Grand Knights Corner

The end of January is the time of year that we are required to submit some very important reports to the Supreme Office. I am happy to report that once again the Holy Ghost Council has met the deadline for the submittal of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities! As we reviewed the numbers that were reported by our Council Members for their Financial Assistance to Charitable causes, as well as the many hours of volunteering in our parishes and the community, visiting the sick and bereaved, and donating blood to the local drives, it is quite apparent that our members truly follow the four principles of the Knights of Columbus – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

The other report that was submitted on time was the semi-annual audit of the financial affairs of the Council. This report is required to insure that we are being faithful sentinels of the monies that come from various revenue sources, and the disbursement of funds for necessary expenses, as well as charitable endeavors. Our council is blessed to have Jack Landers as our Financial Secretary, and Rick Deyhle as our Treasurer. Their meticulous record keeping allows the Trustees, Grand Knight, and Deputy Grand Knight to verify that our finances are in order and properly reported, and that the Council Monies are in safe hands.

Adding to the events of January, we also welcomed two new members into our council – Brother Joseph Spano, and Brother Rick Kadowacki. Both attended the Degrees conducted at Holy Rosary Council in Arlington Heights on January 25th and they received the Honors of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees.

January 25th was also the date of our Council's free throw competition, held at St. Theresa in the Dolan Center. Chairman Dave Tuegel indicated that we had a good turnout of competitors, and also had numerous members there to help Dave with Registration, scoring, explaining of the rules, and crowd control. Dave will give us an update as to the winners at the Council level, and let us know what will take place at the District Level, also to be held at St. Theresa in February.

It is wonderful to let everyone know that the Council's Spaghetti Dinner held on, January 24th was once again a huge success. Several people who attended are trying to convince Chairman Bruce Alesi to go into business selling his homemade Minestrone Soup by the Quart... or perhaps even by the gallon.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday. We should all be sure to attend Mass and receive ashes as a reminder of our mortality. The Lenten season also provides our Council the opportunity to serve the community by offering a very reasonably priced Fish Fry prior to the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at St. Thomas Parish. One exception during Lent is on Friday March 7th, when the Rowley Activity Center is unavailable due to a major fundraiser. Invite your relatives and friends to join us for a delicious meal and then follow the path of Jesus in praying the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.

Jack McCarthy
Chaplain’s Corner
As some of you know, I have been working to fight off illness in recent weeks. I am on the road to recovery and hope to resume my daily schedule soon. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers, and I will do the same for you. Watch for a new article in the March issue of the Knightly News!

Wishing you Peace and good health!

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Article, Updates, and Stories Needed… Soon
The Knightly News is rather sparse for February. One way to improve upon this is to have articles, updates, and stories of interest submitted regularly by council members and committee leaders. Receiving articles no later than the second or third week of February will help fill out the March issue, and so on. Please submit early and often to stephenlundell@sbcglobal.net.

Just a reminder... you may experience a slight delay in receiving the Knightly News during my recovery from shoulder surgery. Thanks for your patience.

Steve Lundell

Prayer Intentions
Please keep the following in your prayers –

Francis Cardinal George, Lorraine Busch, Nancy Kett, Ron Sowizral, Bob Heimlich, Boni Quiaoit, Mila Quiaoit, Former Master Paul Isherwood, Paul Pasko, our Military Service personnel and unborn children.

Submit your prayer petitions to stephenlundell@sbcglobal.net and we will do our best to publish them each month. If someone should be removed from this list, notification would be appreciated.

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