

## January Newsletter

### Dear Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary,

Happy New Year! Each year our Lord gives us endless opportunities to love and serve him. Let's take advantage of as many of them as we can, and help with the many of them the Knights of Columbus offers. 2017 dues are now due. Please get this first of the year job done ASAP. Remember that your Council still pays Supreme and State per capita, approximately \$11 for each member whether or not they pay their dues. This is a significant cash drain that we could be using for church and community. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree initiation on January 22, 2017 at the hall with 1<sup>st</sup> degree starting at 10:30am. If you've not received your 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree please consider an afternoon at the hall starting at 12:30pm. We have over 400 members needing these degrees. Get this one done!

January 11<sup>th</sup> there will be an appreciation dinner for those that work the Fish Fry's. Call Roger Bargaen for the details. Our first fish fry of the season will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at the hall. The Free Throw Contest will be held in January so call Ken Diener if you can lend him a hand. Also Roses for Life postcards will be in January, call Mark Filla or Bill Gegg if you can help. With the passing of Virgil Gildehaus we will need a new chairman for our Easter Raffle. Please contact me if you can help with that. Again this year I would ask that each Knight strongly consider attending one or more Council meetings and work at least one project during 2017. This will go a long way to the success of our Council in 2017.

I was remiss in the last report in that I forgot to mention the Knight and Family of the month for November. The Council wishes to congratulate for the month of November the John and Becky Voss Family of the Month and Ken Diener our Knight of the Month. John and Becky have been active in the wing nights and the barbeque/chicken fry stand. Ken Diener did an excellent job with the Tootsie Roll drive.

For the month of December the Council wishes to congratulate the Mike Hoelscher Family of the Month and Father Joe Wormek as the Knight of the Month. Mike's family continues to support our Council in many ways every month. Father Joe serves as our Chaplin and provides most of our religious guidance which is well appreciated.

Our next council meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Officer meeting at 6:30pm, Rosary at 7pm, and Council meeting starting at 7:30pm. Please plan to attend.

Fraternally yours, Darryl Holtmeyer, Grand Knight, phone 636-390-1871, or email me at [darsan1@charter.net](mailto:darsan1@charter.net). Please pray for our sick we recognized under the Good of the Order at our last meeting: Joe Obermark III, Mel Feldmann, Murrill Feldmann, Jerome Alfermann, Vern Tobben, Jim Maune and Dennis Riegel. Please pray for those Brother Knights recently deceased; Donald R. Bowers and John L. Politte.

### Dear Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary,

The lounge continues to have many activities for you to come up and enjoy. We have our burger nights every Thursday and we have wings and steak sandwiches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday's of each month. Come up and enjoy the food, the game and the view from the lounge. Please watch the calendar for a few changes coming up during Lent. On Fridays that we do not have fish fry's we will be serving shrimp and fries in the lounge. Come up for some great food.

**Starting at the first of the year, the lounge will go back to opening at 3pm instead of 2pm. Closing time will remain the same.**

January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have live music in the lounge, come on up and enjoy the music, we will not be having any food that night so feel free to bring up something to eat.

Again, thank you all for your volunteerism to this organization. Without the continued support of everyone we would not be successful.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you and your families.

Fraternally yours, Jay Schroeder, Board President..... (636) 432-1242

### Ladies Auxiliary,

In December we celebrated our Annual Christmas party a little differently! We had a Paint and Sip that was brought to us and guided by Mary Beth Rettke and Tessie Steffens. There were a lot of Picasso's created that night...and a lot of laughs!!! There were 22 "artists" in attendance and everyone got to bring their masterpiece home. Thanks to Brent Bargaen for bartending! We had a donation box set up and with that and the amount that Mary Beth and Tessie graciously donated from the fee they charge, we ended up giving the Borgia Food Pantry \$200! There were also some canned goods donated. This is what we are about, Ladies! Giving and making sure that we do what we can to help this community and beyond!

On that same note, while celebrating with family and friends this Christmas season, why not invite those women who have Knights of Columbus members to join the Auxiliary? If every member would try to get one lady to join...wow...that would be awesome! Service is the Main goal of this organization. Our active volunteers are growing older and we are in dire need of some young blood to help with the caterings, decorating, and everything else that it takes to earn the funds to donate to those in need, our schools, our council, and anywhere else help is needed. We raise money for the Pro Life movement, Special Olympics, seminarians...the list goes on! Please consider helping out!

Be sure to come up to the hall for some delicious burgers on January 5<sup>th</sup>. This Burger Night will be manned by St. Gertrude's. The ladies will be giving all of the profits of that evening to St. Gertrude for the Pro Life trip to D.C.

Our next regular meeting will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room off the main hall. Please come join us! Ladies to serve the January meeting: Lea Mae Brinkmann, Jackie Bruns, Mary Lou Buchheit, Anita Chwascinski, Monica Chwascinski, and Bev Connor. Any questions regarding serving call Ann Richardson at 636-221-1368 or Mary Biermann at 636-390-3360.

Have a blessed Christmas and may we all have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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