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Hendersonville Council # 9132

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March 2007

## Grand Knight's March Message

Brother Knights:

March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb, or so the old saying goes. So far it sure has been true. Looking over what we have done in the past month and looking forward to what's just ahead is amazing.

First of all, thanks go out to all of you guys who worked the Super-Bowl Party, the Youth 2000 Retreat at JP II, the Free-throw Competitions, and the Outrageous Fish Fry.

Congratulations to our First Degree Exemplification Team for their dedicated efforts, resulting in their Certification.

Welcome new knights Richard Russo, Dave Hardin, and Andy Edgerton, and transferees Arthur Croteau, Sigmund Hanke and Chris Fenton.

Just around the corner is our Second Fish-fry, March 23rd, and the Annual Knights of Columbus **Silent Auction**, March 31st. **It's just a couple of weeks away.**

Let's do all that we can to make this our BIGGEST one ever.

### NOW IS THE TIME!

*Holy cow!* Just when you think " *It can't get any better than this, it does.*"

I can't tell you how many times, in the last few weeks, parishioners have come up to me and ranted and raved about what a great job the Knights are doing.

I am truly proud to be able to speak for us as your Grand Knight, and I want you to know that your work is greatly appreciated.

For third degree knights, next month is the time to start considering an Officers Position in our Council. Believe me, this can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. The more you put into it, the more you get back. Nominations begin in April, and elections will be held in May.

Sumner Special Housing has broken ground on the Carlton Russell Memorial home for the handicapped citizens in Portland and appeals will soon be going out for volunteers to help with the building. What better work is there? Watch your e-mails.

As part of our Lenten journey, the Knights have given one thousand Rosary Rings to our parishioners, encouraging a deepening of faith through prayer-filled life.

Our Fish-fries, working together with the Parish Welcoming Committee, have fostered social interaction, and brought more people to the worship service of "The Stations of the Cross" than ever before.

As we move through this Lenten period of March we are ever more mindful of that which happens at the beginning of April. The celebration of The Lamb.

I would like to wish each of you a very Joyous Easter Season. It is, after all, what we live for.

Vivat Jesus.

In His service, and yours, Doug Blake, Grand Knight

James (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**03/18 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 PM**

**03/18 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**

**03/23 Fish Fry**

**03/31 Silent Auction**

**04/27 Senior Banquet Mass**

## Letter on Silent Auction

My Worthy Brothers,

The 2007 silent auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st. In order to reach our fundraising goal of \$10,000 for this event, we are going to need the help and cooperation of every member of council #9132.

To this end, the Silent Auction Committee is asking all members to donate at least one item from your place of business, (where feasible,) OR to solicit at least one item from a place of business that you patronize on a frequent basis.

To help insure the smoothest flow of information and communication amongst everyone possible, I kindly ask you to do two things:

First, please provide our silent auction chairman, Joe Staub with a WEEKLY update of your efforts. His e-mail address is stonevillage@comcast.net.

Secondly, when you do secure a donation, please provide Bill Degnan with all the pertinent information relative to the donation received. Bill's e-mail address is wdegan@yahoo.com.

A question was raised at a council meeting about what to do with an item once it is given to you. The silent auction committee asks that you please hang on to it until the week or day of the silent auction. The silent auction committee members don't really have the space necessary to hold onto all the items donated.

The Silent Auction Committee thanks you in advance for your assistance with this annual fundraiser. With the whole council working together, there is absolutely no doubt that we will exceed our goal this year!

Vivat Jesus, Mitch Parochka , Silent Auction Co-chair



Receiving Their First Degree at the Feb. Mtg were:  
l-r, Andrew Edgerton, Richard Russo and David Hardin

## Highlights from the Feb. Meeting

There were 36 Knights in attendance.

Meeting opened by GK Doug Blake who welcomed in new Brother Knights and also welcomed Sharon Ratcliff.

GK Doug thanked all who helped pull off the Super Bowl party.

Mike Rector was named Knight of the Month and Dan and Sharon Ratcliff were named the Family of the Month.

A thank you note from the Wayne Frazier family was read.

The Free Throw contest went off well. 28 youth participated and 10 Knights helped.

The Silent auction committee needs more donations.

Larry Phillips had BRASS shirts for sale. See Larry if you want one.

Moved and passed to allocate \$150 to buy Rosary rings for the church.

Jerry Tachoir was named Scholarship committee chair.

John Bolger was designated to head the Nominating committee

Voted to move the June meeting to June 10 due to Fathers day.

The Seniors Banquet Mass will be on April 27. Bill Grist and Jerry Tachoir will chair. Allocated \$500 for the event.

The 50/50 drawing for \$36 was won by Rick Alexander.

**Gerry Roussele's** number was drawn for the Feb. jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$119.

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

## Did You Know

That the KofC provided \$50,000 for relief assistance in the wake of the typhoon in the Philippines last Dec.?

That the cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns?

That the KofC celebrates our 125th anniversary on March 29?

That the microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket?

That our Order recently provided support for educational programs in the Holy Land from the earnings from a \$2 million Pacem in Terris fund?

That women blink nearly twice as much as men?

Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?

## Fraternal Benefits News Will You Be Ready?

Will you be ready to change occupations when you reach your company's mandatory retirement age? If you do not have an adequate monthly income at that time; there's a good chance that you will be working at low-paying, part time jobs just to maintain a decent standard of living.

Well over 50% of the people who retire need supplemental income because they find that their retirement benefits and company pension plans cannot keep up with inflation and ever-rising costs of living. And no one wants to drastically reduce their standard of living after they've spent their working years trying to raise it.

We want you to enjoy your retirement years in dignity. Let me help you plan to be comfortable. Call me today for an appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

## Eugene Schilz

We were saddened recently by the passing of Brother Eugene Schilz. Eugene was the most senior member of our Council, with 56 years of service to the Knights of Columbus, having become a Brother on June 1st, 1950. He was not only an honorary life member but also an insurance member.

May he, and the souls of all of our departed brothers, rest in peace.

## Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly 2389 met at OLOL at 5pm on 21st January. Meeting was called to order at 5:05.

Because of the absence of our Faithful Scribe a motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the prior minutes.

Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Purser reported that our Assembly funds are stable and in good shape. We are still owed money for our share of the stadium parking.

Sir Knights Ed Cisko a member of Assembly 2389 and the Gallatin Council 10010 donated his Regalia to anyone that would like it. The reason for Ed not wanting his equipment was his inability to perform, because of knee problems. The items donated consisted of a FN white lined cape, a chapeau, and a black handle sword. All was given away except the Cape which is being stored in our closet. If any Past Faithful Navigator needs a cape please let me know and I will be happy to give it away on behalf of Ed. Thank you, Ed, for your generosity.

Faithful Navigator made one last appeal for new Fourth Degree Knights to Council 9132, 10010, 9282, 3763. At the time of this writing we may have 3 new Sir Knights joining our Assembly. The 4th Degree exemplification is on March 3, 2007 at St. Rose of Lima Murfreesboro. Candidate show time 12:30 p.m., degree starts at 1:00 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m., Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Dead line is February 24, 2007 to have name in program booklet. Candidate = \$70.00, guest and Banquet tickets = \$20.00

Faithful Navigator made a recommendation to the floor to have our elections at the May meeting. The reason for this request is the 125th Supreme Convention is being hosted by the State of Tennessee KofC. By having the elections in May the Faithful Comptroller and the State staff will have all of the required paperwork completed by the end of May allowing them to concentrate on the convention. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present that our Assembly elections will be held at the May meeting; however, the new officers will still take their posts July 1, 2007. It should be noted that we can hold elections either at the May or June meetings as outlined in the by-laws, so this is not a change to our by-laws.

Faithful Navigator assigned Sir Knight and Faithful Comptroller John Bolger to chair the nominations committee. Nominations from the floor to start at the March meeting and continue until the elections process is called for vote at the May meeting.

Another motion was made by our Faithful Captain to change our meeting date in June of 2007 to the second Sunday of the month instead of the third Sunday. The reason for this change is Fathers Day will fall on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This motion was seconded, voted on and approved by those present. Please note and mark your calendars that the June meeting will be June 10.

Another item was brought to the table about the Springfield and Ashland City councils being part of this Assembly since they are much closer to the Clarksville Assembly. The Faithful Navigator will discuss this item with the Tennessee District Master Bill Gunter. The Faithful Navigator will report the findings when an answer received. If these councils are moved to the Clarksville Assembly that will reduce our membership by approximately 7 Sir Knights, which would bring the total membership in Assembly 2389 to 104 Sir Knights. This count does not include any new Sir Knights that are exemplified on March 3, 2007.

Murray Wimmer gave the Faithful Navigator a few pictures of the Honor Guard for the Youth 2000 retreat Mass conducted by Bishop Choby on February 11, 2007 at JPII High School. He picked the group shot for inclusion in the newsletter. Thanks Murray

Sir Knights: If you have not paid your dues, which is \$15.00 per year, please do so as soon as possible

Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?

A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's - Richard Whateley

## Fish Fry A Big Success

On Friday, March 2nd, our Council held our first ever Lenten fish fry, and I am happy to report that it was more successful than we could have ever imagined. Three hundred people or more attended this event that was so needed for our parish. One of the reasons for holding the fry was in response to an ever increasing demand by our parishioners to bring the parish together for a good meal and a good time. I can't tell you how many times someone has approached me and asked about the Knights doing something like this.

According to the feedback that we have received so far, the food was excellent and the folks really had a good time. This was quite an accomplishment considering that we cooked up over 150 pounds of fish.

None of this would be possible, however, if it weren't for the outstanding participation of the Brothers that volunteered their time to help pull this thing off. There were approximately 30 Brother Knights that showed up at some time or another and pitched in and helped in some capacity. Especially encouraging was the amount of new Brothers that jumped right in and helped.

We will have another chance to do it all again on Friday, March 23, so please let's have just as good a turnout of volunteers as we had for the first one. The fry will start again at 6:00 PM. Anyone who would like to help should be at the Social Hall at 5:00 PM.

Brothers, in the years that I have been in this council, this has been one of our finest hours to help bring our parish together like we did Friday night. Our church is truly blessed not only by the Knights holding this event, but by its people who supported it. Thank you all and God bless.

Mike Rector, Fish Fry Chairman

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Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman."

"Oh yeah?" said Charlie, "And how did this one end?"

"When it was over," Mike replied, "She came to me on her hands and knees."

"Really," said Charles, "Now that's a switch! What did she say?" She said, "Come out from under the bed, you little chicken."

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## New Brothers

At the February meeting 3 new brothers were brought into the Knights of Columbus. In addition we have two Knight transferees joining our Council.

The new first degree Knights are Andrew Edgerton, David Hardin, and Richard Russo.

Andrew and his wife, Jeannine, are longtime members of OLOL. Andy is an Account Manager at Caldwell and Gregory a supplier of coin operated laundry equipment.

David and his wife, Colette, are also longtime OLOL parishioners. They have one daughter, 14, at home. David is the owner of the Biker's Choice store in Hendersonville. David's e-mail address is Choicej@BellSouth.net.

Richard has been in Hendersonville for 4 years. He works at the Tenn. Heart and Vascular Institute. His e-mail address is RRusso@TennHeart.com

Our new transferees are Chris Fenton, and Sigmund Hanke.

Chris is transferring from a Knoxville council where he grew up. He and his wife, Shelley have been here about 9 years. They have 3 daughters at home ages 7, 8, and 10. Chris teaches music and song writing at Star Education Camps. His e-mail address is FentonC@BellSouth.net.

Sigmund and his wife, Martha Ann, are longtime Hendersonville residents. Sigmund is retired from the Army Corp of Engineers where he had the pleasure (?) of working with past Grand Knight, Dave Eliskovich.

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"We make more progress by owning up to our faults than by always dwelling on our virtues." -- Thomas Brackett Reed



Do These Guys Look Fishy to You?  
Actually They're the Fish Fry Workers  
Congratulations for a Great Event

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Free Throw Contest Participants - L-R; Back - Michael Boloyn, Connor Brandon, Daniel Martin, Casey Brandon, Adam Faulker  
Front - Krista Yorlano, Kaiti Margulies, Christina Lindahi, Sidney Farthing, Victoria Brasili.

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Fourth Degree Provided Honor Guard  
for the youth 2000 retreat at JPPI