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The Monthly Newsletter of:

John Paul I Council—Knights of Columbus

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

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From our Grand Knight

A Special Christmas Message

FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights, as we approach the Christmas season I find myself in a very sentimental mood. Thinking of the importance of my family and the traditions we have enjoyed. I thought I would share a very important tradition with you. For the past 36 years my Father sits at his desk and prepares a Christmas message for each of his children. This has become so important to us I thought I would share one of those messages with you.

I
think
That we
shall always
see, - God's
gifts upon our
Christmas tree.
You cannot touch
them with your hand,
yet they are there at
your command. There's
joy and faith and hope re-
newed. There's laughter for a
happy mood. There's gratitude
for each new day - a time to think
and a time to pray. The Christ
idea with holy light, shines clear to
make your pathway bright. These things
are yours if you
can see - God's
gifts upon your
Christmas Tree.

Ted Raffetto, Sr.
Feast of the Nativity 1965

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

TED

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Lottery Tickets

These Tickets are our regular monthly fund raiser.

Please participate.

If every Knight would buy at least one ticket per month, our council would benefit greatly.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and based on the daily number Monday through Friday.

Tickets are valid for the entire month and pay \$100.00 for the winning number.

Need A Ride?

Have you been unable to make a council meeting because of transportation needs? For some of our older brothers driving at night becomes a real challenge. Or maybe an illness or problem limits your ability to drive. Please, allow us to help. Brother Knights stand ready and are more than willing to "share" a ride for you to come to our meetings. Just let any officer know - It would be a privilege and joy to be of service.



On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights
PRAY THE ROSARY

Opportunities:

Join Us

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

Men's Fellowship (Bible Study) at Saint Teresa every Saturday at 6:45 AM—join with many other Christian gentlemen there for a morning uplift.

Do you know of a knight who is ill or in need, whose family is in need or who has passed away? Please let Jack Kees know so that we may help and pray together. Jack's number is 610-539-4935.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 18th - 7:30 PM

Regular Meeting at Visitation BVM. Plan to attend. *Open for prayer at 7:00 PM. Join in with your brother Knights, there certainly is enough to pray about in these times.*

Friday, December 21st. - 7:30 PM

Knights Christmas Dinner at The Woodside Inn
Please call Ted for reservations.

Please Note the change of Day

Wednesday, January 3rd..- 7:30 PM

Officers Meeting— Parish Center - Saint Teresa
(This is our business meeting—open to all Knights)

Tuesday, January 16th - 7:30 PM

Regular Meeting at Visitation BVM. Plan to attend. *Open for prayer at 7:00 PM. Join in with your brother Knights.*



Family is
where it
is at!

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Concert a grand success !

The weather was beautiful, the expectations were high. And we were not disappointed.

The second concert was great. We had a good attendance and the people attending made it a point to comment on how they enjoyed the concert. The ad book was higher than last year and the offering taken at the concert exceeded last years as well.

We especially appreciated all the efforts that went into making this our biggest event of the year.

Special thanks to Walt Ednie for chairing the event and to all the other Knights who supported this with all of their efforts. There are a lot of unseen details that go into making an event, and each effort, although not recognized enough, is sincerely appreciated.

We are now putting together the committee for next year’s concert. Would you like to help - would you like to be a part of that effort. Please let your Grand Knight know if you would like to serve on this committee.

Next Dinner Meeting in February

We are getting ready for our next open dinner meeting. This meeting will be open to Knights, their families, friends, guests and prospective members. The last one had 50 people there and was a highlight of the new programs we are introducing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the excellent food so the place will once again be Moorehead’s Catering in Trappe and feature an all-you-can-eat buffet. The cost will be \$13.00 per person. There will again be a selection of main dishes, side dishes and desserts.

The program for the evening will be on the “Malvern Retreat Experience”. Did you know they also have married couples retreats and family retreats. Our council made a good showing last year and plans are already in the works for a bigger group to go on retreat this coming year. Retreat Captain of Our Ladies Group Wayne Meierdiercks will present the program and we are expecting others from Malvern to be there.

This is a good opportunity to invite prospective members to see what we are all about. Plan now to come, bring your family and invite guests. The date for the Open Dinner Meeting is February 19th., Tuesday night starting at 7 PM with a wine and cheese social time. Don’t Miss This!!

Remember Our Brother Knights

Please remember in prayer for healing:

Cal Greble

Dominic Loiero

Ed Wallace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Emma Masic (Mother of Dave Masic)

SHORT NOTICE

This is really short notice, but this year the idea came up of having a Christmas Dinner for all the Knights and their families. The evening planned is Friday December 21st at the Woodside Inn in Schwenksville. We will be ordering ala carte.

If you would like to attend, please call Ted or Vince to let them know. If there is not enough interest, we will not have the dinner.

Your Vote Required

At the December meeting, a proposal will be put to the members of our council, for your vote.

The proposal is that our annual dues be raised from \$20.00 per year to \$25.00 per year. In that increase will be one \$5.00 C.O.A.L. (Chance of a Lifetime) raffle ticket for each member. This is being proposed as a way to decrease the number of times we ask our members to buy tickets, etc.

There is concern that between the ads (for both the newsletter and the concert book), monthly lottery tickets, etc., etc. we are coming too often to the same sources for funds. Not that you haven’t always responded graciously - but that by this proposal, we could reduce our asking.

We are also open to other suggestions especially as to a Spring or Summer fund raiser to augment the Christmas Concert. We want to help meet all our local needs and there seems to be a consensus that we don’t want to go back into the car washing business to raise money.

There is a great deal to discuss at our next meeting. Plan now to attend and make your voice heard. This Council is your Council and your opinion counts - Be present that it does!

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2002 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

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Last year, the Knights donated more than 50 million hours of volunteer service to the Church, the community and to fellow Knights and their families. Please complete the information below and put it in the mail or return it in person at our next meeting to Brother Kees. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Name _____

1. Number of visits you made in 2001 to:
Sick - caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals _____

Bereaved - visits of condolence _____

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor in 2001 _____

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2001:

Church Activities - service in all Church related activities _____

Community Activities - service in all community related activities _____

Youth Activities - service in all youth related activities _____

Miscellaneous Activities - service in all areas not listed above _____

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2001:

Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation,
tutoring, counseling, etc. _____

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY. THANK YOU.