

Breathing New Life Into the Church
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From the Grand Knight:

Gentlemen – I know that the economy is pretty trashed and you may or may not be pleased with the election results – but at least it is over. I do think we all have reason to be pleased that what Council 12979 accomplished in 2008.

We had some really cool new projects in 2008: the Vocation Chalice lead by Deacon Dick Baker, the Young Women's Softball Camp lead by Tom Dedin Sr , and the parish-wide Remodel Party lead by David Dudden. All three of these projects involved the whole parish – and even beyond our parish. Hopefully these projects can be repeated again in the coming year.

It seems like a long time ago, but we did earn the Council of the Year Award in our division at State Convention, along with Best Family Project for our appreciation picnic. Additionally, we've again earned the Star Council designation for the 7th year in a row – something we all should be proud of.

So, yes we need to do better and we can improve in every area – but let's not forget what we're able to accomplish when we are all working together in a spirit of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Happy New Year to all.

Vivat Jesu
Tom

From the Lecturer:

There was a local pastor who gave the same sermon week after week after week. Eventually the parishioners asked him why the same sermon week after week and when will he change. His response was, "When will you change?"

With those words of wisdom I have decided to follow the pastor's insight and repeat the Column I used last year. Hopefully, you will not force me to use it again next year.

With the start of 2009 many individuals are making the usual self centered New Years resolutions like lose 10 pounds, quit smoking, etc. As a Knight of Columbus we are called to be above that and seek the higher spiritual ground. I encourage my fellow Knights to try the following resolutions for just ONE DAY. It is too tough to promise to do it everyday so just say to yourself, "I am only going to do them **today**". The next day you again say, "I am only going to do the resolutions today, and not even try tomorrow".

The Knights of Columbus **just one day** resolutions:

- Just today, I will show **Charity** to someone who really needs it.
- Just today, I will **Unite** myself with someone who needs a friend or help.
- Just today, I will show **Fraternity** to a brother Knight.
- Just today, I will do a **Patriotic** task for our country.

Seminarian Funding

Please note that notices for 2009 dues will soon be in the mail. Just as last year, we would like to replenish our Seminarian Support Fund. Annual dues are \$36, and any amount you send in over that will be added to the Seminarian Fund. We currently help three Seminararians and we would like to add to that list if possible.

Location Changes:

For our January meeting we will have the Rosary and Business Meeting starting at 7:00 pm at the offices of Personal Benefit Services, 5620 Ward Road.

Officer meetings will continue to be held at Spirit of Christ on the 1st Thursday of each month. Officers meetings start at 7:00 pm and all Knights are welcome to attend.

Degree Schedules:

1st Degree

If you'd like to attend as an observer there are 1st Degrees scheduled regularly throughout the month. Contact Tom Lyons if you would like details on when you can attend as an observer.

2nd and 3rd Degree

Major Degree Exemplifications are scheduled in Brighton (01-24); Sterling (02-15) and Colorado Springs (6-18). Contact Tom Lyons if you are interested in attending any of these exemplifications.

Thank you for your hard work :

We had a pretty great Christmas Party this year and I would like to extend my thanks to several of the key people who made the evening special for us. First – to David Dudden for again preparing a simply delicious main meal. Then to the Ladies Auxiliary who decorated the Spirit Center and made up the gifts for Santa to give away

– and to Ken Krizman who helped us in a special way. The other Knights who helped make the party work include Randy Weinert, Tom Dedin Sr., Pat Daugherty and Troy Hayes. Good job gentlemen!

Thanks to David Dudden who once again coordinated the food basket delivery and to the Knights who delivered Christmas Food Baskets: Bob Blanchette, Harold Armenta, Mike Avis & Morgan Avis, Richard Boespflug, Roger Burgard, Michael Corich, Mel Corley, Gill Duman, Steve Feldman, Jerry Flammang, Jim Hackl, Price Hatcher, Troy Hayes, Dennis Jones, Duane & Regina Knight, Bill LaGrange, Jody Loza, Cormac McCarthy, Andy McClaflin, Roger Morin, Steven Philips, Dave & Marcy Robles, Charlie Sheridan, Dennis Staebell, Randy Weinert, Kevin Kroeker, and Phil Sanchez.

Did your family think Spirit of Christ was beautifully decorated for Christmas this year? These are the Knights to thank for the tress, garland, wreaths and lights: Rich Boespflug, Gill Duman, Jim Gumpert, Tim Vettel, Steve Feldman, Ron Hayduk, Tom Dedin Sr, Jerry Flammang, Troy Hayes, Tim Brungardt, Dennis Jones, Scott Ditch, David Dudden, Pat Daugherty and Charlie Sheridan.

Thanks, once again, to Ed Lindeman who coordinated and hosted the Appreciation Lunch for the Alter Servers.

Summary of Financial decisions:

We have \$6859.06 in checking and \$2380.85 in savings. The Council paid the following bills: R Weinert \$128.00, Christmas Party; T Lyons \$127.10, newsletter; Omega Graving,\$87.50 badges; Sam's Club \$173.54, Christmas Party;

Michelle Feldman \$71.50 Christmas Party Gifts.

We agreed that the Tootsie Roll proceeds were to be divided equally among Carrons Coffee House, Arch Diocese Special Ed program with a special request that the money be used for the Handicamp weekend and Sister Kathryn. The amount to each would be \$1060.00.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:

The Christmas decorations will come down on **Monday, January 12**. All the greenery will be taken to Lake Arbor for re-cycling. If you are free for the morning and can bring a pick-up truck we need your help. Meet at Spirit of Christ at 9:00 am.

Mark your calendars - the Boys Baseball Clinic will be held on **February 28, 2009**. Coaches Clinic will be **February 26, 2009**.

We are forming a 1st Degree Team here at Council 12979. We passed a sign-up sheet at the last business meeting, but if you were not there and are interested in being on the Team give me a call at 303-423-4015.

Knight & Family of the Month:

Duane Knight is recognized as our December Knight of the Month. Duane has been a steady contributor to the Adams County Fair, Pancake breakfasts and Food Basket Delivery.

The Alex Guetlein Family is recognized as our December Family of the Month. Alex and Gina have helped with Lent Fish Frys, Pancake Breakfasts and clean-up along Wadsworth.

Congratulations to Duane and Alex.

Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:

Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting. The award is \$25 per meeting and if you are not there (Sad Knight) the money rolls over to the next meeting. The December Sad Knight is Dave Robles. The pot now stands at \$75.

For the Good of the Order:

At our November meeting we prayed for Seminarians Cletus Omode, Jason Bermander and Matt Magee; for Father Ryan, Father Steven Voss; for Mary Fran and Tom Dedin Sr, Aime LaFosse, Ted Alderman, Bonnie Mcaninch, Leona Boespflug, James Chipman, Jim Gumpert, Tim Brungardt, Roger Burgard, John Mautz, Jim Vettel, Edward LaGrange, Ben Concle, Art Cristman, Paul Minages, TeeTee Lewison, Jonathon Nicks, Richard Carson, Derek and Jean Olson, Suzanne Hayes, Connie Mullen, Price Hatcher Jr, Mike McCarthy, Justin Walen, BJ Hopkins, Tom Elmselmo; all Special Intentions, for the Poor and those in need; all our Troops, the Unborn and all those traveling for the holidays.

Ladies Auxiliary:

Next meeting, Tuesday, January 27th, 7pm, Room 107

Thank-you to all the ladies who helped with the decorations and Santa bags. Santa really appreciated your help, too!

From our Field Agent:

Greetings Brothers,

WHAT IF? -- If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy? If you had a moneymaking machine, that once broken could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for? If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them? If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy? Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or retirement benefits? Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it? Let me help you plan for the future. Call me today.

Vivat Jesus,

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