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Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

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2002 Dues Due!

Now \$25.00 including free \$5.00
C.O.A.L. Ticket. See inside story.

OPEN DINNER MEETING
February 19th. Plan to Attend

From our Grand Knight

FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights, as we begin the new year your council will address several very important matters. The first project is a revision of the council bylaws. Time has made some of the provisions in our bylaws obsolete. A committee has been formed to review the changes and those changes will be presented to the council for approval in a few weeks. We are also working on various fund raising ideas. We need additional sources of income to continue to support our many charitable activities. In addition we are now forming our Christmas concert committee. They will be looking at various ways to attract and entertain the concert audience and various methods to attract new sponsors.

Social activities for our members and their families are also being planned. They will include the quarterly “open” meeting in February. This meeting will be open to members, their families and friends and of course prospective members. We will have dinner at Moorehead’s catering followed by our guest speakers. A “Spring Fling” is being planned with a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia and a summer picnic in the country.

On the spiritual side we have been honored to have a very active Chaplin, Msgr. Andrew Golias. His homily at each meeting has been an inspiration to all that have attended.

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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, 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.

Tuesday, February 5th. - 7:30 PM
Officers' Meeting at Saint Teresa. All Brother Knights are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, February 19th - 7:00 PM
Open Dinner Meeting at Moorehead's Cater
Please note from 7:00 to 7:30 Cheese and Wine will be served in a time of socializing before the dinner and program begins at 7:30 PM.
This promises to be another great evening.



**Pray that our
cause may go
forward.
Invite someone to
join our Council.**

From our Grand Knight

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We are also encouraging our members to participate in the Saturday morning Bible Study.

A number of our members meet every week for this activity. The council is sponsoring our annual retreat to Malvern. This will take place in June. If you would like to learn more about the retreat you should attend the meeting/dinner in February.

Brothers, we have a very ambitious program. To make this year as successful as last year I will need your help. Pick up the phone and call me.

Volunteer for an activity that you might enjoy. I know you will enjoy the company of your fellow knights.

God Bless You,

Changes in our Dues

After careful consideration and reflection, our council has, at the last officer's meeting, increased the amount of yearly dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00. This is necessary because of increasing expenses and to keep our charitable funds for the purposes they are raised.

In doing this, we took the bold move of including a \$5.00 C.O.A.L. ticket for every membership. In selling 100 C.O.A.L. tickets, our council receives \$2.50 from each ticket, the member gains a chance to win in the **Chance Of A Lifetime Lottery** ticket which benefits our State Council and this also eliminates the chore of trying to call each member to sell them tickets and collect the same.

In our recent study, most members bought tickets anyway. Additional C.O.A.L. tickets will be available if any member wants to purchase some extra.

As always, any Brother Knight in distress and unable to pay their dues can contact either the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for assistance. We would never want any Brother to drop from this organization because of financial difficulties.



Any Knight interested in learning more about the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild can receive further information by writing to the Guild at: Father Michael J. McGivney Guild - Knights of Columbus - 1 Columbus Plaza - New Haven, CT 06510-3326 or online at <http://kofc.org> and click on the founder's link. Much is happening these days with the cause of Father McGivney and every knight should become involved. There is no charge to become a Guild member.



**Special Program at
2nd. Open Dinner
Meeting, 7:00 PM
February 19th**

Our second open meeting will be held again at Moorehead's Catering in Trappe. The program is all about the Malvern Retreat Experience and our guest speakers will be Michael P. Mintern the President of the Laymen's Retreat League and Wayne Meierdiercks, our retreat captain. This evening is open to Knights, their families, friends and guests. Cost are \$12.00 per dinner which is buffet style - all you can eat. There will be a 1/2 hour wine and cheese social before the meeting. More details will be in the next issue, but plan now to attend and bring someone with you.

Lottery Tickets

These Tickets are our regular monthly fund raiser.

Please participate.

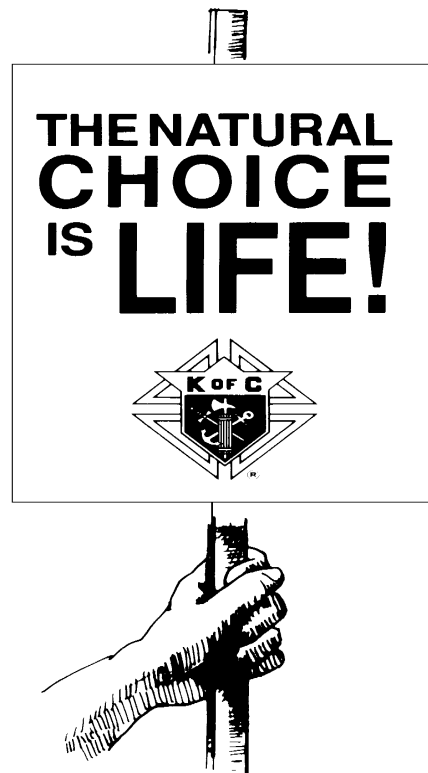
If every Knight would buy at least one ticket per month, our council would benefit greatly.

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.

Want to Come to a Meeting, but have transportation problems?

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.



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2002 DUES NOTICE

Please mail this form to: Jack Kees, Financial Secretary
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Name _____ Phone _____

Dues for 2002 \$ 25.00 Amount Paid _____ (PAYABLE TO K. of C.)

Birthday Day ____ Month _____ E-mail address _____

2002 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

If you have not already done so, please send in the survey below

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. _____

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN THIS SURVEY. THANK YOU.
SIMPLY DETACH AND MAIL THE UPPER PORTION WITH YOUR DUES.**