

January 20, 2016_ Grand Knight Report

Vivat Jesus

We have had plenty of Parish and Community events since starting off with a BANG in August. The Council is now confronted with our busiest season as we participate in Right to Life, have begun our major sustaining fund-raisers, and plan to support our Church during the season defining our spiritual existence.

The effort at ticket sales was rewarded with a sell-out of our January 18 Roast Beef Dinner fund-raiser. The food was hot and delicious. There were plenty of Knights to set up, prepare, serve, and clean-up the hall afterward. We had great support from our Columbiettes in preparation and managing the crowd. The Youth Group members were, truly, the direct contact with our diners and were cordial, efficient and conscientious.

I must congratulate Pete Vainoris and Tom McElligott on their first effort at grasping the reins of leadership for the event team. Setting out to learn and do at the same time is intimidating, but the result was amazing. Tom personally had several compliments on the quality of the roast beef dinner. I observed Pete working hard to grasp the organization, planning, and execution process and put his own stamp on it. We should have a report on their perceptions of the process as well as a final cost- benefit report at the February 1 business meeting.

I must remind our Knights that the matching grant for donations to the Seton Scholarship Fund is still active and encourage your participation. A dollar for dollar match is available for every individual, the Council money donated does not qualify. Do it now. The Grant ends March 31.

We had a very successful Blood Drive December 13. American Red Cross would like a repeat of the event at least a couple more times this year. It needs to be at least 8 weeks after the last which would be February-March-April. Please decide to participate when announced.

Fish Frys will begin Friday after Ash Wednesday on February 12. We have new equipment, experienced crew, the bulletin announcement will be out January 29. Prepare and mark your calendars.

For Knights who failed to attend the January 4 business meeting, I congratulate SK Tom Setty for the well deserved award of Knight of the Year for 2015. Always enthusiastic, conscientious and hard-working, he has chaired the Columbus Hope drive to its fourth consecutive year of record donations. Please congratulate him for this hard earned honor. Please congratulate him also for his birthday of January 12.

Additionally, belated congratulations for DECEMBER 2015 to: Jose Armonio, Joe Flite, Ernie Debreczeni, and on Dec. 23rd to Patrick Coleman, Al Cieslak, Greg Cox, John Tuite, and Joe Tafuri . JANUARY for Charlie VanDemark, James Wharton, Chris Becker, Steve Wright, Bill Frondi, J. Randy Bowers, Berend VanderMeer, Joe Wood, Ron Conley, Randall DeClue, Paul Nardin, Michael Parrotta, Olen Sisk, Jim Sumner, and Dennis Tummino. FEBRUARY 1, Richard Butwin, 5 Robert Loy, 10 Deacon Robert Jones Jr, 14 Lyle Sherburne, 17 Frank Rizzo, 28 Keith Tuncy. These are all on the website, but a personal greeting is never out of order. Congratulate all at your next opportunity. Visit the website : www.kofc5086.org often for much more information.

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