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Grand Knight's Message

Our decision to add a third Parish Family Breakfast in an effort to help balance our budget and provide a pre-Lent activity for the parish proved to be a good decision. We had a tremendous turnout from both the parish for breakfast and from our membership for volunteers. We grossed almost \$2,000 and will share over a \$1,000 in profits with the school. All-in-all, it was a very successful breakfast.

We added a new member, Albert Dzermejko at our January Degree. Albert is a member of St. Catherine's and lives in Gilberts. He has already become active by being a big help as a dinning room worker during the Family Breakfast. Please make an effort to say hello to Albert and make him feel welcome as a brother Knight.

For our Council, just as for the Church, February is something of a restful month. It is "Ordinary Time" for the Church, with no major Feast Days being celebrated during February. It is much the same for us. We don't have any major activities planned and it is a time to rest and recuperate from our hectic fall and holiday schedules.

The Gospels these past few weeks have chronicled a call to ministry of the disciples by Christ and the beginnings of His ministry. As we enjoy this brief respite from our normally crowded calendar of events and activities, it is also a time for each of us to look forward and reflect on our own personal "calls to ministry." It is a time to reflect upon our commitment to our Church and our personal responses to Christ's call to all of us to be disciples of His word.

It is also a time to consider our commitment to the Knights of Columbus and to our brother Knights. We have a great number of events and activities coming up this year – events and activities that are both charitable and fraternal, as well as quite often a great deal of fun. Now is the time to pledge your commitment to the work of our council this year. Need a suggestion for a way and place to start – just attend our monthly council meeting in the Community Room Monday night, February 13th at 7:30 p.m...

Vivat Jesu
Jim

How Cold Are You ??

Tonight, or the next time the temperature is in single digits, ask yourself, "If I had no place to go tonight, where would I find someplace warm and safe to sleep where I wouldn't literally freeze to death?" Statistics show the average American is only *THREE* paychecks away from being homeless!!!! Think about that.

You can help our local homeless shelter PADS on the 3rd Monday evening of the month.....we have agreed to provide two people for each of these nights.....there are still opportunities open. Contact Hank Schmalen to volunteer hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 612-6158

February	Mike and Mary Graziano
March	The Francois Family
April	OPEN
May	OPEN

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Where Does the Money Go ??

We in the Knights of Columbus raise a tremendous amount of money each year through our various raffles and fund raising drives. Do you ever wonder where that money goes? Standing in an intersection along Route 72, or in front of the Jewel soliciting donations and giving out Tootsie Roll, did you wonder where that money would end up?



Brother SK Joe Borowski, his wife Inga and daughter Elsie personally deliver a check from the Knights of Columbus to Steve St. Louis, Director of Community Services at Clearbrook in Arlington Heights

After our own Brother SK Joe Borowski and his family delivered a Tootsie Roll Drive check to Clearbrook in Arlington Heights, Steve St. Louis, the Director of Community Services wrote to us:

“I would like to thank you for the generous donation to Clearbrook . . . This money goes towards funding various activities throughout the year for thirty-two men and women that live at two of our facilities. The clients are grateful for these donations as it helps to fund activities that they may

not necessarily otherwise be able to participate in. This past year several of our clients were able to spend the weekend in the Wisconsin Dells. They had a great time and without your generous gift would not have otherwise been able to enjoy a vacation like this. On behalf of Clearbrook and our clients, I thank you for your generosity and the generosity of the Knights of Columbus over the years.”

Clearbrook is a home and center for the mentally challenged, and I think Steve’s letter pretty well sums up why we work so hard and do the things we do to help the many who are so less fortunate.

Tune-up Time

It is time to recharge those spiritual batteries, Brothers.....and an easy and painless way to do so is through the Knights’ Weekend Retreat coming up February 17, 18 & 19 at the Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington. If you would like to attend, you must hurry there are only 1 or 2 spaces left. Those attending so far are:

Hank Schmalen
Ron Colby
Earl McGrath
Scott Bates

If you are interested and want to attend or need more information let me know ASAP.....Hank Schmalen
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Help Needed

After long years of dedicated service, two of our critical Committee Chairmen are stepping down. Brother SK Bob Waclawik, Mr. Youth Activities for our Council for many years, and Brother SK Fred McCarthy, our Membership Chairman who helped to recruit so very many of you, are both stepping down. As they step down, they do so with my personal gratitude, the gratitude of all the Grand Knights they have served, and of the entire membership. Their dedication and enthusiasm in these positions has been a tremendous plus for our council.

With their departure from these positions, two critical openings for Committee Chairmen now exist. In the past, the Youth Chairman has coordinated our activities with the school, worked with Father Dave on Alter Server recognition, coordinated the Teen Dance we sponsor every fall, and been responsible for the annual Free Throw Contest. Brother Bob has set a great example for his successor to follow, and will be available to advise his successor, as will all of the members of the Officers' Committee. If you are interested in working with the youth of our parish, please contact Jim Winstead at 847-426-0078.

As the Membership Director, Brother Fred has been exemplary in his efforts to recruit and bring new members into our order. The membership director works with the Grand Knight and Officers' Committee to plan and execute recruitment "Blitz's," personally contact all potential new members, and bring them to their First and subsequent Degree Ceremonies. If you are sociable, friendly and proud of your own membership in the Knights of Columbus, please consider working with Brother Fred and easing into this very critical

position. Please contact either Brother Fred at 847-428-1409, or Jim Winstead at 847-426-0078.

February Birthdays

Richard Barry	Chad Koppie
Scott Bates	Bret Muscat
Eugene Berendt	Hoffman Ramos
Larry Fettes	Allen Wall
Mike Graziano	Bill Whitehead
Larry Hageman	Jim Winstead
Nick Koclanis	Don Ziemba

Happy Birthday to all!

"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	Don Miller
Bill Livingston	Michelle McDowell

And we pray for the repose of Adolph Stumbris, departed Step Father of Brother SK Dennis Kwain

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.

If you have an announcement or article you would like to have appear in the Siena Post Dispatch, please mail or email it to jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net

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