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Bernie Schwitzgebel

MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Well Thanksgiving has come and gone for another year and all of us have surely given some thought to the things we have to be thankful for. There are lots of personal things to be thankful for like good health, a wonderful family, good friends, and the many blessings that God has bestowed on us. I too, am grateful for all of those traditional blessings. But there are many more things to be thankful for during the course of my involvement with our Knights of Columbus Council. I am thankful for the dedication of Allen Freeland and all our bingo workers whose dedication allows us to fund our many charitable works. I am thankful for Ray Grudzielanek and his dedication to the Mentally Disabled and our Tootsie Roll Program. I am thankful for Chuck Lawless and all our members who spend countless hours in the kitchen cooking for our many Council activities. I am thankful for Dale Jakel who came in to clean all the deep fryers in the kitchen because they needed it. I am thankful to my predecessors who were ambitious, daring, and dedicated enough to build the wonderful hall that we now enjoy. I hope that we all will never forget to be thankful for our many members who work so faithfully to make our Council a success.

As we draw close to Christmas I hope that we all will look beyond the glitter of tree lights and the jingle of cash registers and find our way to the Baby Jesus lying in a manger. Merry Christmas from all the officers of Council 1315.

Fraternally,
Bernie Schwitzgebel, GK

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Annual Christmas Basket Program is scheduled for Friday and Saturday Dec. 16 and 17. Volunteers with trucks are needed at 1:30 PM on Friday December 16th to pick up items and deliver them to St. Joseph Gym. We will meet at 6:00 PM on Friday evening at the gym to fill the boxes with food and all members and their families are encouraged to come help with this worthy project. Helpers are also needed to help load the filled boxes when clients come to pick them up. Meet on Saturday morning starting at 7:30 AM at the St. Joseph gym. Volunteers with trucks are needed again on Saturday morning for pick up and unloading of perishables. Volunteers are also needed Saturday morning to load the Christmas boxes in the clients' cars.

Volunteers, Please call Ray Grudzielanek at 842-3628 to volunteer for this Worthy Council Program.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Rick Smith	17 Estill Lamastus
06 Robert Zeller	18 Lee Huber
07 Jack French	19 Bob Austin
08 Robert Doman	19 Foy Gabbard
09 Mike Osboe	19 Joseph Simpson
09 Camile Picciano	20 Willis Krueger
09 Randy Thompson	21 Daniel Fortier
10 Allen Dodd Jr.	21 Bryan Reaka
11 Euel Hurt	23 Jim Signorello
14 Robert Fiore Sr.	26 Gene Faller
14 John Napier	26 John Zinoble
14 John Robinson	27 Joe Kunkel
15 Richard Heile	29 James Mills
15 Stephen Maloney	30 Lawrence Conrad

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

02 David & Mary Lou Schmidt	21 Emmons Jr. & Virginia Pearson
03 Darrell & Patricia Logsdon	24 Frank & Carol Kersting
05 Richard & Betty Pierce	28 Francis & Charlie Tully
11 Robert Jr. & Lynn Williams	28 Larry & Anita Willoughby
21 Allen & Judy Freeland	31 Tim & Clair Hammond

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

06 Officers Meeting
06 Charity Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
07 Mentally Disabled Fun Night
13 Council Meeting
18 Family Christmas Party
15 Fourth Degree
27 Columbus Club
31 New Year's Eve Dance: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2006

01 New Year's Day
03 Charity Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
03 Officers Meeting

10 Council Meeting
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19 Fourth Degree
24 Columbus Club
28 Corporate Communion, 4:30 p.m., Holy Spirit

FEBRUARY 2006

07 Charity Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
07 Officers Meeting
14 Council Meeting
15 Mentally Disabled Fun Night
16 Fourth Degree
20 Washington's Birthday
28 Columbus Club

Community Involvement

The history of the Knights of Columbus's involvement in community life is a record of outstanding benevolent achievement. Knights volunteer in a variety of charitable enterprises to serve the people and programs of their communities.

Volunteerism informed by Christian concern is the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. It results in outstanding contributions of time and talent to the Catholic Church, our communities, families, young people and brother Knights.

Much of the success of the Order's volunteer record can be attributed to the fact that the Supreme Council does not mandate participation in any volunteer initiative. Fraternal and charitable programs arise at the grassroots level to meet the local needs.

As the Order has grown, its benevolence has increased. The Order continues to break all of its previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. In the past decade, Knights raised and donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and volunteered nearly 400 million hours of service. Last year, the Knights gave more than \$125 million and more than 60 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

LETTER FROM THE NATIVITY PROJECT MANAGER

Dear Brother Knights,

Don't let anyone tell you that dreams do not come true! Our brothers just completed thirty-one beautiful nativity sets to be displayed this Christmas in many front yards around Bowling Green and beyond. Our purpose is to keep Christ in Christmas and make Him "the reason for the season."

I would like to personally thank all the Knights who embraced this project and made the dream a reality. Without each and every one of you there would be no nativity sets. Your many hours of hard work, dedication to the project and hours away from your families was a true labor of love and I am extremely grateful. The superior craftsmanship that went into the building of the nativity sets could only be described in one word "Awesome." I hope when you drive around our community and see the display of the Holy Family; you will take great pride in being a part of this endeavor

Below is a list of the nineteen fellow Knights that contributed to the success of this project and others that offered their time, resources and prayer.

Craftsman

Dick Gensler
Chuck Glaser
Alan Freeland
Ed Hert
Tony Meffert

Don Scarbeau
Dick Heile
Del Hayden
Tom Gaietto
Dick Jakel

Jim Wise
Steve Keene
Jim Bailey
John Knepler
Don Meyer

Dale Jakel
Virgil Rakers
Vic Billhartz
Don Korte

Income of \$3,100 and expenses of \$672.32 for a profit of \$2,427.68. This includes the \$452.68 paint bill that was donated by Mike Batson of Classic Paints. He has been a true friend of the Knights during this process. The other manufacturers that contributed to the project were Gary Newman of Diamond Screw and Malcolm Cherry of Metals-n-More. There was a total of 700 hours of service involved in completion of this project.

Thank you and God bless you and your families during this Christmas season.

Nativity Project Manager,
Don Meyer

THANK YOU BINGO WORKERS

If you are a bingo worker and you come to work regularly I am certain you sometimes wonder if it is worth your time to keep coming week after week. After all, bingo workers are awfully hard to find. Well let me assure you that it is only through your personal effort that we are able to support our charitable activities. Our bingo program is our main source of income, which supports our charitable programs. And lest you begin to doubt the value of your efforts let me share the following with you.

We recently received a request for assistance from a Bowling Green family who has been down on their luck for several years and has not been able to afford a Thanksgiving meal or a Christmas for some years. Our Council sent this family some money to help them through some hard times. We have since received a thank you note, which says in part,

"God Bless you all for what you did for my family. Now, thanks to you all we will have a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas too. It is really a surprise and a heart-warming experience. When you open a letter like yours, then the check falls out. Especially when everyone else has told you no. When I received your letter on Thursday 11/03/2005 I almost passed out. I showed the letter and check to my husband. After I thanked God and you all, I cried good tears. We have tried so long to get the help we need, but no luck. Thank you so much for your check. Yes, we will have a Thanksgiving and Christmas this year thanks to you and all your members, and God."

This thank you is typical of the many, which we receive throughout the year following our assistance in our community and elsewhere. So when you leave home to come work your Monday night bingo assignment and you wonder if it is worth it, be assured that it certainly is. As you walk the floor of the bingo hall selling tally sheets and pull-tabs, remember that you are not just working bingo. Rather you are, in fact, helping the poor and needy of our community just as sure as if you were delivering a home meal or other assistance. The funding of our many charitable works is almost entirely dependent on the proceeds from our bingo program. If you are not presently a bingo worker I encourage you to spend just one Monday evening each month to support this very important Council program. Remember...when you hear reports about our charitable good works, it is our bingo program and workers who are funding most of those programs. I encourage you to get with the program.

Bernie Schwitzgebel
Grand Knight

DECEMBER – NATIONAL AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

Impaired driving will affect one in three Americans during their lifetime. In 2003, 17,013 people died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, accounting for 40% of all traffic-related deaths in the U.S. (NHTSA 2004).

Quick Facts About Drunk and Drugged Driving

- An alcohol-related motor vehicle crash kills someone every 31 minutes and non-fatally injures someone every two minutes (NHTSA 2004).
- Drugs other than alcohol (e.g., marijuana and cocaine) are involved in about 18% of motor vehicle driver deaths. These other drugs are generally used in combination with alcohol (NHTSA 1993).
- Each year, alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost about \$51 billion (Blincoe et al. 2002).
- Most drinking and driving episodes go undetected. In 2002, about 1.5 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics (NHTSA 2004). That's slightly more than one percent of the 120 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year (Dellinger et al. 1999).
- To further decrease alcohol-related fatal crashes, communities need to implement and enforce strategies that are known to be effective, such as sobriety checkpoints, 0.08% BAC laws, minimum legal drinking age laws, and "zero tolerance" laws for young drivers (Shults et al. 2001, Shults et al. 2002).

Occurrence and Consequences

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- More than two-thirds of child passengers ages 14 and younger who died in alcohol-related crashes during 1997–2002 were riding with the drinking driver; only 32% of them were properly restrained at the time of the crash (Shults 2004).

Cost

Each year, alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost about \$51 billion (Blincoe 2002).

Occurrence in Older Adult Drivers

- Motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries among older adults are rising. During 1990–1997, the number of deaths rose 14% and the number of nonfatal injuries climbed 19% (Stevens 1999).
- Drivers ages 65 and older have higher crash death rates per mile driven than all but teen drivers (IIHS 2003).
- During 2002, most traffic fatalities involving older drivers occurred during the daytime (81%) and on weekdays (72%); 75% of the crashes involved another vehicle (NHTSA 2003).
- The 65 and older age group is the fastest growing segment of the population; more than 40 million older adults will be licensed drivers by 2020 (Dellinger 2002).

HOW SWEET IT IS

We offer our special thanks to Jason & Amanda Lindsey, owners of The Gourmet Café, for donating those wonderful pastries for our Communion Breakfast in October. The Gourmet Café is located behind the Party 1 Superstore on Scottsville Road in Bowling Green. We wish Jason and Amanda success with their new business.

The new St. Vincent de Paul Store located in Western Gateway Shopping Center on Russellville Road next to Houchens Market is in need of some volunteer help. We are looking for some Knights to work two to four hour shifts one morning or afternoon per week. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Help is not currently need on Tuesdays. Monday and Fridays are the two days that help is needed most. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please call Tom Parrott at 782-6777.

New Year's Eve Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 2005

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Music by "Lewis DJ Services"

Price: \$25 per person

Includes:

- Noise Makers, Hats
- Beverages
- Hors D'oeuvres
- Mixed Drinks at reduced prices
- Midnight Toast

For tickets/info call:

KC Hall 782-6488

Steve 745-7217

Chuck 781-8955



***Must be at least 21 years of age
Call in advance for reserved seating***

FROM NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HEALTH PROGRAMS

Knights of Columbus volunteers promote healthy lifestyles and health in the community through a wide range of programs.

Knights of Columbus participate in a variety of health service initiatives. Councils regularly join in national programs bringing public attention to heart disease, the dangers of smoking, and alcohol and drug abuse. Members help raise money for medical research and expansion of medical facilities. Knights at all levels of the Order report raising nearly \$4 million for health service organizations and hospitals on an annual basis.

Knights regularly organize and conduct blood drives. Yearly reports indicate nearly 370,000 blood donors at Knights of Columbus-sponsored drives. Knights and their families regularly volunteer at veterans' hospitals, hospices and other health care facilities.

DECEMBER MASS READINGS

Sunday, December 4

First Reading..... Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading..... Second Peter 3:8-14
Gospel..... Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 11

First Reading..... Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Second Reading..... First Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel..... John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 18

First Reading..... Second Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16
Second Reading..... Romans 16:25-27
Gospel..... Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 25

First Reading..... Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Reading..... Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel..... John 1:1-18



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