

January 21, 2015

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It doesn't seem like Valentine's Day is nearly here. Please remember to buy your favorite Valentine a gift or even better yet, get yourself a box of chocolates. Happy Valentines Day.

I would like to welcome Tim Silha, Sebastian Cummings and Peter Cummings to our Counsel. They received their First Degree at our First Degree Ceremony in December. Please make our new Brothers feel welcome so they become active members of our Council.

On December 13, 2013 our Council delivered fruit baskets to the Widows of our deceased Brothers. Brother Paul Romanelli organized this event. We thank Paul and the Brothers who helped him make the deliveries. The Council has received several thank you cards for the baskets. Several said the baskets made their Christmas even more special by our remembering them and their loved one.

After the Masses, on December 20-21, Santa greeted the children in the Commons. He visited with them and gave them a bag of treats. Cookies, donuts, juice and coffee were served to all those who attended. The Children's Christmas Social is a annual event hosted by the Council. Pat McDonald has organized this event for several years. Thank you Brother Pat and all the Brothers who helped make the social a success.

On December 27, 2014 the Council served dinner at the Gifts Men Shelter at St John Vianney. For dinner we grilled rib eye steaks. Brother Mike Thiele made his famous cole slaw which was enjoyed by everyone. Brother Dave Brusky's wife Kathy made a fluffy cheesecake for dessert. The meal was enjoyed by the men at the shelter and they thanked the Council for doing this. We thank Brother Dave Brusky and the Brothers who helped him with this event.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held at St John Vianney School Gymnasium on Saturday January 24, 2015. The winners advanced to the District Contest which will be held at St Pat's on February 15, 2015. We thank Brother Ron Smithrud for chairing this event. We also would like to thank those Brothers who helped. Ron will also need help at the district contest, so contact him if you can help.

Brother Jeff Smith will be distributing the Wisconsin State Charity raffle tickets in the near future. The grand prize is \$50,000. The price of the raffle ticket is \$5.00, so they are not hard to sell. We will again be selling tickets at the Blackhawk Credit Union locations, so your help will be appreciated. Please sell or purchase the tickets you receive. Thank you.

The State Convention will be held in Green Bay, WI on April 26 and April 27, 2015. If you are interested in attending, Mark Lessner and I have any information you may need. It would be nice if several from our council would attend.

Our next meeting will be on February 5, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. We will pray the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. There will be lunch and social time after the meeting. Please plan to attend. At our last meeting, Joseph Slatter was drawn for the pot of gold, he was not in attendance. Sorry Joe, hopefully another time.

Peace,

Michael Hinaus