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December Newsletter 2013

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Grand Knight Notes - by Robert Falke



Brothers,
God bless us, every one! As we approach Thanksgiving and moving quickly into Advent we should reflect on the many things and people we are/have been blessed with. I am truly thankful for all of you who have helped to make this year successful. With

your help, we have managed to raise and donate \$4,963 in 2013.

We are also blessed to be part of a wonderful and dynamic parish community. I encourage all of you to take an active role in all the Advent programs and events. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting pictures with Santa on December 1st, the John Paul II Society will be offering a Advent series starting Tuesday November 26th through December 18th, the School of Religion will be offering Advent Adventure on December 6th and the Parish will have a Communal Penance service on December 16th.

Earlier today Carl Andersen, our Supreme Knight, released a statement to Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. This Papal address focuses on the New Evangelization and the churches call to bring the Gospel message to everyone. The Supreme Knight Carl Andersen said "Specifically, this exhortation shows us Pope Francis' missionary spirit. It highlights his belief that the Gospel message and loving outreach of the Church are for everyone, that the Church must go outside itself and welcome those on the margins with love and healing in the spirit of Christ himself. Finally, it shows clearly the importance of the Marian dimension to the New Evangelization - calling her, again, the "Star of the New Evangelization."

We as Knights, are especially called to this New Evangelization. We need to reach out to everyone that crosses our path. It can be as simple as offering a "God Bless You" to a convenience store clerk, co-worker or neighbor. You may be pleasantly surprised by the reaction you get and the conversation that may follow. We are on the cusp of a movement to reinvigorate the Church, please do your part to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Vivat Jesus! *Robert Falke*, Grand Knight

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for DECEMBER

Victimized Children. That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

Prepare the Savior's Coming. That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.



It's Time to Give Thanks For The Opportunity to Be a Knight of Columbus and Pay Our Dues



It's time to pay 2014 dues. Our council waves dues for Honorary Life members, seminarians and deacons. Honorary members are assessed \$12 and the rest of us are assessed \$30. Please help save mailing costs and bring your payment to the December 11 meeting or use PayPal or a credit card on our Website:

<http://www.regiskofc.org> => Just click on the 'donations & dues' tab. Thanks for all you do for the parish and our council.

Rob Colombatto - Financial Secretary

Photos with Santa For Your Child or Grand Child This Sunday at St. Regis

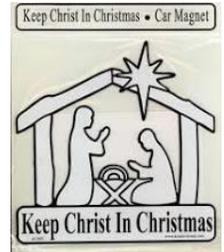
PICTURES WITH SANTA 2013

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is hosting Pictures with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 1st from 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room. The cost is \$5 per picture. We will be implementing some new procedures, so hopefully long waits will be eliminated.



“Keep Christ in Christmas”

November 30 and December 1st will be our last opportunity for our members and to encourage other members of our parish community to purchase “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” vehicle magnets to promote the true spirit of Christmas.



We can do our part to assure **the real reason for the Christmas season is in plain sight...** on your car or truck. This is the last weekend to volunteer to help sell the magnets, and Advent Candles (only 2 remaining), before and after each weekend Mass our Council will be selling following each Mass.

Each of us can help spread the reason for the season by buying your own vehicle nativity magnet for \$5.

MOTHER’S REFUGE Christmas Wish

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting items for the **Mother’s Refuge Christmas Wish List**.

There will be a container in the Gathering Space for your donations until Monday, December 16th.

Below is a list of their needs:

1. New socks, robes, pajamas & under clothing (various sizes)
2. Hair products including African American products
3. Hair dryers, Curling & Straightening Irons
4. New car seats, baby carriers & strollers
5. Perfume, lotions, make-up & nail products
6. Photo albums, art, scrapbooking & craft items
7. DVD movies—rated G, PG & PG 13
8. Hats, scarves & gloves
9. Sweat outfits (various sizes)
10. New baby books & learning toys
11. Pack-n-Plays
12. Kitchenware & household supplies
13. Gift cards to Gordman’s, Walmart, Target, Movie Theaters or and fast food restaurants.

If you wish to give a gift card, they can be given to Mary Ernstmann or any Auxiliary member. Some of these gift cards are available through the St. Regis Script program.

Charitable Donations from IRAs-2013

- by *Dave Vorbeck-Council Advocate*

Knights and Ladies, under current federal tax and retirement law (ERISA), **it is possible to make a direct gift to a charity** (up to a maximum of \$100,000) **from an IRA without having that gift amount taxed** to the IRA participant as an IRA distribution. These gifts, called “Qualified Charitable Distributions” (“**QCD**”), are permitted under current law, **but the law expires on December 31, 2013**, so the window for making such gifts to a charitable entity (*like St. Regis*) is closing at the end of this year. (Note, the United States Congress could extend or re-enact the law, or something like it, before year-end, or afterwards, but there is no certainty that would happen, and no pending legislation to do so.)

As we approach the end of the year, a traditional time for considering charitable donations, and the end of this opportunity under current laws, **please consider whether this kind of a contribution to St. Regis might be possible for you. Consider making a Christmas Gift to St. Regis.** Also, as we approach the 50-year Anniversary for our parish, a QCD might be appropriate to make a memorial gift to the parish.

If you have an IRA, and if you have an interest in using a portion of the IRA funds to make such a gift to St. Regis, you should visit with your IRA Custodian, or account manager, to explore the possibilities, see if you qualify, and discuss the process and requirements for making a QCD. (Please, also, seek proper tax and legal advice for implementing a QCD.) Additional information at <http://www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Charitable-Donations-from-IRAs-for-2012-and-2013>



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For Deceased: Mary Pat Lynch-Aunt of Terry Lynch

For those who are ill or recovering from surgery:

Beth Heidler-Widow of Joe Heidler, Fran Wadle, Msgr William Blacet, Fr. Ernie Gauthier, Fr. Jim Hart, Jack Mitchell, Ralph and Judy Ford, Vincent Proctor-Father of Jarrett Proctor, Jim Monnig..



Special Intentions: Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Robert W. Finn; Bishop Emeritus Raymond Boland, all priests, deacons, men & women religious.

For our seminarians studying at these seminaries: Conception, St. Gregory the Great, Pontifical College Josephinum, Holy Apostles, and in Rome as they continue their preparation and discernment. **For Active Duty Chaplains:** Rev. Joseph "Dan" Reardon, Chaplain and all priests serving as Military Chaplains and all who serve in the US Military service at home or abroad. **For the Cause for Canonization of Fr. Emil J. Kapaun.** "Servant of God." Chaplain, US Army"

REMINDER

December

Next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting February 2nd

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

1st - Photos with Santa after each Sunday morning Mass

6th – 24 Hour Adoration - Holy Hour for Church Vocations at 11 a.m. Chapel of Repose at St. Regis
10th -1st Degree - 6:30pm –7:30pm, Council 6819at the VFW Post 5789, 329 SE Douglas St., L.S., MO
11th - Council Meeting - Rosary at 7:10 p.m.

++Due to Christmas Holiday the December Officers Meeting date and time to be announced by e-mail notice.

29th - Corporate Communion Mass – Save the Date - Volunteers needed – see article in this newsletter. Call or E-mail Dave Vorbeck.

31st – New Years' Eve Party hosted by Council 4962

January 2013

Next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting February 2nd

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

3rd – 24 Hour Adoration - Holy Hour for Church Vocations at 11 a.m. Chapel of Repose at St. Regis
4th & 5th – Roses for Life program following Mass.

To volunteers contact Ken Stewart: 478-3727

8th - Council Meeting - Rosary at 7:10 p.m.

++ January Officers Meeting date and time to be announced by e-mail notice.

Council Corporate Communion Mass December 29th at 8:30 a.m.

All Knights and Ladies are invited to participate in the Corporate Communion Mass. Please consider volunteering for a liturgical role and singing in the choir with the Knights and Ladies. We will need lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers/Greeters, Altar Servers, and Choir Members. **Contact Dave Vorbeck (816-935-3562 or at cva@birch.net to sign up.**

His Legacy: The Knights of Columbus

"In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth."-- Pope John Paul II, welcoming Knights of Columbus Board of Directors to Rome in October, 2003. © Knights of Columbus Museum



Through the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney gave Catholic laymen a new opportunity – the chance to grow in holiness while contributing to their parishes, communities and security of their families. Today, more and more Church leaders are recognizing his spiritual genius in animating the laity.

The Knights of Columbus has grown to more than 14,000 local units in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. Over the past decade, Knights have raised and donated nearly \$1.4 billion to charity and given nearly 653 million hours in humanitarian service.

Knights have donated countless hours of service and over \$508 million to programs and charities advancing the cause of intellectually and physically disabled individuals, including \$61 million to Special Olympics, which the Knights have partnered with since the games began in 1968. In 2003, the Order began a collaboration with the Global Wheelchair Mission, which provides durable, low-cost wheelchairs to those in need. To date, Knights in the United States and Canada have sponsored the distribution of some 20,000 wheelchairs in nearly 20 countries. The nature of most service by Knights is determined locally. Knights in Illinois, for example, have devised a sophisticated system for providing interest-free financing for group homes for people with developmental



disabilities; councils in the Philippines regularly conduct free medical and dental clinics for the poor.

Recently, the Knights have given an immense amount of aid and support to the victims of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake and the 2005 Katrina and Rita Hurricanes.

In response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake, which ended the lives of over 316,000 people and left over a million people homeless, the Knights organized a donation project and initiated their "Helping Haiti's Children" campaign. The donation project contributed more than \$500,000 in aid, as well as 1,000 wheelchairs for the disabled. After this initial contribution, the Knights of Columbus joined forces with Project Medishare to aid the numerous Haitian Children left disabled after the earthquake. The program, backed by a 1 million commitment from the Knights of Columbus, provides free prosthetics and a minimum of two years of rehabilitation to every Haitian child who lost a limb in the calamity.

The Knights of Columbus conducted an unprecedented relief effort in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The effort included both immediate and spontaneous responses from local councils in the Gulf region and a national effort by the Supreme Council

headquarters in New Haven, Conn., to raise needed funds and coordinate the efforts of state councils throughout the U.S. and Canada. In total, more than \$10 million was donated to Gulf States relief efforts and hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours were donated by individual Knights. The money donated by the Knights of Columbus program was used in a multitude of different ways, including food, medicine, clothing, home repairs and the rebuilding of the Catholic school infrastructure.

Wherever they exist, Knights continue the tradition of support for bishops and parish priests exemplified by Father McGivney. Each year tens of thousands of Catholics attend the Marian Hour of **Prayer** programs, rosary prayer services, and Knight-sponsored, pro-life Masses.

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society offering low-cost **life insurance** to immigrant families facing destitution if a breadwinner died. Today the Knights of Columbus has more than \$85 billion **of life insurance** in force. Its insurance program has received the highest possible ratings from both the A. M. Best Co. and Standard & Poor's



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