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Grand Knight's May Message

Brothers,

I've just returned from a very successful KofC State Convention; successful in terms of the number of awards our council received this year.

Through your outstanding dedication and devotion to the principles of our order, we received the State Deputy's Award; the Past State Deputy's Award; the Chase B. Wilson Outstanding Council Award (given to only 1 council in each district,) the State Chaplain's Award; and the Bishop's Award. We also received an award for having the second highest net gain in new members and the 3rd highest percentage gain in the entire state.

Only 3 other councils in the state received 6 awards and only 1 council in the entire state got 7 awards so we are indeed in the upper echelon of Knights of Columbus councils in Tennessee.

Special thanks go to our Worthy Program Director Dave Eliskovich for making sure that our award applications were filled out correctly and filed on time. Also, our council was superbly represented at the state convention by our Deputy Grand Knight Bert Brahney, and our Past Grand Knight Doug Blake, who held court while I was laid out with a mild case of food poisoning.

At our May meeting on the 18th, we have on the schedule a 1st degree initiation so please be sure to make our Membership Director Doug Blake aware of the names of all the candidates. Also, we will end the nomination process for new officers and hold the elections shortly thereafter.

Just a reminder - the day before our next meeting there will be a Third Degree Exemplification ceremony at OLOL at 1:00 pm. If you are running for elective office in our council, you MUST be a member of the 3rd degree at the time of your election. If you are planning to take your third degree on the 17th, please let me know ASAP if you haven't done so already.

I hope you had the opportunity to read the latest issue of the Tennessee Register. There was an article in it highlighting our council's involvement in the Special Spaces project that we participated in under the outstanding leadership of Brother Steve Mantegani. Thanks to our members, their ladies and family members who took time out of their busy Saturday to help decorate young Bryson Butler's bedroom and to those who contributed financially to this project as well.

I've said this before and I'll say it again, charity in service to others is truly the hallmark of Council #9132; the awards and press coverage our council recently received is tangible evidence of this and I am profoundly honored and proud to be the current leader of such a fine group of men.

Vivat Jesus!

Mitch Parochka, Grand Knight

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you always know they are there!!!

Council/Assembly Meeting Date Change
Due to Father's Day
The June Meetings will be on June 8th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 05/11 Mother's Day**
- 05/17 3rd Degree - OLOL 1pm**
- 05/18 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 05/18 Monthly Mtg. - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg. 6:30 pm**
- 05/25 Memorial Day**
- 06/08 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm (Note Date Change)**
- 06/08 Monthly Mtg. - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg. 6:30 pm**
- 06/15 Fathers' Day**

When you keep saying you are busy, then you are never free.

Highlights from the April Meeting

There were 56 Knights in attendance.

GK Mitch announced that if you are not listed on our web site, please send an e-mail to Brian Starr (bdanstarr@AOL.com).

A motion was made and passed to send the resolution introduced last month back to the committee to incorporate some changes suggested by State.

Chairman Joe Staub announced that the Silent Auction went well and he thanked the Saturday morning Bible study group for their help in setting up the tables. He also thanks all those who worked and who donated. He said it was too early to give a dollar amount (see article elsewhere in this newsletter).

Nominations were taken for next year's officers. These are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

GK Mitch announced that there would be a 1st and 2nd Degree at St. Stephen's on April 21.

Bill Grist said there were 58 seniors signed up for the Seniors Banquet Mass and asked for help setting up at 3 pm that day.

GK Mitch announced that there will be a 3rd Degree at OLOL on May 17 starting at 1 pm.

Steve Mantegani reported on the Special Spaces project. He said \$3150 had been raised from the two Councils (us and Gallatin) and that of that, \$2150 was direct donations from brothers. He said we had plenty of workers and that Bryson was extremely pleased with his new "castle" room.

GK Mitch announced the Knight of the Month - Steve Mantegani and the Family of the Month - Jon and Kim Hoscheit for the great job on the Special Places project.

Tim Caher announced that the Scholarship Committee is looking at various options for changing the awarding of our annual scholarship. He mentioned a couple of options and asked for input from anyone.

GK Mitch announced that Sharon Ratcliff is looking for 16 Knights to be part of a Living Rosary on June 22.

A dedication of the Knights Memorial Garden is being planned by Bill Grist.

Randy Herron announced that a plaque is being made to name the bridge to the Memorial Garden/Rosary path area in memory of Loras Vaske.

Father Bevington discussed the Bishop's new RENEW program that will start his fall.

Fraternal Benefits News Thinking About a Vacation

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill, etc.

Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun.

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses - mortgage, utilities, etc. - must still be paid. So you need a "vacation fund."

All of this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation - retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you.

The only one left is you ... it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call me today and we'll plan it together.

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

Three men were in the maternity ward waiting room when a doctor came in and told one of them, "Congratulations, you're the father of twins."

"What a coincidence," said the man. "I play for the Minnesota Twins."

A second doctor then came in and told another man, "Congratulations, you're the father of triplets."

"What a coincidence," said the man. "I work for 3M."

At that point, the third man fainted. When a doctor brought him to, he asked the man if he was all right.

"No, I'm not," the man said. "I work for 7 Up."

Silent Auction Another Success

Once again Chairman Joe Staub and his able Co-Chair Bill Degnan and all the Knights that helped out have produced a very successful Silent Auction.

The bidding was fierce - although very polite and without ruckus - and resulted (as of the end of April) in a net of over \$5200 for our charitable projects while providing some good merchandise to our parishioners at a reasonable cost.

In his summary e-mail Joe Staub wrote, "Special thanks to everyone who worked the Silent Auction.....Special thanks to The Men's Bible Study Group that set up the tables in the room, All the brothers that collected the donations, All the brothers that worked during the day at the auction throughout the day and everyone that helped make the calls after the Silent Auction to get the winning bidders back to pick up their goods. I'd hate missing mentioning someone by name but you all know who you were Mike, Mike, Richard, Ed, Murray, John, Dave, Tim, Dan, Mitch, Jim, Larry, Steve, Jon, Chris, and everyone else..... We couldn't have done it without you."

The Council's thanks go to Joe and Bill for another fine job. Also, the generosity shown to us by all of our community businesses should not go unnoticed. Please make it a point to patronize the merchants whose names were on those bid sheets, and mention to them how much we appreciate them.

"When you feel neglected, think of the female salmon, who lays 3,000,000 eggs but no one remembers her on Mother's Day." -- Sam Ewing

Seniors Banquet Mass Well Attended

Fifty-eight seniors were in attendance at this year's Banquet Mass on Friday night, May 2nd. Mass was celebrated by Father Bevington and following mass the attendees enjoyed the good food and much fun.



The Tables Were Set and Ready



And Soon They Were Filled

The chef for the evening was Martha Grist assisted by John Lammers. The guests enjoyed the fine meal they conjured up consisting of chicken, mixed vegetables, potatoes, and a green salad; all topped off by cheesecake for dessert.

Entertainment was by pianist Marlene Tachoir, and the attendees also vied for prizes in a game of bingo with veteran caller Bill Grist. Some of the attendees also

tried their luck at a fun blackjack game with professional dealer Doug Blake who after learning the rules last year proved to be an excellent (?) dealer.

In addition to Martha, John, Marlene and Bill, Chairman Jerry Tachoir thanks Doug Blake, Donnie Petre, and Dick Emery for helping out. It was a busy, but fun, night getting all the guests served in a manner that befits a fine restaurant



Would You Want This Man to Be Your Dealer?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

New Brothers

Council 9132 has two new Brothers, both transferees who were at the April meeting - Alan Baldrige and Wade Perry.

Alan and his wife, Ramona, are moving here from Westmont, IL, where Alan was Past Grand Knight and the leader of their Degree team. He is employed by Hickory Hardware, a hardware distributor, as IT Director.

Wade is Marketing Director at Crosslin and Assoc., an accounting firm. He has recently moved to Hendersonville and is transferring in from Nashville Council 544.



New Transferees:
Brothers Wade Parry and Alan Baldrige

Special Spaces

Thanks to Council 9132 and the Gallatin Council and the many Brothers who personally donated, Bryson Butler, who "has a fascination with knights and castles", will step into that realm every time he enters his remodeled bedroom.

Bryson has a condition that causes his facial bones to disintegrate and has had to have 11 surgeries to repair/replace those deteriorating bones.

Bryson's new room came about thanks to an organization, Special Spaces, which was founded in Knoxville and which works to provide "special places" in the bedroom of children with critical illnesses.

Brother Steve Mantegani works at radio station 95.5 The Wolf which has sponsored several projects by Special Spaces. Steve volunteered Council 9132 (joined by the Gallatin Council 10100) to provide the manpower for the project for Bryson. Not only did Steve get the labor for the project, he also helped raise \$3150 for the project, \$2150 of which was personal donations by the Brothers.

On April 5, Bryson and his family were sent out to a movie and a horde of Knights and spouses went to work with saws, hammers and paint to transform Bryson's room into a castle, complete with a throne (his redesigned bed), a castle wall (made of 200 styrofoam 'bricks', a drawbridge and many other knight-themed items.

Needless to say, Bryson was awed and very happy with his new "special place". As a final parting, Bryson was named an Honorary Knight by Grand Knight Mitch Parochka.

Steve Mantegani thanks all the Knights who donated money and their time for this project. It was truly a "Special" project. Thanks also go to Joey's Carpet Center in Gallatin who donated a new mattress and box spring for Bryson's bed.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

Nominations for Officers

Current nominations for next year's officers are listed below. Additional nominations will be taken at the May meeting when the election will be held.

Current nominees are:

Grand Knight: Bert Brahney
Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Kolp
Chancellor: Mike Murray
Warden: Mark Pense
Recorder: Jon Hoscheit, Sr.
Treasurer: Brian Starr
Advocate: Ed Bruchas
Inside Guard: Dan Bernie, Paul Folse
Outside Guard: Chico Pacheco
Trustee: Mitch Parochka

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

Louis: Because George still had the ax in his hand.

Ladies Appreciation Night

The date for this year's ladies Appreciation night has been set. Chairman Rick Alexander has announced that the event will be held on Saturday, June 21, at the Ryan's Steak and Buffet restaurant in Hermitage starting at 6 PM.

More information will soon be forthcoming from Rick. Signups will start in mid-May.

Teacher: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

Millie: I is...

Teacher: No, Millie..... Always say, "I am."

Millie: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News

As of publication, minutes of the Assembly were not available.



Bryson Gets His First Look at His Remodeled Room



A Different View of the Room and a Happy Youngster



Even the Details Befit the Theme

"Somebody recently figured out that we have 35 million laws to enforce the Ten Commandments." -- Bert Masterson

"If you don't know where you are going, chances are you will end up somewhere else." - Yogi Berra

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Woodrow Wilson
