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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers--

By the time you read this report, our Council already will have conducted its latest membership blitz. With Father Richard's enthusiastic support, we tried a radically different approach to membership recruitment this year-we sent an impassioned letter to all the men of OLPH parish (with a heartfelt intro by Father Richard), inviting them to an open house at our Council hall on November 24th. We'll soon know just how successful this strategy actually was, but the upside of reaching out to every man in the parish made it an option we couldn't afford not to pursue at least once.

Fraternally Yours,

Ted Kovalesky, GK derbydaddy@verizon.net or 856-779-9671



Food Basket Drive Update

This year we were able to assemble and distribute 25 food baskets for Thanksgiving. Also, due to the overwhelming food donations from the OLPH PREP program, and monetary contributions from Council members, residents, and local merchants, we anticipate being able to once again provide Christmas food baskets to local residents in need. The baskets will be put together the week before Christmas, and will be delivered on Saturday, December 20th. Council members who can help deliver these baskets should meet at our hall on December 20th between 8:30 and 9:00 am. All help is appreciated. Please contact me for any additional information.

Ted Kovalesky, GK derbydaddy@verizon.net or 856-779-9671

Please report any errors or corrections to:

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COUNCIL NEWS

Christmas Caroling This Year?

As of the printing, we have no dates or places arranged for Christmas caroling at any of the nursing homes. When these dates become available, you will be notified by email. If you do not have email please give me a call to let me know and I will contact you when the dates and places have been finalized.

Sam Cerasi, PGK 856-667-1533

Council Manger Setup

On Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:30 PM, the night of our Officers Meeting, we will setup our Council manger scene. Come on out while we light our Manger scene for Christ!

Brian Kohler, PGK bdkohler@comcast.net or 856-979-9462

Website Problems

If you go to our Council website you will see a message that it is down for maintenance. The site has been down for sometime, but we are still investigating the cause of this problem. We are hopeful to have a resolution soon so we can get it back up and up to date.

Brian Kohler, PGK bdkohler@comcast.net or 856-979-9462

A Few Elvis Tickets Still Available

Worthy Brothers -

There are still tickets left for Christmas With Elvis which is being held on Friday, December 5th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at our Council Hall. Tickets are only \$35.00 each and we have sold over 180 already. Please support your Council by buying or selling tickets to this event which is one of our most important fundraisers. For tickets and info contact Bob Tartaglia at 609-410-0424 or Carmen Argentina at 856-779-0101. You can also contact me via email atpippo21@aol.com. Let's make this a successful fundraiser.

Bob Tartaglia, PGK pippo21@aol.com or 609-410-0424

COUNCIL NEWS (CON.)

New Year's Eve Party

Worthy Brothers, one of our biggest Council fundraisers is rapidly approaching, our annual New Year's Eve Party. Tickets to this event would make an excellent Christmas gift. If you have no New Year's plans of your own, try making plans with us. Now is the time to begin telling our friends, family and neighbors about the great bargain we offer on New Year's Eve. The ticket price of only \$65 includes all drinks, a fine buffet, great music by DJ Terry O., and of course dancing.

I am hoping to have tickets in time for our December Officers Meeting and definitely by our December Business meeting. Carmen Argentina and I will be selling them throughout the month of December. Please contact either of us for information and tickets. Please help support your Council by attending this event. The party starts at 8:00 PM.

Carmen Argentina, PGK @ 856-779-0101 Bob Tartaglia @ pippo21@aol.com or 609-410-0424

Council Christmas Party

Our Council Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 17th beginning at 7:00 PM. The menu remains a surprise but is sure to be delectable. This year, we may have a special chef helping Susan Berg and Molly Kohler. Father Richard may be joining the kitchen crew this year but this is still up in the air. We will have Christmas music and a Pirate Pollyanna. As always, our Pirate Pollyanna has a price limit of about \$15 a gift and is guaranteed to be a fun event! Please contact me if you plan on attending.

Brian Kohler, PGK bdkohler@comcast.net or 856-979-9462

Surge for Service & Social Meetings Changed

It has been decided to change the nights for our Surge for Service & Social Meetings. The Social meetings will now be on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month and our Surge for Service meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday night of each month. This is being done in order to stimulate some interest in our Social Meeting nights.

Ted Kovalesky, GK derbydaddy@verizon.net or 856-495-1981

COUNCIL NEWS (CON.)

Children's Christmas Party

Our annual Children's Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 21st at 1:00 PM in our Council Hall. Santa will be present, so make sure you are too!!!!!

Tom York 856-667-7013

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Fourth Degree Business Meeting

The December John Tatham Assembly meeting will be our annual Advent Party. This event will take place on our regular meeting night, Wednesday December 10th at the Willingboro Council Home located at 55 J. F. Kennedy Way in Willingboro, NJ. The evening will start off at 6:30 PM with a Cocktail Hour. At 7:30 we will have a Buffet Dinner. Dancing and Socializing will continue for the rest of the evening. Dress for members will be: Tuxedo and Social Baldric. Ladies: Cocktail Dress or Evening gown. Cost per person will be \$30.00. This includes an Open Bar, Hot Hors D'oeuvres and Buffet Dinner. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Dave Michaels.

Time is short. If you have not sent in your reservation yet, you must call Faithful Comptroller Jim Berg at 609-560-1209 before DECEMBER 5th. This date is the absolute cut off so that preparations can be made for the party on December 10th.

Jim Berg, Faithful Comptroller iceberg5555@comcast.net or 609-560-1209

HOME ASSOCIATION NEWS

We Still Need A New Tenant

As of April 30, 2015, our council hall will be available for lease. Our current tenant will not be renewing their lease after ten years. We are asking all our brothers to spread the word that this great hall will be available. We will make some changes for the new tenant if requested. If you know anyone who may be interested have them contact me by email or phone.

Thank you for your time,

Steve Schmidt, President - M.S. Home Association schmitty08@verizon.net or 856-924-3648

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

If you know of any Knight or family member that is either sick or in distress and needs prayers or any other assistance, please contact Joe Stefanko by phone at 856.482.0988 or by email at joestef3@verizon.net.

SICK LIST

Fr. Bob Holtz
Jack Acker, Jr.
Bernard Bryson
Deacon Joe Card
Sam Cerasi
Joe Ciminera

Jack Ehmann
Al Nowakowski
John Obuchowski
Pete Ranjo, Sr.
Joe Stefanko

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The following Council members will be celebrating their birthday during the month of December. Happy Birthday from all the members of Council 5714.

Richard DiDonato

John Hillard, Jr.

Christopher Houck
Nicholas Kaz

Joseph Lynch, Jr.

Hugh McNulty
Deacon Ronald Meyers

James Murzello
Edward Reed
Sean Turzanski

Joseph Matthews

Change of Contact Information?

Have you recently moved or changed your email address or phone number but would like to continue to receive updates about our Council? You may email any updated contact information to navigator 5714@gmail.com or contact me at the information listed below and I will make sure to get your information up to date.

Brian Kohler, PGK bdkohler@comcast.net or 856-979-9462

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Day	Event	Time
2	Officers Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM
5	Christmas with Elvis @ Council Hall	7:00 PM
8	Home Association Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM
9	Business Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM (7:10 PM Rosary)
10	Fourth Degree Advent Party @ Willingboro	7:30 PM (6:30 cocktail hour)
18	Social Night @ Council Hall	8:00 PM
17	Surge for Service Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM
21	Children's Christmas Party @ Council Hall	I:00 PM
25	Christmas Day - Merry Christmas !!	
31	New Year's Eve Party @ Council Hall	7:00 PM