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Hendersonville Council # 9132
Durick Assembly #2389

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December 2007

Grand Knight's December Message

"The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone all about them, and they were filled with fear. The angel said to them, do not be afraid for I bring tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born who is Christ the Lord."

Brother Knights:

My worthy brothers, amidst the hustle and bustle that is the holiday season, let us take a moment to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas and the real reason for the season.

Our annual KofC Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 15th after a very short, open meeting. This is a family event so the ladies and children are invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish to share; meat and beverages will be provided.

We anticipate a visit from everyone's favorite holiday guest, Santa Claus, who will no doubt be bringing a gift for all the good boys and girls in attendance.

Additionally, KofC State Deputy Bill Wicke and his lovely wife, Janet, will be our special guests at the Christmas party. Therefore, I am requesting that all knights wear your white KofC council shirts for this event. If you don't have a white shirt, please wear whichever color council shirt you may have.

May the "peace which surpasses all understanding" be with each of you and your families this Christmas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/08 Church Cleaning - 11 am-2 pm**
- 12/09 Titans Parking**
- 12/15 Monthly Mtg - before Christmas Party**
- 12/15 KofC Christmas Party - 7 pm Social hall**
- 12/23 Titan's home game (help needed for parking)**
- 01/20 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 01/20 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 6 pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 02/03 Superbowl Party**
- 02/15 Lenten Fish Fry**

If you were brought to trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Knights Help Fellow Parishioner

Recently Council 9132 was asked to help a fellow parishioner who was recovering from open heart surgery move bagged and boxed clothing and household goods from her house.

Knights John Cucuzza, Dick Emery, Dan Ratcliff, Joe Staub, and Jim Stoutt responded the next day and, except for a brief interlude of childhood reversion with a bag of stuffed toys, the move went smoothly and quickly.

In gratitude for the help a donation was made to Sumner Special Housing.

Super Bowl Party

Mike Rector announced that the Super Bowl party will be held in the OLOL social hall on Feb. 3. A motion was made and passed for up to \$500 for drinks and a separate motion made and passed for up to \$500 for food. Attendees are also to bring a dish to pass.

Highlights from the November Meeting

There were 57 Knights in attendance.

John Bolger reported that the Tootsie Roll drive brought in something over \$5,500 before expenses.

Larry Phillips said that the final total on BRASS will be over \$3,000.

Larry asked for help with registration for the Thanksgiving Day Indian Lake Loop run from 6-8 am.

GK Mitch reported that the committee developing a procedure for providing help to needy Knights has made some progress but are not done.

Mike Rector presented a Father McGivney book. This book will be passed from knight to knight and each who reads it will sign in the inside cover.

Ed Corbitt reported that the Titans/Vandy parking fund raising project has resulted in over \$2,000 so far. There are still several game remaining for anyone who wants to help with this easy project.

Doug Blake withdrew his resolution presented last month.

Dick Emery explained to the group the process, reasoning and results of the recent God's Giving Plan drive.

Dave Eliskovich and co-chair Ed Corbitt discussed the Christmas party for all Knights and their families and prospective knights and their families. This will be held at 7 pm on Dec. 15. Bill Wicke, State Deputy, will be present. Each family is to bring a dish to pass or a dessert. A motion was made and passed for up to \$500 to provide the meat and drinks for this event.

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Mike Rector reported that Lenten Fish Fries are planned for Feb. 15 and March 7. He will be asking for help later.

A motion was made and passed to provide up to \$500 for the Knights Memorial Garden stone.

Motions were made and passed to provide funds to buy Christmas gifts for the clergy and to take the office staff out to lunch.

Joe Staub will head a committee to put a plan together for providing food for needy families at Christmas in a way that provides more Knight involvement than the last couple of years. A motion was made and passed to provide up to \$500 for this project.

Bob Schmidle made a motion for the Knights to provide up to \$250 for presents for the Angel tree needy who are not taken by parishioners.

John Lammers asked for help in cleaning the church, chapels, etc., on Dec 8. The work party will start at 11 am right after the Holy Day mass. A meeting to plan the activity will be held at 7pm on Nov. 27.

Dan Ratcliff talked about a parishioner who has had heart surgery and needs help bringing excess clothes and household goods to Goodwill. Several knights volunteered to do the work the next day.

Ed Corbitt discussed and showed the KofC logo shirts that are available for purchase.

New Sir Knights Dan Bernier, Joseph Chargois, Dave Evjen, and Rob Kolp were recognized. Rob is the youngest 4th Degree Knight in TN.

GK Mitch presented the Family of the Month award to Dan and

Cheryl Sue Bernier and the Knight of the Month award to Dick Emery.

John Bolger asked all Knights to fill out an activity survey (one is in the newsletter) of their various activities in 2007 and turn it in to him by the January meeting.

The 50/50 drawing for \$55 was won by Ed Corbitt

Tony Mast's number was drawn for the \$93 jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$106.

Did You Know

That in 2006, the KofC paid out more than \$183 million in death benefits, and over the past 125 years have paid more the \$2.2 billion in death benefits?

That St. Francis was responsible for the first Christmas crib and manager scene?

That the KofC insurance in force has doubled in the last decade to \$61.9 billion?

That the carol "The First Noel" was originally titled as "The First Nowell" (a word based on the Old English Christmas greeting of "Now all is well"?)

That as of June 2007, the KofC membership had grown to an all-time high of 1,741,288?

That the carol "The First Nowell" is the oldest carol written in English still sung today?

Fraternal Benefits News Happy and Holy Holidays!

I would like to extend to you my sincere best wishes for a holy and happy holiday season. I imagine you feel the same way about the Christmas season as I do - such a peaceful, happy time.

But just take one moment to ask yourself what your family's Christmas would be like if you weren't here. This year, why not give them the most precious gift of all - a life insurance plan that will allow them to have, always, the kind of Christmas you want them to have.

We have plans that will guarantee income for your family's future - for just a few dollars a month.

Enjoy this season of celebration. Please call me for an appointment and we will discuss a gift of security and protection from you to your loved ones. Contact me by e-mail at Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

Christmas Party

The annual KofC Family Christmas party will be held at 7pm on Saturday, Dec. 15. All Knights and families are invited. Admission charge is one covered dish. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Council.

Prospective Knights and their families are also invited so ask a fellow parishioner who is not a Knight to come.

Santa will make a visit and will have a gift for each child.

Parish Church Cleaning Work Party

A work party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 11 am right after the Holy Day mass. If you would like to help, call John Lammers, 264-5782, or Bill Grist, 824-4400.

MR Foundation (Tootsie Roll) Drive

49 Knights from Council 9132 had a big day on Saturday, Nov. 17, soliciting donations at the annual roadblock for the MR Foundation. This year's net surpassed last year's \$4,000 by almost \$1,300 coming in at \$5,296. The good number of Brothers helping out allowed some shorter shifts and also increased the number of collectors on the streets.

All of this money stays in Sumner County to help operate our homes for the mentally challenged in Sumner County.

Congratulations go to John Bolger for another fine job chairing this activity. If you didn't help this year, make a note to do so next year. It's a fun time and a good way to put our Charity into action.

Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2007.

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly 2389 met at OLOL at 5.04 pm on November 18th. The meeting was attended by 25 Sir Knights. Minutes for last month's meeting where published in the newsletter and accepted.

The meeting was dedicated to the deceased Bishop Niedergeses. Bills and Communications. - Request for Honor Guard for Bishop Niedergeses funeral.

Faithful Comptroller

No new expenses to report.

Approximately \$500 has been generated by the Central Parking for Titan and Vanderbilt games.

Purser reported that the assembly had a balance of \$3,159.93.

Unfinished Business

Richard Smith reported that he had presented two \$50 gift certificates to Bush Jewelers as per last meetings passed motion.

New Business.

Four knights took the 4th degree in November. They were Dan Bernier, Dave Evjen, Rob Kolp, and Joseph Chargois. Rob Kolp has the distinguished record of being the youngest Knight to obtain his fourth degree in Tennessee. It is also rumored he is the tallest knight in Tennessee.

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports other than the fact that the Shirt Sale is in progress.

Meeting closed at 5:27pm after closing prayers.



New Sir Knights:
L-R
Dan Bernier,
Rob Kolp,
Dave Evjen,
Joseph Chargois



Recent Transferee
from the Springfield
Council: Tony
Domning (picture not
available last month)

Please take a few minutes out and fill out this survey and give to John Bolger by the January meeting.



KNIGHTS

2007 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 2007.

This worksheet is printed on clip-art ready, reproducible paper. Simply photocopy as many forms as you need, cut along the dotted line and distribute a form at the November 2006 meeting. Forward a worksheet to every member on your current roster or include a copy in your next bulletin. Each member can individually identify the number of volunteer hours he expended in community service projects. You only need to collect and tabulate the council/assembly/circle results for completion of the 2007 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due at the Supreme Council office by January 31, 2007.



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1. Number of visits you made during 2007 to:

Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals

Bereaved — visits of condolence

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2007:

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2007:

Church Activities — service in all Church related activities

Community Activities — service in all community related activities

Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities

Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects

Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above

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