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NEWSLETTER



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State Deputy's Report for December 2013

Michael Kieffer, State Deputy



Louise and I wish you a Merry Christmas! Just a few short weeks ago we were at the Supreme Mid Year Meeting in Quebec City, and it felt like Christmas, 32 degrees and snowing! The reason that they picked Quebec City for their meeting was the fact that this is the start of the 350th anniversary of the Basilica of Notre Dame de Quebec, the first non Spanish speaking church in the new world (of course they speak French). The Basilica of Notre Dame de Quebec is the home of the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. We have a copy of that painting traveling the state right now as part of our Marion Hour of Prayer Program. Please try to see this painting when it comes to your area, it is very beautiful. Quebec is very beautiful too, I would go back to visit again, in the summer. **CONTINUED....**



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As you read this I hope that our membership numbers have risen enough to bring us out of the hole. We have 109 new members this year (30% of our annual goal).

We have 6 less members than we started with in July. How can we do more charitable works with less people? We all have to work harder. The past year and a half I have preached that we have to increase our numbers so that we can do more good works, and we will have someone to replace us.

We had an awesome 2nd and 3rd in Helena on October 27th. The Helena Council roasted a pig for the affair and did a wonderful job feeding the crowd that attended. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights! We need to have a 2nd and 3rd the last two weeks in January, one in February and another one in March. If you would like to host one call me today!

The really great news is that we sent the paperwork in for two new ultra sound machines, one in Little Rock and one in Morrilton. We also sent paperwork for a new council in Booneville. A big thank you goes out to those who did so much work on these three fine accomplishments.

Norbert Rumps advised me he was becoming a Snow Bird and going south for the winter.

We have replaced him in District #7 with Ron Wildman, 501-206-1736, ron.josie@yahoo.com. Welcome Ron!

Now is the time to get started on our FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT, Form 1728. It is due before January 31st. Every council needs to fill one out and send it to Supreme. This is how we justify our charitable identity.

Free Throw Contest at the council level should be conducted in January, at the District level in February and we will have the State Competition at Conway in March.

The State Deputy will be the point of contact for all Youth poster and essay contests. Rod Harrison, 501-336-7310, rod.j.harrison@gmail.com, has agreed to head up the State Free Throw Contest. Start practicing your free throws now!

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One Member per Council per Month!

One First Degree per District per Month!

One Star Council per District Per Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Kieffer, State Deputy



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Community Activities Report for December 2013

Calvin Webb, Director

Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us; as members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, One Person, One council at a time. Our communities offer limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that's needed and workable in your community and get involved. With the Christmas and winter season fast approaching there will be lots of opportunities to help in the community such as conducting a canned food drive to restock a local food pantry, Coats for Homeless or Coats for Kids and you could always help out at a local shelter.

Remember the elderly and handicapped in your areas; assist them where possible as they may be unable to get out during bad weather.

Calvin Webb

Community Activities Director

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Francisco Olguin, State Advocate

Worthy Brothers all,

The season is upon us to reflect on what really is important to us in our lives. Making GOD first and foremost in our lives should be be our utmost goal. Please make time for yourselves to ponder all the many blessings that the LORD has bestowed upon each and everyone of us. We have never walked this earth alone without GOD watching over us. I am not one to quote chapter and verse, so I leave it in your capable hands to take my wish and definitely decide to truly make this season of thanksgiving a memorable one.

GOD BLESS YOU and your loved ones!

VIVAT JESUS!

Francisco Olguin

State Advocate



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Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

I recently returned from a state chaplain's mid-year meeting in Quebec City, Canada in November and as always I was energized as a brother Knight and as your state chaplain by what was said and done during our three day gathering. We had the opportunity to con-celebrate Mass in the Cathedral/Basilica Notre Dame de Quebec which is now 350 years old. It was a stark reminder that the Catholic faith has had a presence on this continent long before the founding of our country. Unfortunately, the archbishop of Quebec City and primate of all of Canada, Archbishop LaCroix shared with us how secularism and other factors have led to a crises of faith or at least participation in the Catholic Faith in Canada. He asked for our prayers for his countrymen, especially those who are no longer practicing and living out their Catholic faith in the country where the seed of Catholicism was first planted in North America. I ask for your prayers for this intention and your pledge first to strengthen your own faith through prayer and participation in your parish activities and ministries and those of the Knights of Columbus. The archbishop was confident that the Knights of Columbus in his country and ours could, with God's grace leading the way, rekindle the light that seems to be flickering, but we know will never be extinguished. As we celebrate this month the coming of "The Light", Jesus Christ, we should not only rejoice in he who is the "Light of the World", but pledge throughout the year to make our council's and assembly's presence and activity a light that shines brightly and attracts others to live daily in the eternal Light, that is Christ the Lord. Vivat Jesus



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Save the Date

Please save the date - We will have our Mid Year Meeting January 11 and 12, 2014 in Jacksonville. More information will be coming.

District Deputies should set up a date for their District Meetings and have them completed by the end of January. Be ready to tell me which Councils will be Star Council.

Council #812 Annual Sausage Supper

December 3rd. 6:00. Location McDonald Hall Cathedral of St. Andrews \$15.00 per person plus unwrapped toy for child. Entertainment provided by Subiace Jazz Ensemble.

Newsletter Reminder

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to: Alex Martinez at:

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