment. Cocktails 6:00-7:00. Entertainment provided by DJ Tony Pluta. Meal choices include Prime Rib, Fish or Chicken. Tables can be reserved for 6 or more. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please see Deputy Grand Knight Jim McVey at 413-788-0618 for tickets.

Hall Rentals

Hall rentals are available. Contact our banquet manager, Linda Stout, at 413-598-8621 for details

Upcoming Events

- Dec 6th Clergy Day
- Dec 10th Council Meeting 7:00p.m. no Degree Council Christmas Party.
- Dec 12th Members and Community Christmas Party
- Dec 20th Children's Breakfast with Santa
- Jan. 5th Spaghetti Supper
- Jan 14th Meeting and 1st Degree 7:00 p.m.

Members Christmas Party

Members Christmas Party Dec. 10th 7:00. Please bring \$5.00 for a meal ticket. All proceeds to go to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen.

Weight Room

We would like to remind you our weight room is available to any member of First Degree or higher. For their use. Come take advantage of the equipment.

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