

Knights of Columbus Council 13959 Monthly Newsletter



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Brothers,

. Now that the festivities of the holiday season are behind us, we at St. Teresa of Avila Council must be mindful of the challenges that face us in the upcoming year. Not only must we be dedicated to recruiting new members to insure our being a vibrant and productive council in the future but we must be diligent in continuing to be a prosperous, financially responsible council.

To the former, when we were established in 2006 we had 37 charter members. Today our membership has grown to 112 members. This increase being achieved despite having 20 members pass away and at least 6 members drop out or transfer to other councils. We have done a good job not only maintaining but even increasing membership. But we can't rest on our laurels. We must gently encourage men we know to consider joining us. If they ask, as most of them do, "what do you do?" and you can't think of anything to answer them at the time, there's information that I can supply you with that will tell our story. Remind them that every 4th Monday of the month we have an admission ceremony that will be glad to bestow on them the honor of the First Degree in in our order.

To the latter, up to this point we have been a financially sound council while fulfilling the first principle of our order, Charity. Using 2017 as an example, our charitable contributions included: \$8073 for church activities, \$8985 for community activities and \$350 for Culture of Life and youth. Our total charitable giving in 2017 - \$17408. In addition we spent \$3844 for council activity expenses. The total of all of our expenses last year was \$21,252 **not** including the nearly \$7000 collected and contributed to the Bishop's Project which is a pass through and not reflected in the above figures.

If you recall that we as Knights are told charity is not made of giving money alone. It can also be in the form of time donated. Our records indicate that last year our council

members gave over 9000 hours of their time to charitable efforts. I realize that many of our members cannot, for various reasons, donate any of their time but most of us have the talent and/or treasure to help us out financially. I'm sure there are many effective fund raising ideas out there in the membership that just need to be considered and implemented. Beyond that the least any member can do is support the council by investing in COAL tickets, Christmas Seals, Football Sweepstakes and the 50/50 raffles held at our meetings. The question may come up - Where do our dues go? Half of our modest dues assessment goes to the Supreme, State and Chapter per capita.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the brothers that behind the scenes contribute materially to our council. I won't mention any names. You know who you are and we are truly grateful for your generosity.

And finally to put our expenditures in perspective, every cent that is disbursed begins with a "Request for Funds" form that must have been approved by the membership by approving the expenditure. The form is exclusive to our council in that we created it with these words at the top, "For the Glory of God". This reminds us why we exist and who our works are guided by.

Vivat Jesus
Frank G. Peduto GK

First Degree Ceremony

There is a First Degree Ceremony scheduled for Monday, January 22, at our Council. All members are encouraged to attend. The ceremony will begin at 7:15 with a repast to follow.

February Business Meeting

Our February Schedule will be a Business meeting on Monday, February 12 and the Social meeting on Monday, February 26.

January Birthdays

January 5 – Bradley Caton
January 6 – Michael Palcsey
January 12 – Andrew Zahren
January 13 – Thomas Surman
January 22 – George Samo
January 26 – Michael McGrogan
January 31 – Frank Leja