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December 2008

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights:

Hi to all my Brother Knights. Let me begin by saying I am so sorry I missed last month's meeting due to the flu. I hope none of you are effected by the flu, and experience good health this winter season. I also hope you all had a thankful and Happy Thanksgiving. We should all thank the Lord for all the good we have been given. Can you believe that it soon will be Advent and then Christmas? It seems like Lent was only yesterday. Let us all remember that the birth of Christ is how it all began, and remember to keep Christ in Christmas. So when you greet people say, "Merry Christmas" and not "Happy Holidays", like those politically correct people think we should say. So I want to wish everyone and their families a joyous and blessed "Merry Christmas". As a reminder, starting in January, we will be starting our meetings at 7 PM instead of 8 PM.

Fraternally yours,

George

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and Peace to all of my Brother Knights and your families, and a blessed Advent and Christmas to you. May the promise and hope of the Incarnation, and all this blessed season brings, be yours throughout the New Year.

The words of our Holy Father Benedict have touched my heart deeply: "Let us trust in the Spirit's power to inspire conversion, to heal every wound, to overcome every division, and to inspire new life and freedom. How much we need these gifts! And how close at hand they are, particularly in the Sacrament of Penance! The liberating power of this sacrament, in which our honest confession of sin is met by God's merciful words of pardon and peace, needs to be rediscovered and reappropriated by every Catholic (Homily Excerpt from Washington, D.C. Mass: April 17, 2008)." As a child, I can remember that, without exception, I went to confession once a month, no questions asked. Brothers, what happened to confession? Why does it seem that we only think about this precious, life-changing sacrament, during Advent and Lent?

Advent and Lent are truly wonderful seasons, and I in no way want to de-emphasize the many faithful Catholics who attend the wonderful Penance Services in our diocese during Advent and Lent, and/or make themselves available for individual confession. But, as our Holy Father reminds us, this sacrament is healing and liberating, and should be received as often as possible. Yet, there are many Catholics who have not

been to confession in a long, long time.

Brothers, my purpose here is not to complain, but only to remind us that we are called to be good examples and witnesses of our faith. By our speaking of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our lives, we give to our children, families, and friends a new appreciation of the sacrament that has not been felt in some time. My Brothers, please take time for the Sacrament of Penance during Advent and throughout the year, and continue to speak to others of the graces and blessings you receive from the mercy and forgiveness of God.

May we always strive to be good evangelizers, by rediscovering this sacrament for ourselves. As one of my Franciscan Brothers once said: "Where reconciliation abounds, Satan can never reside." Brothers, the church needs your great witness, and so do I. Thanks for reading and listening, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.



In Memorium

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Brother Knights and their families that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

- 12/28 Robert J. Baker
- 12/27 John D. Burk
- 12/17 Joseph F. Daus
- 12/16 Louis J. Endress
- 12/4 Rick B. Gallagher
- 12/21 Lucas A. Harella
- 12/19 Ronald A. Hileman
- 12/20 William J. Hooten
- 12/14 Thomas O. Hoppel
- 12/3 George G. Husick
- 12/21 David T. Karl
- 12/25 Jason N. Kovach
- 12/24 Rev. Anthony Legarski
- 12/31 Nicholas S. Luciano
- 12/20 William M. Moyer
- 12/4 Keith A. Natoli
- 12/5 John C. Pavlic
- 12/20 Frank R. Schachtner
- 12/27 Matthew P. Smithmyer
- 12/20 Tim J. Surkovich
- 12/10 Andrew J. Weyant



November Council Meeting Notes

We received a thank you note from Father Maurizio for our \$100 donation to support his mission.

We received a thank you note from the United States Armed Forces Mothers for our donation which will make Christmas a little better for our military serving our country.

We are once again having our Basket of Cheer Ticket Sale. The

Basket of Cheer Tickets help us to maintain our building and grounds. All of you should have received these tickets via mail or picked them up at the council meeting. The donation is just \$1 but goes a long way in helping us keep our council chambers in good working order. Please try to do your best in helping us maintain our council home by selling as many as you can. The drawing is December 28th.

Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are being sold again. The cost is \$5 and helps us get out the message of what Christmas is all about. If interested in buying or selling them please contact Phil or Ray Baker at 695-2546.

Reminder that the council is taking a bus to Pittsburgh on Jan 20th to take in dinner and a show. If you are interested get in contact with Brian Drum.

In January we will be starting our meetings at 7pm not 8pm. Also since the first Thursday of the month falls on January 1st the regular meeting will be held on January 8th. Once again the meeting will be January 8th at 7pm.

We made a \$100 donation to Catholic Charities to help support their efforts for the Christmas season.

We made a \$100 donation to the Saint Vincent DePaul food bank.

Allan Duman will starting a new program at St. Mary's Parrish in Hollidaysburg for recognizing altar servers. Every server that completes the altar server training will

receive a certificate sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in recognition of their completion at a special mass. Also servers will continue to receive the certificate for every year they stay as a server. He is also looking into doing this program at St. Michael's in Hollidaysburg.

Our council was presented with the Father McGivney Award for membership for 2007-2008 from the supreme council. It was reported that our council made a profit of \$300 on the football ticket fundraiser.

Our Measure Up Campaign will be held April 17,18,19 this year. This year we will be collecting at WalMart in East Freedom, Sam's Club in Altoona and BiLo in Hollidaysburg, as well as, at the Parishes.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new brother Thomas Matea who just transferred to our council.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm. And starting in January 2009 7:00 pm

The next meetings are:
Thursday, December 4 8:00pm
Thursday, January 8 7:00pm