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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

With the end of 2016 fast approaching, I think we can all look back on this great year and be very proud of our great Council! For starters, we had a very successful kick-off to our 47th Annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive, collecting over \$33,000 working out on the street corners! A huge thank you to PGK John Donovan who manned the helm, and helped us have a bigger head start than last year at this time! I would also like to thank each and every one of you who worked the street corners, stood in front of businesses, and collected from the parishes in our community after Masses. If you have not had a chance to donate, it is not too late! We are still accepting donations, and more information on how to donate is right here in the Smile!

Please also mark your calendars for Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, 2016. This year we will be honoring 9 Brother Knights who were called home in the past year. It is a very touching tribute to our Brother Knights, and I hope to see you all there.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Please also remember the reason for the season, and to Keep Christ in Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,

John Curtin
Grand Knight



THANKSGIVING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, at St. Christina Church as we remember our deceased Brother Knights from the past year. Families of the departed are invited to light a candle in remembrance. The service will begin at 10:30am, followed by a continental breakfast. Once again, PGK Jack Ullrich will manage this touching memorial to our departed Knights. This year we will be honoring the following deceased Brother Knights:

- James W. O'Conner*
- Paul B. Gordon*
- Stanley M. Filipczak*
- Raymond Lewandowski*
- John J. Donohoe*
- Walter G. Brightmore*
- Francis J. Nelligan*
- Edward J. Michels*
- James Murphy*

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, November 14** Council Meeting
7:00pm - Clubhouse
- Monday, November 21** Board of Governors Meeting
7:00pm - Clubhouse
- Thursday, November 24** Thanksgiving Memorial Service
10:30am - St. Christina Church
- Monday, November 28** Council Meeting
7:00pm - Clubhouse
- Saturday, December 10** Clubhouse Christmas Party
8:00pm - Clubhouse
- Monday, December 12** Council Meeting
7:00pm - Clubhouse
- Sunday, December 18** Kid's Christmas Party
1:00pm - 5:00pm -
St. Christina School Hall
- Monday, December 19** Board of Governors Meeting
7:00pm - Clubhouse
- Sunday, December 25** Merry Christmas!

COUNCIL NEWS

47th Annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Thank you to all you Brother Knights, Families, Friends, and Organizations who worked hard to make this another highly successful ID Drive! While the number of volunteers was not as high as hoped for, the over \$33,000 results exceeded last year's weekend! There is still more to do and more ways to help.



If you were unable to work on the Drive, we again ask that you make a donation to our largest charity drive. Remember, Charity is the first principle of our Order. Please submit a check made out as follows:

Check Payable to: Fr. Perez Council #1444
 Memo Line: ID Drive
 Mail to: Fr. Perez Council #1444,
 PO Box 558195
 Chicago, IL 60655

We will appreciate donations of \$50 or more. We are also recording donation information for submission to the State so that these donations can be tax-deductible.



There are hundreds of people, organizations, and businesses to thank for our success. For now, a huge THANK YOU goes out to the Corner Captains, who signed up volunteers, managed the corners, and kept everybody well-supplied. More thanks will follow in the January-February SMILE!

We identified more ways to improve the Drive and look forward to your participation next year on September 15, 16, & 17! Much more to come in future SMILE editions.



Other Ways to Help the Drive

Many employers have matching Gifts Programs in which the Company will match donations made by employees. If you work for Allstate, Excelon, Bank of America, or many other major firms, please contact your HR Department to see if there is a program. The ultimate recipient is a 501c3 organization, Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.

Smile.amazon.com has a donations program where 0.5% of your purchase funds can be allocated, choose Illinois Knights in the Kankakee location. Notify State that Council 1444 is the source of donation.



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 John Curtin
 Robert Griffin, PGK & Joe Griffin

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Pat Egan
 Bob & Stephanie Westphal
 Jack McNicholas

Mt. Carmel Game
 St. Cajetan
 St. Catherine of Alexandria

Bob Szyman
 Joe Quane
 Matt Stevens



November Vocations Drive

During November, we will once again participate in the Vocations Raffle to raise funds for Seminarians. You should receive a mailing containing 2 books costing \$15 each. \$9 of these funds remain with the Council and support scholarships to Seminarians. The State's \$6 share is used for gifts to the Seminarians. Please provide your support.

COUNCIL NEWS

State Deputy Visits Father Perez

State Deputy William Doerfler and Executive Secretary Denny Shook were welcomed to our meeting on October 10, Columbus Day! After a few comments on recent charitable events and our significant accomplishments, the State Deputy proceeded to present awards to the Council for its great efforts during the 2015-16 fiscal year ended June 30. The top award was the Spirit of Illinois Gold Award, accepted on our behalf by Grand Knight John Curtin! The award was presented for our many events that help our Church, Community, Youth, and Faith. It is the State's equivalent of the Star Council Award, and is the second one received by our Council.

He also presented 1st Place awards to the Council for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive, accepted by Chairman John Donovan, PGK; General Assistance Fund by Ed Ulrich; Membership by Chairman Matt Stevens, and Pro Life Fund by Chairman Joe O'Connor. A 2nd Place was awarded to us and accepted by Chairman Kevin O'Ryan for our Newman Fund! In addition to the Council Awards, Matt Stevens was presented with a Knights watch as the Top Recruiter in Illinois and John Curtin as Grand Knight of the highest Membership achieved in the Archdiocese.

It was great to have our former Member and Chancellor Dennis Shook back in the Council! SD Doerfler pledged to return again next year to present more!



*Pictured left to right:
Illinois State Council Executive Secretary Denny Shook,
Grand Knight John Curtin, Illinois State Deputy William Doerfler, and
Father Perez Membership Chairman Matt Stevens.*

Christmas Needy Families Fund Raffle

For the past few years, Kevin O'Ryan has hosted a party and raffle with great prizes for a great cause! Proceeds are donated to families so that they can have a good meal and perhaps a few gifts for children. Check are given to Sr. Ann Vincent for distribution to families, and last year we donated to 6 families! Prizes this year include a flat-screen TV, bean-bag game, bicycle, camera, and golf bag, to name a few.

If you are not able to visit the Council Chamber and would like to participate, you can mail in for tickets and we will send the stubs to you. Delivery of any prizes will be arranged. Tickets are available at 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20. Make your check out to Fr. Perez Council #1444, put "Needy Family Fund" on the Memo line, and mail it to Fr. Perez Council #1444 at PO Box 558195, Chicago, IL 60655. The Drawing will likely be held on Friday, December 16.

Father Perez Annual Children's Christmas Party

Father Perez K of C will be hosting the Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18th from 1pm-5pm at St. Christina's School Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per child. This includes a gift, food, refreshments and a visit by Santa Claus! Please RSVP to PGK Larry Lynch (312-444-3145 or 219-229-9585) with child's name, whether boy or girl, and age.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Remember this! We will display our banner over the entrance to the Council and again support the electronic sign on I-294! We have coat buttons for sale for \$1 apiece.

2017 Dues Payment

Who could believe that 2016 is already coming to a close? With 2017 right around the corner, please keep in mind our annual dues. 2017 dues are \$50, and for those Brother Knights who have achieved "Honorary" status the dues are \$15. 2017 membership cards will be available in January.

CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES



Clubhouse Christmas Party

Mark your calendars, the annual Christmas party is set for Saturday, December 10th, 2016! Hosted by Brother Knight Pat Egan, the Christmas party is open to everyone, and starts right at 8pm at the Clubhouse. The drinks will be flowing and of course there will be everybody's favorite, karaoke! All are also welcome to bring an appetizer if they would like. So come on out, have a few drinks, spread some holiday cheer and show off your singing talents!

MAJOR ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our Brother Knights who celebrate major anniversaries in November or December

70 years - Thomas J. Egan

60 years - Edward Kozel

55 years - Fred LoFurno

45 years - Thomas E. Donnellan, Tom W. Gibbons,
Thomas D. Joyce, Edward J. Naddy,
Thomas P. Pfeiffer

30 years - Donald N. Myron



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