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Hendersonville Council # 9132
Durick Assembly #2389

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Grand Knight's December Message

Worthy Brothers,

What a generous gift we have been given. Christ himself...for us! That really impacts me. Christmas is a birth but also a gift and a very generous one at that. 9132 is not lacking at all in this category. There are so many generous people in this council that I don't have one word that could bring the rewards justice. We all know that there are a lot of people in our council, church and community that could benefit from our gifts. This is a good month to think about what our gifts are and how we need to give them.

Also, don't forget our annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party on Friday, December 18th. This is a good event to invite potential Knights to observe our unity, fraternity and charity in a family setting.

Merry Christmas to all! DGK Darrell Jones, GK Chris Fenton

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/18 Children's Christmas Party 6:30pm**
- 12/18 Monthly Mtg - short mtg at Christmas Party**
- 01/17 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 01/17 Monthly Mtg - Social Hr 5:30pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 01/xx Youth Free Throw Contest**
- 02/07 Super Bowl Party**

Why don't mummies take vacations? They're afraid they'll relax and unwind! (Daily Groaner)

Did You Know

- That last year the KofC set new all-time records for our charity?
- That you burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television?
- That last year KofC contributions to charity went up by 3.5%, climbing by \$5.1 million to more than \$150 million?
- That apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning?
- That last year our members donated almost 69 million hours of volunteer service, a jump of almost 88,000 hours?
- That most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin?

Several elderly nuns were in their second floor convent one night when a fire broke out. They took their habits off, tied them together to make a rope, and climbed out the window. After they were safely on the ground and out of the building, a news reporter came over to one of the nuns and said to her, "Weren't you afraid that the habits could have ripped or broken since they are old? The nun Replied, "Nah, don't you know old habits are hard to break! (Jokes Galore)

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

Free Throw

In January our council will once again hold a free throw contest for the youth. The date can't be confirmed yet but will be posted at the church and will be in the January newsletter.

Christmas Party

Don't forget the annual children's Christmas party on Friday, Dec 18 in the OLOL social hall at 6:30 pm. Bring the kids to see Santa. Bring yourselves to enjoy a social time with your Brother Knights and their guests.

The price of admission is just one covered dish to pass. The council will have the meat and drinks for all.

If you would like to help, please see Ed Corbitt, 822-2755. He needs volunteers to set up the hall and especially needs a tree, lights, ornaments and any other decorations you might have on hand that you are not going to use yourself. If you can help in the set up, be at the social hall at 1 pm on the 18th.

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante

Fraternal Benefits News A Season for Giving

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans. Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?
- Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some new resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may.

With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well.

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

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

You can't always judge by appearances; the early bird may have been up all night.

NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER

The regular December meeting has been canceled.
Any business will be taken up at the Christmas party on Dec.18

Highlights from the November Meeting

There were over 60 Knights in attendance.
Prior to the meeting Ed Corbitt showed slides of his recent trip to Italy with the OLOL group.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of a little over \$6,400 with about \$1,500 of outstanding bills.

It was moved and passed to appropriate an additional \$200 toward the ramp at the home of Brother Knight Wayne Frazier.

Dan Ratcliff invited any Knight who would like to visit our adopted school to go with him on 12/16.

John Bolger asked for and got several more volunteers for the Tootsie Roll drive on the 21st.

GK Chris read a thank you note from Homebound Meals thanking us for the manpower help at their pancake breakfast.

John Cucuzza thanked those Knights who helped with his daughter recent house move.

GK Chris said the Spanish ministry would like 5 Knights to participate in their celebration of Our Lady of Guadeloupe on Dec. 12 at 4:30.

Larry Phillips asked any knight who would like to help with the Thanksgiving Day race to be at the Streets of Hendersonville at 6:00 that morning.

The workers who constructed the ramp at Brother Frazier's home were recognized.

The youth are having a coffeehouse to raise funds for a billboard to support a pro-life message. It was moved and passed that we donate \$300 to help them in that cause.

It was moved and passed that we donate \$300 toward the Angel Tree.

The Christmas party will be on 12/18. A motion to allocate up to \$500 for that function was approved.

Joe Staub mentioned that a new chapel addition is being planned and he would like to know of any general contractors in the parish who might be interested in bidding on the work.

Dave Eliskovich reported that the parish has been approved to have one night per year as a casino night. He moved that the Knights form a committee and offer to host such a night. Passed.

John Bolger reported that the Mayor of Hendersonville has designated 11/21 as Knights of Columbus day.

Mike Williams was named Knight of the Month for October in recognition of his quiet but consistent participation in the many council activities such as Oktoberfest and the ramp building work.

The Mike Manor family was named Family of the Month for Mike's involvement in most projects since joining the council and his family's support for those.

Larry Phillips announced that there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at OLOL on 2/27 and he will need the help of about 5 Knights.

The 50/50 drawing for \$32 was won by Don Ey.

John Daughenbaugh's number was drawn for the \$160 jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$168.

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.
She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?" The woman says, "God help us. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran, and 22 Baptist".

Christmas is the time when people put so many bulbs on the outside of their houses, you don't know if they're celebrating the birth of Jesus or General Electric.

Why are there only snowmen and no snowwomen?

Because only men are crazy enough to stand out in the snow all winter.

Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News Minutes of Meeting Nov 15, 2009

Meeting opened by Faithful Navigator Larry Phillips

There were 16 Sir Knights in attendance.

It was reported that 3rd and 4th degree knights built a ramp for Wayne Frazier at his home.

Ed Corbitt reported that shirt sales started the previous weekend and will continue until the last Sunday of November. Knights can order Council logo for the items on display instead of the OLOL logo.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at OLOL on February 27, 2010. All knights of 3rd and 4th degree are requested to try to help out that weekend. Any 3rd degree brother who wishes to elevate to the 4th degree should see John Bolger or Larry Phillips by February 1. There is a cost of \$70 for the knight which includes a banquet meal. The candidate will also have to rent or purchase a tuxedo. Meal tickets for wives and friends will be \$30 each and there will be a cash bar.

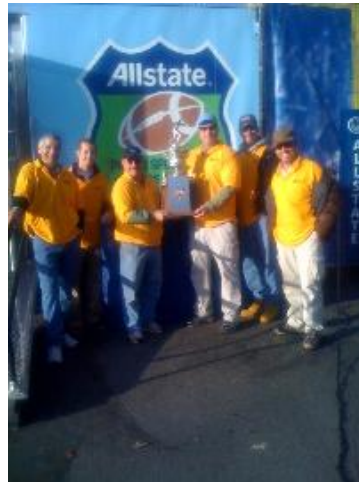
Brian Starr resigned from the post of Faithful Scribe because of his work schedule. Sir Knight David Evjen volunteered to take the position for the rest of the year beginning with the January meeting.

The next meeting will be the third Sunday of January 2010.

Vandy Parking

No, we didn't get a trophy for our parking effort at Vandy football games as this photo of the group working the season's final game might suggest.

But the effort did add more than \$3,300 to our treasury. We had 53 total workers that worked 385 hours: 35 Knights and 2 non-Knights volunteered. A special thanks to Debbie Corbitt for helping when we could not get enough Brothers. Thanks to all those who 'worked' and especially to Jon Hoscheit who organized the whole effort.



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Knights Help with Thanksgiving Day Race

Several Knights showed up to answer the call and help Brother Larry Phillips with registration for the Indian Lake Loop run early on Thanksgiving morning. Arriving before sunrise and working until after the start of the race, the Knights were key in getting the racers registered in time for the starting gun for both the 5-mile and 5K runs.

Larry sent the following thank you to those who helped, "To all who showed up this morning to help with the Indian Lake Loop, thanks. A good time was had by all. A record crowd of 900 was there this year."



Arriving Before Dawn Brothers Petre, Ebelhar, Bertotti and Ey and Dawn Bertotti Line up the Fruit for the Racers



Brothers Sullivan and Ebelhar Work One of the Registration Tables.



Photo by Bernier

Brothers Clawson (l) and Staub (r) Work to Hand Out T-shirts and Register Runners While Brother Emery Makes Sure the Coffee is Hot

Tootsie Roll Drive Hits Big Again

Despite the slack economy, residents of Hendersonville responded very well to our Tootsie Roll drive providing \$5,800 to be used toward another home for the mentally challenged in Sumner County. A final tally will be available in the January newsletter.

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

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.



Photo by Bernier



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On the Road & Ready to Go Brothers Varboncoeur, Phillips, Rousselle, Bruchas

Where the Money Ends Up - Counters Brothers Lenz, Brayton, Parochka, Strassle and Williams are Ready

Halloween at Smithson-Craighead Academy

Late in October several Knights from Council 9132 helped the students at our "adopted" school (Smithson-Craighead Academy) celebrate Halloween a few days early. The Knights went from classroom to classroom lighting up the eyes of the children distributing packets of candy that had been donated by other Knights and put into packets by Sharon Ratcliff.



Knights Thorn Schoch, Norm Gemignani, and Dan Ratcliff receive their baskets (soon to be full of candy) from Sharon Ratcliff. Also participating was Knight Dick Emery



Knights Dan and Norm put smiles on the faces of the kids as they play the part of the "Giant Pumpkin" and pass out candy packets.

Knights Build Ramp for a Brother Knight

On a recent Saturday morning about a dozen Brother Knights gathered at Brother Wayne Frazier's house to build a ramp to provide needed access. Wayne had to have one leg amputated recently and this ramp will allow him more freedom of movement with his wheelchair.



Photo by Wimmer

The Work Starts



Photo by Wimmer

The Result Looks Professional



Photo by Wimmer

And the Recipient is Appreciative