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Grand Knight's Message

Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming ." It begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle on November 30, and continues for four Sundays and four weeks of preparation.

With the holidays fast approaching, it is important that we focus on our families and the spiritual message that St. Catherine's brings to us during this blessed season. While reading the remainder of the newsletter, please keep in mind that our brother knights need your support and help so that they, too, may enjoy the peace of the season and time for reflection.

Vivat Jesu
Don Miller GK

Important Coming Events

- November 9 6:00 PM**
Annual Budget Meeting
- November 9 7:00 PM**
Mass for Deceased Brothers – St. Catherine
- November 9 8:00 PM**
November Officers' and Trustees' Meeting
- November 12**
KC Breakfast Cancelled
- November 13 - 7:30 PM**
Business Meeting
- November 19 - 6:00 PM**
Quarterly Blood Drive
- November 18 and 19th**
Rosary Weekend
- December 1**
Teen Dance
- December 15 - 7:00 PM**
Annual Siena Christmas Party
- January 13, 2007**
Free Throw Contest
- February 16, 2007**
KC Men's Retreat –Bellarmine Retreat Center,
Barrington, IL – Hank Schmalen (847) 426-7326

Degree Team

The next degree ceremony will be conducted at the January 8, 2007 business meeting. After November 1, all 1st degree ceremonies will be conducted under the new format, and members of the degree team will need to be recertified. The dates of the rehearsal will be in November and will be determined before our November business meeting on the 13th.

Membership Blitz

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the recruiting blitz is a high priority - not just at our council, but state and nationwide. The council's goal is to recruit 15-20 new members this fraternal year, which I believe is a very achievable goal. We owe it to our fellow brothers to make this goal for the longevity and future of our council. Both SK Dan Biggins and I have been collecting names of prospective candidates and will be announcing the names at our next officers and trustees meeting, November 9th.

Sail With the Knights Fundraiser February 17, 2007

The November KC breakfast had to be cancelled because the school gym's floor is being repaired. Due to this fundraiser being cancelled, I encourage all brother knights to focus on our major fundraiser in February. The committee met this past week to organize the event. Plans were to have the event in St. Catherine's gym; however, due to the amount time and effort it would take to prepare for this event, the committee decided to hold the event at either the Holiday Inn in Elgin, or the Marriot in Hoffman Estates. Holding this event at one of these two sites will reduce the man hours required to prepare for such an event. As mentioned, the theme of the fundraiser centers on the Italian Renaissance age. We would appreciate a donation of auction items valued at \$25 or greater from every brother. SK Dan Biggins and Robert Costello will be co-chairing this function and will need volunteers to help with soliciting donations. We need all brothers to support this key effort. If you have any questions related to auction items, please **contact Dan at 847-428-6758 or Robert at 669-5121.**

"Keep Christ In Christmas" Magnets

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Christmas magnets will be sold after the masses on November 18-19 and December 2-3. SK Hank Schmalen is overseeing this fundraiser and will need volunteers to help sell the magnets. The prices of the magnets are \$3 each or 2/\$5. If you can help, please call Hank at (847) 426-7326 or email him at hschmal@comcast.net

Annual Siena Council Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be on December 15th at 7:00 PM in St. Catherine's Community room. If you will be bringing a child, it has been a custom for parents to send a gift that Santa can pass out.

The main course will be deep fried turkey with the trimmings. If you will be attending, it would be appreciated if you would bring a dish to pass to serve 10-12 people using the following guidelines:

Last name beginning with....

A-G Appetizers
H-O Salads/ Side Dishes
P-Z Desserts

There will be no alcoholic beverage, but there will be plenty of other refreshments. Entertainment is being arranged for the evening. Your suggestions are always welcome.

KC - Vocation Raffle

Vocation raffle tickets will be sent out within the week to all council members. This is state supported fundraiser that supports the religious education and vocations of our fellow priests and seminarians. This is a very worthwhile and important fundraiser. SK Terry Kreplin is coordinating this event and will be scheduling time at upcoming masses to sell the vocational raffle booklets.

The Good of the Order

If you know of a Brother Knight or Brother's family member who is in need of our prayers, or an announcement you would like to see published in our Siena Post, please email the

information to our website news@kofcsiena.org. for inclusion in the Council's next newsletter.

New 2nd & 3rd Degree Knights



SK Don Miller, Daniel Peterson, Matt Welton
Robert Costello, SK Fred McCarthy

November Birthdays

SK John Rotundo	Rick Coates
SK Robert Imof	Martin O Connor
SK Ewald Mayland	Mark Johnson
SK Joseph Borowski	John Treanor
SK Mark Wittenborn	Frank Rocha
SK William Whitehead, Sr.	Albert Dzermejko
SK Paul Kehoe	Larry DeLisle
SK Thomas Harrington	Robert Van Durme
Roger Ferguson	Peter Horn
Caesar Schiavone	Jeffrey Minogue
Leroy Castelveccchi	Matthew Comenduley

Clergy Appreciation Dinner



SK Fred McCarthy, Cynthia McCarthy, Deb Schmalen, Fr. Rosinski, SK Hank Schmalen, SK Robert Waclawik, SK Don Miller, Kathy Miller

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