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Tim Risher

Message From Our Grand Knight

By the time you read this message we will be half way through our Lenten journey. Lent is a Sacrifice composed of abstinence, fasting, self-denial, prayer and charity. Certainly we can all relate to charity, as this is the number one emphasis of our fraternal order. Charity is not always about giving money but also showing mercy and kindness to others. Charity is also about volunteering. Without volunteers we as a council cease to exist. Every activity of our council is based on volunteers. Every officer, director and committee head is a volunteer. None of us are paid.

Our council does charitable good works mostly in the form of monetary donations to many organizations throughout the year. Our money raising activities of bingo, fish fries, chicken dinners etc. create the resources to fund these charitable good works. Without new volunteers each year to replace some of our members who are no longer able to fulfill these positions we slowly grind to a halt. What then is our purpose? I just done a rough statistical sampling and chose thirty members in a random sampling from our membership list and the result was as I expected. The 80/20 rule. Twenty percent of our members are actively involved. Just think! If we could turn this ratio into 70/30 we would gain an additional 30 volunteers based on 300 members. Have you volunteered this year so far?

In other news our new air handlers are up and running. Thanks to Bob Hill and Tommy Herman for spearheading this complicated project. We need to keep our hall in tiptop shape if we are to continue to generate revenue from rentals. The competition is slowly catching up and more competition is on its way.

Jan Lange, principal of St. Joseph's school will be our speaker at the March meeting. She was scheduled for February but developed a conflict. Also our DD and State Deputy may also be attending the March meeting. Let's show our support by having a great turnout. We are still trying to get 100 members at the meeting, and we're getting closer every meeting!

We had a great Valentine's Dance with many thanks to Ken Baushke and his wife Lorraine for hosting this event.

Last month we approved for charitable donations the following:

- \$250 to Big Brothers and Sisters
- \$1000 to Fr. Beiting for his continued missionary works in Eastern KY.
- \$250 for a Right to Life billboard for one month.
- \$250 to CASA of South Central KY of BG.

Don't forget the FISH FRIES! Lot's of help needed!

Stay involved and continue to grow Council 1315!

Tim Risher, Grand Knight

March Anniversaries

01 Mario & Martha Hernandez
 08 John & Ceferina Peel
 14 John Jr. & Miranda Holmes
 20 John & Jennifer Simms
 24 Lynn & Pamela Davenport
 28 Brian & Carol Genet
 28 Charles III & Pam Peters

March Birthdays

01 Terrell Miller
 05 John Simms
 08 Hanley E Hartz
 08 David Chandler
 10 Vic Billhartz
 12 David Kaminski
 13 Virgil Rakers
 14 Benny Clark
 15 Gerald Frey
 16 Michael Hepp
 16 Richard Douglas
 19 Billy Stout
 19 Joseph Quintana
 20 Lewis Garst
 20 William Helm
 21 Rev. Manuel Rivas
 23 Donald Canary
 24 Chuck Peters
 25 Francis Tully
 25 David Lewis
 26 V.W. Liles
 27 John Becker
 27 William Sims
 27 William Mills
 28 Earl Winn
 30 Anthony Romano
 30 Tom Gaietto
 30 Barry Bray
 31 Daniel Lipp

Apologies go out to John Villarreal. His birthday was listed as February 2 in last month's newsletter. His correct birthday is February 22.

Any changes or corrections to birthdays or anniversaries can be sent to newsletter@bgkofc.org.

Important Dates

MARCH 2007

03 Services at Planned Parenthood
 03-04 Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake
 06 Officers Meeting
 06 Charity Committee Meeting
 13 Council Meeting
 14 Knight of Columbus Blood Drive
 15 Fourth Degree
 19 April Newsletter articles due
 27 Columbus Club

APRIL 2007

01 Palm Sunday
 03 Officers Meeting
 03 Charity Committee Meeting
 08 Easter Sunday
 10 Council Meeting
 14-15 Fourth Degree Exemption
 19 Fourth Degree
 20 May Newsletter articles due
 21 Spiritual Retreat
 24 Columbus Club
 29 Corporate Communion

MAY 2007

01 Officers Meeting
 01 Charity Committee Meeting
 08 Council Meeting
 17 Fourth Degree
 21 June Newsletter articles due
 22 Columbus Club

Bingo Update

Attendance for January was moderate but sales were rather good. The following is a breakdown for the month. We can still use floor workers for pulltabs. More workers usually translate to more income.

Bingo Report January 2007

	Attendance	Pull Tab Sales	Swiftly Sales
1/08/2007	142	6	20
1/15/2007	139	7	17
1/22/2007	135	11	31
1/29/2007	113	7	22

Allen Freeland

State Council Update

I received correspondence from Dannie Harris, our State Deputy, that Steve Teasley tendered his resignation as State Secretary effective February 1, 2007. He cited personal reasons for resigning.

I am sure some of you know Steve since he has held various State Chairs. His replacement effective immediately will be the Past State Deputy James Fink for the duration of the fraternal year 2006-2007.

Tim Risher

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The deadline for registering for the next Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Patriotic Exemplification, to be held in Louisville on April 14th and 15th, is fast approaching.

A candidate must complete Form 4, Membership Document approximately two months prior to the exemplification. Additionally, a candidate must complete and mail the registration form by April 2. If you have an interest in joining the Fourth Degree at this exemplification, please obtain a packet of documents (Notice of this Exemplification, flyer for the Louisville activities, and Registration Form for a Candidate) from the Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight John Knepler or myself. We hope to hear from you!!!!

Fraternally, S/K Charlie Peters, PFN

Nondenominational Prayer Services at Planned Parenthood

Barren River Right to Life will be sponsoring Prayer Services at Planned Parenthood in Nashville, TN on Saturdays. The dates are March 3rd, May 4th, July 7th, September 1st, and November 3rd, 2007. The Prayer Services start at 10:15 a. m. and last for one hour.

All are invited to Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Fathers of Mercy in South Union on above dates. After Mass, we will car pool and/or caravan to Nashville. Directions: take I- 65 South through downtown Nashville, taking the W-40/65 South highway split. Then take exit 208 which is Charlotte Ave. Make a right turn and go about 6 blocks to D. B. Todd Ave. Then make another right turn on D. B. Todd. Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee is second building on the right.

We will all meet on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood building where we will peacefully pray together. Please join us on March 3rd and help us save the lives of innocent unborn babies. **Our long term goal is to shut down Planned Parenthood through our prayers and witness.** However, to do this we need many more prayer warriors to join us. If you cannot attend the Prayer Service then please pray all four sets of the rosary in solidarity with us. For additional information please call Tom Parrott at 270-782-6777.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 14th

12:00 - 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

Free Giveaways to all Participants!

Co Chair, Ed Hurt & Tom Gaietto

Corporate Communion

Corporate Communion is Sunday April 29th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will be served following the Mass at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

For a new twist we are also going to serve breakfast at 8:15 a.m. for those going to the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All Knights, their immediate families and new prospects are invited and there is no cost unless you want to help with cleanup.

Spiritual Retreat

Why not take a day away from the normal hustle of your busy life for some Spiritual maintenance?

- When:** April 21
Where: Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center, Maple Mount Ky. (near Owensboro).
Who: Knights and a Spouse or friend are invited.
Speaker: Msgr. Bernard Powers
How: Carpool and / or borrow Holy Spirit Church bus.
Time: The Retreat is 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Add 2 hours to each end for travel time.
Includes: Coffee, donuts and lunch.
Cost: \$20.00 each plus gas for the bus or car.

Call Steve Keene to sign up or for more information, 270-745-7217.

Admissions Criteria for Deacon Formation

By the Diocese of Owensboro, submitted by Father Jerry Riney

1. Be a fully initiated Catholic male in good physical, emotional, and spiritual health. The applicant will be expected to have medical history and examination forms completed by a licensed physician. The Diocese of Owensboro will make arrangements for all psychological testing and evaluation.
2. Possess a minimum of a high school diploma, and have demonstrated a capacity for college level academic achievement.
3. Be at least 35 and no older than 65 years of age at the time of expected ordination.
4. Be either married or spiritually and emotionally capable of making the appropriate commitment to celibacy. If the applicant is married, the marriage must be recognized as stable. Both the applicant and his wife will be interviewed.
5. Be actively involved in the pastoral ministry of the applicant's parish.
6. Have no canonical impediments to ordination.
7. Possess a good moral and spiritual reputation.

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March Mass Readings

Sunday, March 4

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Second Reading Philippians 3:17--4:1
Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Sunday, March 11

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
Second Reading First Corinthians 10:1-6,
..... 10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 18

First Reading Joshua 5:9, 10-12
Second Reading Second Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 25

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel John 8:1-11

Admissions Criteria for Deacon Formation (Continued)

8. Be able to demonstrate that diaconal responsibilities will not be a disruption to the financial responsibilities of the applicant.
9. Be able to make proper commitment to the service ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro, which includes but is not limited to:
 - a. A faithfulness to the Church.
 - b. A willingness to lead a life of prayer dedicated to the Church.
 - c. A spirit of obedience to legitimate authority.
10. Applicant must demonstrate that diaconal ministry will not be a detriment to his family life and responsibilities and that he is sufficiently free of outside commitments that would otherwise prevent the applicant from being of service in ministry.

Permanent Deacon Formation Program

The Diocese of Owensboro, Permanent Deacon Formation Program will conduct inquiry sessions at STS Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, Kentucky on each the 4th Saturday of each month, beginning on 27 January 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These preliminary sessions are provided to explore the vocation of deacon, to acquaint interested parties with the role of the deacon in our diocese, and to discuss prerequisites and admission requirements for the upcoming class.

The session is open to all prospective applicants who may be considering a vocation to the Diaconate. Attendance at one of these Saturday inquiry sessions is a requirement for application to the program. Wives are cordially invited.

For further information contact Deacon Jack Cheasty or Father John Thomas by email at: deacon-jack@charter.net or jmthomas@saintspeterandpaulchurch.org

Council 1315 Past Grand Knights

Submitted by Bernie Schwitzgebel

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