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Grand Knight's Message

We had a new member join the council, and two brothers received their Fourth Degree during October. Welcome to our newest member Bo West, who took his First Degree October 2nd. Bo is a long time parishioner and a local realtor. Please make him feel welcome. Brothers Dan Biggins and Don Miller, received their Fourth Degrees and became Sir Knights on October 29th. Our congratulations to both new members of the assembly.

Priesthood Sunday was October 30th, and we expressed our appreciation for our priests, Fathers Rich, Dave and Max, as well as for our deacon, Deacon Bill Whitehead at receptions after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Our own deacon in training, Brother Hank Schmalen organized the tribute to our parish clergy. At Hank's invitation, all of the various parish ministries participated by contributing food and refreshments. Each reception was well attended, and I believe each of our clergy was moved and gratified by the parish's expression of affection and gratitude for them. Thank you, Hank, for pulling this event together. Thanks to Debbie Schmalen and all who brought food and refreshments, and worked so hard to make this Priesthood Sunday a success. And, once again, thanks to Father Rich, to Father Dave, Father Max, Deacon Bill, Brother Knights all, for being there for all of us and serving us and Christ's community at St. Catherine's so well.

May each and everyone have a safe, happy and prayerful Thanksgiving. This Thanksgiving, please remember the members of our parish and all who are serving our country in the armed services in your prayers.

Vivat Jesu
Jim

Parish Family Breakfast

Our next sponsored Parish Family Breakfast will be Sunday morning, November 13th. This is one of those events where we do need everyone's participation. Show up to help set up is 6:30 to 7:00 AM Sunday morning, and clean-up begins at noon. In between, as many helpers as possible are needed.

You will be receiving a letter from the breakfast's "General Manager," Brother Rich Hoster, who always does such a great job putting these breakfasts together, asking for your help. In the meantime, feel free to call one of the breakfast "Captains" to volunteer your service:

"Toast & Coffee"	Dick Williams	847-428-0445
"Omelets"	Don Miller	847-426-9552
"Kitchen (Dungeon)"	Hank Schmalen	847-426-7326
"Serving Line"	Ed McNamara	847-426-6037
"Front Door"	Dan Biggins	847-428-6758

PADS HELP NEEDED

Our first opportunity is coming up in October to help those less fortunate. We have agreed to supply two people, the third Monday evening/Tuesday morning of every month while the shelter is open. The dates for this year are:

October 17-18	Fred McCarthy
November 21-22	The Schmalens
December 19-20	OPEN
January 16-17	Don Miller
February 20-21	OPEN
March 20-21	OPEN
April 17-18 (If needed)	

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All you have to do is show up with a non-sugar snack and milk (our council will reimburse you), and help the PADS Staff in whatever way they need. This might be putting out a snack, or helping to give out bedding, etc.

It is from 7:00pm to about 9:30 or 10:00pm on Monday night and then again from 5:00am until 7:00am the next morning to help with breakfast and cleanup. This can be a wonderful experience for you to share with your spouse or older child.

If you can volunteer and do not have an ID card from past years, Brother Schmalen will need to pre-register you. Contact Hank Schmalen at (847) 426-7326, or hschmal@sbcglobal.net with the month you would like to volunteer.

Retreat Weekend

Peace and quiet for an entire weekend ... sound good? Consider joining us for a silent retreat the weekend of February 17 - 19. I know, you think to yourself that there is no way that you could not talk for an entire weekend, or this is just for those "holy guys". *WRONG!!!* This is for YOU!!! It is a great time, at a great facility to focus yourself on what truly is important in this life.....getting in touch with our God!!! Spaces for the weekend are limited and I now have brochures available. Contact Hank Schmalen hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 426-7326 for additional information or to place your reservation.

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets

The "Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets" have arrived. We will be selling these car magnets

after all of the Masses the weekends of November 26/27 and December 3/4. We will be selling them for \$3.00 each or 2/\$5.00 and we anticipate that they will go quickly. We will need help after each Mass at both St. Catherine's and at St. Mary's. Signup to help after a Mass of your choice at the November meeting or by contacting Hank Schmalen hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 426-7326

Mall +1

"Mall + One", what the heck is that you ask?? During the Christmas shopping season we keep the Church open all of the hours that Spring Hill Mall is open plus one hour. But to do that we need to have someone "staff" the Church during those hours. All you have to do is be there!!! You can pray, read, do Christmas cards, talk.....Deb and I even played games last year.....it was such GREAT couple time !!!! It begins the day after Thanksgiving and signup sheets will be posted in the narthex. This is not just a Knights function but who better than to sit and protect Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament than His Knights of Columbus!!! Consider taking a shift sometime during this Christmas season. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Hank Schmalen at hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 426-7326.

Chaperons Needed

Every year we help sponsor a Teen Dance which is held in the St. Catherine School Gym. Remember when you were a teen? Well, teens will still be teens, and so chaperons are needed. All you have to do is show up at the gym at 7:30 on Friday, December 2nd and keep a casual eye on the kids and the doors. Dress is casual and it is really a fun

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evening. So, bring your best gal (you can sneak in a dance or two yourselves, if you want), and help us make this a safe and enjoyable evening for the kids. Sign up at the November business meeting or contact Brother Bob Waclawik at rwacla525@aol.com.

Council Christmas Party

Our annual Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 9th. This is always a fun evening for all ... members, families and especially the little kids. We're again expecting Santa to make an appearance to the delight of all, as well as music stylings from Steve and Sylvia with the accompaniment of our parish's own "New Christy Ministers". They must be heard to be appreciated, and you must be present to hear them.

We will again be serving the Kruger family's famous deep fried turkey with dressing, ham and beverages. Your only, yes only price for admission to this evening of fun and fellowship is just a dish to share. If your last name begins with the letter "A" through "H", please bring a hors d'oeuvre or salad; "I" through "Q" a vegetable or other side dish; and if your last name begins with "R" through "Z", please bring a desert.

So that we can plan accordingly, please call or email Brother Hank Schmalen at (847) 426-7326, hschmal@sbcglobal.net, or Brother Jim Winstead at (847) 426-0078, jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net with the number of people in your family attending.

November Business Meeting

The November business meeting will be on Monday, November 14th. Just a reminder, we will be hosting a First Degree that evening, beginning at

7:30. If you haven't attended a First Degree in a while, it is still a very impressive and moving ceremony. Please plan to attend and share this experience with the men who are joining our order.

Even better, bring a friend who hasn't yet joined the Knights and watch him be inducted!!!

Upcoming Events

Officers Meeting	November 10 7:00
Veteran's Day (Shake a Vet's hand!)	November 11
Family Breakfast	November 13
Council Business Meeting (First Degree)	November 14 7:30
Rosary Weekend	November 19 & 20
Thanksgiving	November 24
Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales	November 26 & 27
Teen Dance	December 2
Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales	December 3 & 4
Council Christmas Party	December 9

November Birthdays

Joe Borowski	Ewald Mayland
Leroy Castelveccchi	Jeff Minogue
Matthew Comenduley	Martin O Connor
Larry De Lisle	John Rotundo
Roger Ferguson	Caesar Schiavone
Tom Harrington	John Treanor
Peter Horn	Robert Van Durme
Robert Imhof	Bill Whitehead Sr.
Mark Johnson	Mark Wittenborn

Happy Birthday to all!

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“The Good of the Order”

Please remember in your prayers the following
Brothers and family members who are ill or in
distress:

Jim Roy	Chris Gardynski
Dan Stroick	Bob Waclawik
Bill Livingston	Joey Barry

If you know of a Brother Knight or Brother's family
member who is in need of our prayers and is not
listed above, please email the names to
jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net for inclusion in our
next newsletter.

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would like to have appear in the Siena Post
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