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Christmas Party-Full House!!

The Annual Council Christmas Party played to a full house with many families present. Santa made his usual stealthful entrance and little children did their Oohs and Aahs and google-eyed response. There was a present for each little one and several told Santa exactly what toy or other goody they wanted.

The adults engaged in the gift exchange and swap but the action was not nearly as frenetic as usual because the "stealing" was limited because of time constraints. The wrapped presents have gone way beyond the regifting and white elephant types; there were some really interesting items and the beer pack received a lot of attention. Pictures on page 4

Tootsie Rolls and Special Olympics

The Tootsie Roll Drive under the direction of Kris Hodel has achieved a fantastic level this year. The amount is rapidly approaching \$10,000 and a new goal for next year is \$15,000. This has happened because Kris and his helpers worked a number of Guerin Catholic football games and they are now showing up at the basketball games. These monies plus the amount collected at the Polar Plunge experience in February help support the Special Olympic Summer games. Way to go team!!!



Mr Claus and GK

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TMIY Begins Again in January

The fourth semester of "That Man is You (TMIY)" begins next month on Friday, January 16. The program begins each Friday at 6:00AM with breakfast served by a hardy group of volunteers, followed by a 30 minute video and then a 30 minute discussion in small groups of the topics presented. It is designed to educate the men of the parish to become better Catholics and better fathers. If you have not considered this program in the past, it is not too late to sign up. Many Knights are participating. By the way, the women of the parish have a program for women on Wednesday afternoons. This program is called "Awaken" and the response has been terrific.

The Council Website

Once again, let me remind you that the new website is up and running and I encourage you to take a look. To access the site, type in the address, www.kofc12387.org. You will be directed to the UKnight site where you will be asked to insert your membership number (on your membership card) and your birthdate. Several officers and committee chairs have been authorized as administrators so that can add content specific to their responsibilities.

Council Dues Are Due

You may have overlooked an E-Mail from the Financial Secretary, Dick Stadler, about the Council dues for 2015 because of the holiday activities so let this be a gentle reminder to send your check for \$35 to him ASAP. You can elect to send in an additional amount to support our seminarians or for Gibault. Do not ignore the dues notice, please. If your situation has changed (moving, new E-Mail, new address, etc.), please let Dick know. The Retention Committee was too active last year. Give them a break!! Thanks.

Support the SCRIP Program

Tom Tuleja is the new manager of the SCRIP Program. He is replacing Dennis Stewart who did a great job for the past three years. We need to have greater support for this program from the Knights of this Council. There is a wide selection of vendors available and special orders are accepted. While we have been asked about accepting credit cards, the use of these cards would negate the profits that we receive. Let me suggest that you check out the suppliers with the Knights on the desk and bring your checkbook or cash.

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It's Fish Fry, Fun Fry, Time Again

Yes, Virginia, Fish Fry guru Jim Bagnoli has retired, but the music will go on. Jim did a fabulous job in making the Fish Frys more fun and more profitable. The new leadership under Kris Hodel and Dick Stadler will carry on the Bagnoli legacy and they will improve upon it. These Frys on six Fridays during lent require a great deal of volunteer effort. This is a great opportunity for Knights, new and old, to contribute. So don't hesitate. Get in the game and see what goes on Friday nights in Lent at SEAS. The first one is Feb 20.

Mardi Gras is Around the Corner

The date for this year's Mardi Gras event is Saturday, Feb 21 at the Ritz Charles. Chairman Kyle Riddle reported that there will be some changes this year. There will be no silent auction and there will be a sit down dinner. The fund raising will focus on the Live Auction. Donations for the Live Auction are being solicited and several are already lined up. Plan to attend this year and enjoy another great night.

Membership

Council membership stands at 250. Welcome new members Gregory Hillebrand, Michael DeFabis, Larry Schultz and Kurt Tobin. At the last business meeting, Larry Schultz volunteered to be the Marketing Director for the Fish Frys and Kurt Tobin volunteered to fill the position of chair for Youth Activities. The next First Degree ceremony will be on Monday, January 12, 2015/

Did You Know.....

- That the Women's Care Center is now open right next to the Planned Parenthood facility on Georgetown Rd.
- The next Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 25
- Chuck Ney and Bud Carlin are both working with State Deputy Director Scott Cunningham
- Will Young and Scott Sheehan are certified First Degree presenters

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It's GK Ken Hall's Birthday



Len Yanavich Wins Some Good Spirits



Kris Hodel's New Look







Santa and Friend



Marv Kopetsky has always wanted this!



Clo Lillig -Present Looking Good!!!