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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

The month of January 2016 starts in approximately three weeks. As I set down to write this report I have mixed feelings on the past year. I think we have had a very good year and I think that we could have done better also. I don't think that we could have worked any harder on making our year any better. I think that maybe the process could have been a little better in the communication and the organization of the projects. That being said on December 9, 2015 I conducted an officer and program director meeting at the Parish Center and various subjects were discussed looking to build on the good things we already have and make better the things we need to work on.

Subjects discussed were communications, publicity, year wide campaign, "Year of Mercy", getting members involved in activities, measuring members participation in events. We reviewed all of the pre planned events for next year, including the Priest Appreciation Dinner, Chicken Dinner, Memorial Masses, Lenten Dinners.

At the end of approximately 2 ½ hours of discussion we have decided on several new avenues to pursue to better serve our members. They are listed below:

- 1. We will have a sign in sheet for all activities to start tracking member participation along with the number of hours spent. Program directors of the special event or events will be responsible for getting these sheets signed and turned in.**
- 2. Each member will be responsible for keeping his own sheet on a monthly basis for their own activities that only affect his own self. A good example is serving 7:00 AM Masses for a whole week every 5 weeks or serving on the**

- 1. Honor Guard for a Funeral or Rosary. Visiting the Sick or incarcerated. Delivering communion to the shut in's. Helping the church in an activity that is not a Knights function such as Breakfast Club, Habitat for Humanity, House of Bread, Faith in Action or any of the other ministries that St Francis has.**
- 2. Len Archer has accepted the position of Communication and Public Relations Director. His first job is to put together a 2016 Calendar of all of the Events that has been planned thus far and figure a way for all of us to have access of this calendar for our use on a daily basis to better plan our participation. Make sure that we have current e-mail information. Additionally, Len will be doing the publicity of our events to other parishes and the public in St Joseph to advertise our events. Len will also be sending notices to the members of event information etc. Please help Len on his new position.**
- 3. The first question is why we need to know about all of these hours of volunteering. First, we have to turn in to the Supreme and to the State of Missouri Knights of Columbus the hours and money that we spend supporting various charities and events on a yearly basis. Second, we need to know the hours we are spending on all of these activities to report to St Francis and to the community. We need to be able to identify the members who don't participate in the volunteering at the events or meetings. We need to be able to identify members who are going beyond the call of duty in the volunteering for projects and meeting to recognize these people for future awards so the member can be recognized for his participation. REMEMBER YOU GET OUT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLY WHAT YOU PUT IN**
- 4. Further discussion on the topics listed above will be had in future Newsletters and future meetings.**

COMING EVENTS:

THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2016 NEW YEAR'S DAY

TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2016 regular meeting 7PM

JANUARY 16TH & 17TH Serve all masses.

MONDAY JANUARY 18, 2016 NO ROSARY IN JANUARY

MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2016 4th degree meeting at Bishop LeBlond Council 5067 off Frederick Ave.

JANUARY 30TH & 31ST Sell Enchilada's after all Masses

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2016 regular business meeting

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY: DANIEL DEATHERAGE, REV.

TIMOTHY GUTHRIDGE, DONALD LUBOSKI, LARRY SHELBY, LEO M. VIOLETT and MARK WERNER. Please wish these Brother Knights a Happy Birthday when you see them.

2ND AND 3RD DEGREES will be held on Sunday January 31, 2016 at Conception Abbey starting at 1PM. All 1st Degree members are encouraged to take the next steps to KNIGHTHOOD. Please mark your calendars. We will car pool from the parish center. We will have to leave at NOON to arrive in time for the DEGREES.

2016 DUES ARE PAYABLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016. Our annual dues are \$36.00 per year

FOOD FOR FAMILIES: We will donate 250+ pounds of food to the House of Bread right after the first of the year. Thank you to those who have contributed. Our goal is 1,000 pounds before June 30, 2016. Buy early when the cans are on sale. Bring them to any function and I will collect them. Don't like to shop? Cash donations will also be accepted and I will shop for you. Gordon Carmichael

MARK YOUR CALANDER: SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2016. This is the date of the next 4TH **DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION** at the Kansas

City Airport Hilton. If you are interested in joining the 4th Degree please see Sir Knight Gordon Carmichael or Sir Knight Leo Hoefer for more details or see the attachments.

INSURANCE AGENT

Our Insurance Agent is Alexander Murray. If you have insurance questions, need information please contact him at 660-582-2202 or email him at alexander.murray@kofc.org. If he calls please make it a point to see him. If you are not an insurance member you may easily become one. Purchase an ANNUITY for as little as \$300.00. You can then let it grow.

