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Fall Festival Dinner

On November 17th, Council 4828 held our annual Fall Festival Dinner. This year, we returned to our customary Pork Feed, consisting of roast pork and all the trimmings. We had a wonderful turnout and served well over 100 people and, as usual, the meal was delicious and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Special thanks go to Brothers Cliff Cramer and Ron Rudden for chairing the event and to all Brother Knights and family members who were involved in purchasing, preparing, and cooking the food and to those who served as waiters and as part of the set-up and clean-up crews.

As in previous years, Br. Tom Lukas' efforts paid off in obtaining complimentary dinner tickets, overnight

lodging, and other donations from various hotels, casinos, and restaurants throughout Northern Nevada. Once again, these items were used as door prizes and raffle prizes, with the raffle proceeds going to the Council's seminarian support fund. The Council wishes to thank the businesses that provided these door prizes for their generosity. We also have several other prizes that will be used as raffle and door prizes at some of our future events.

Overall, the Council took in approximately \$1633 in proceeds (\$888 in profit) and collected another \$418 for our Seminarian support fund through the raffle ticket sales.

Reason for the Season: Keep Christ In Christmas

(Extracted, in part, from a Supreme Council website and an article dated 12/04/07)

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that the Knights of Columbus established the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is, above all, a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ. Keeping Christ in Christmas is keeping the very heart and meaning of the Christmas celebration alive.

The Knights have been producing Keep Christ in Christmas public service announcements since the 1980s. Each year, these announcements reach more than 40 million television viewers and up to 37 million radio listeners. This year, millions of people in North America received the message to "Keep Christ in Christmas" thanks to these public service announcements which were aired in the United States and Canada during the Christmas season. Radio spots encouraging people to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in various ways – including by helping the less fortunate – were also aired in English and Spanish. A public service announcement for television was also sent to TV networks and hundreds of local broadcast stations and cable television systems and hundreds of billboards with the same message were also put up by local Knights of Columbus councils.

"In the midst of an increasingly materialistic and secular society, it is all too easy to lose sight of what Christmas really means. We give gifts to each other because it is the day on which we celebrate the ultimate gift: the Christ child, the savior of mankind," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "Even those who do not share the Christian faith can and do appreciate the message of peace and hope that this Christian holiday – holy day – brings to the world. It is a message that the world needs now more than ever."

Council 4828 has been actively supporting this program for several years by setting up the Nativity Scene at St. Patrick's Church, hanging a large "Keep Christ in Christmas" banner in front of the church rectory, and displaying various posters in the Council's poster frames, near the church bulletin board. In addition, the following resolution, which was originally written by Brother and Deacon Kurt Carlson, has been included in our Council's annual Fall and Winter Editions of *Oasis Knightline*, since 2002.

Whereas, there is a known Knight program of "Keeping Christ in Christmas"

and Whereas, there is a progressive incrementalism of American society that continues to erode any Christian root of Christmas, except for the purchase of gifts

and Whereas, younger generations are in danger of not knowing, through "political correctness," the true meaning of Christmas.

Be it resolved that: All Knights and their families, to the best of their conscience, support those businesses, or those communities, that have the courage to continue to display appropriate Christmas images

and be it further resolved: That all councils read this resolution at their meeting closest to Advent.

Remember that, although Christmas Day is when we celebrate Jesus' birth, the overall Christmas Season continues through the Epiphany, which will be on 6 January this year. Also remember that the gift of God, Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, is the one true gift that never stops giving.

Council Birthdays and Anniversaries

Knights Celebrating Birthdays:

January

Armand Arnett, Wayne Bonde, Eugene Duffney, David Hejny, Gary Imelli, Dennis Kathrein, John Lewy, James Moore, Jim Shurtliff, Frank Soares, and Donald Tuohy

February

Fred Chicvara, Lawrence Curran, Roland Encarnacion, Louis Erquiaga, John Gomes, Robert Greer, John Hanifan, and Chester MacDowell

March

Robert Achurra, Ed Arciniega, David Asjes, Castor Delosreyes, Steve Heck, Bill Jacobi, Frank "Don" McNeill, Nover Nicolas, Rick Oswald, Ron Rudden, Jeff Scholz, Paul Scholz, Ron Simms, Jonathon Trujillo, Vern Ulrich, and Jerry Walsh

Spouse's Celebrating Birthdays:

January

Jessie Arnett, Leonida Banzali, Morita Cherry, Elizabeth Festin, Katy Anne Loop, and Sheila Scholz

February

Judy Carlson, Purita Encarnacion, Phyllis Fuller, Kieran Kalt, Yvette McNeill, and Ruth Scott

NOTE: If we have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please accept our apologies. Corrections should be provided to our Financial Secretary so he can update the council's records

March

Lynn Clark, Cindy Greer, Lou Guillen, Mary Rudden, Tami Schmitz, Ana Laura Serna, Prima Vaz, and Sandra Ward

Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

January

John and Mary Ann Gomes and William and Sondra Hillery

February

Fred and Sharon Chicvara, Marlon and Lynn Clark, Robert and Margaret Davis, Albert and Jaye Herr, Chester and Laura MacDowell, Ronald and Helen Simms, and Donald and Jerie Tuohy

March

Ernie and Joyce Carlucci, Todd and Rosalie Goss, Walter and Ruth Ann Scott, and Joe and Ana Laura Serna

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS go to Brothers Eugene "Duff" Duffney and Harold "Hal" Newman who were both recently converted to "Honorary Life" membership status. Congratulations and thanks for your many years of service to our Order!!!

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where / When</u>
12/24 to 12/25	Christmas (Mass Ushers)	Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas
12/30	Corporate Communion	St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM Mass
01/01	New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary)	Enjoy your time with family and friends
01/02	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
01/05	Living Rosary Prayer Service	St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM
01/16	Living Rosary Prayer Service	St. Patrick's Church / 7:00 PM
01/16	Business Meeting/1 st Degree	Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM
01/26	<i>Annual Fraternal Surveys are Due</i>	<i>EMAIL or send to Council or FS Address</i>
02/02	Living Rosary Prayer Service	St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM
02/06	Ash Wednesday (No Meeting)	St. Patrick's Church / TBD
02/20	Living Rosary Prayer Service	St. Patrick's Church / 7:00 PM
02/20	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
03/01	Living Rosary Prayer Service	St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM
03/05	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
03/15	Corned Beef Dinner	Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM
03/19	Living Rosary Prayer Service	St. Patrick's Church / 7:00 PM
03/19	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
03/23	Easter Sunday (Mass Ushers)	St. Patrick's Church / TBD
03/25	Day of the Unborn Child	Services (if any) to Be Announced
03/30	Corporate Communion	St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM Mass

Council Name Change Nixed

Brother Knights, in the Fall edition of *Oasis Knightline*, it was mentioned that there had been some discussion concerning the possibility of changing the Council's official name from "Fallon Council" to something else. Since this would have required a modification to the Council's By-Laws, a schedule was established for further discussion and subsequent posting and voting on any resolutions that were proposed.

The first date in the schedule was 7 November, which was designated for further discussion and nomination of recommended names. However, during the discussion, those present voted simply to maintain the current name of "Fallon Council 4828." Therefore, no further action was taken, so no resolutions to modify the By-Laws were made, thus making the remainder of the previously proposed schedule null. We will remain "Fallon Council 4828."

Recent Passing of Brother Knights

It is with deep sorrow that Council 4828 must report that three of our Brother Knights: have recently passed away:

Br. Glenn Jacobs passed away on Tuesday, October 23, at the age of 87. Br. Glenn joined the Knights of Columbus on June 8, 1959, the date of Council 4828's founding, thus making him a Charter Member of the Council. Br. Glenn had also been an Honorary Life member of the Order since 1990. He served in several Council offices, including a term as Grand Knight (1976/77) and fifteen years as Financial Secretary. For the past several years, Br. Glenn had lived in Willows, CA, where he could be closer to family, but he retained his membership with Council 4828. He was buried in California.

Br. Vincent Benavidez passed away on Thursday, November 29, at the age of 74. Unfortunately, the Council was unaware of Br. Vince's death until 6 December, which was the day before his funeral, but we did get a small group of Br. Knights together for his funeral services, which were held in Fallon on 7 December. Br. Vince originally joined the Knights of Columbus in February of 1964, but dropped out at some point, then rejoined in June of 1989, when he also completed his 2nd and 3rd Degrees. He was a veteran, having served in the Army, and was buried in the Veteran's cemetery in Fernley.

Br. Timothy Wolf passed away on Saturday, December 15 at the age of 89. Br. Tim joined the Knights of Columbus and went through his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees on October 3, 1954. He then became a Charter Member of Council 4828 upon its founding on June 8, 1959. He joined the 4th Degree of the Order on February 11, 1965 and was a member of Assembly 612, in Reno. Br. Tim had also been an Honorary Life member of the Order since 1988. Although Br. Tim retained his membership with Fallon Council 4828, he had lived in Sparks for the past several years and was also involved with Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 in Sparks. He served in several Council offices, including two terms as Grand Knight (1960/61 and 1977/78). Br. Tim was buried in the Churchill County Cemetery in Fallon.

In addition, Barbara Jacobi, wife of Br. Bill Jacobi passed away on Saturday, September 14 at the age of 88. She will surely be missed, especially by Br. Bill.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Br. Glenn, Br. Vince, Br. Tim, and Mrs. Jacobi. They will be greatly missed by our Council and by their family and friends.

Supreme and State Council News

The following information was extracted from the Supreme Council and Nevada State Council web-sites

Knights Ask Viewers to 'Help a Child in Need' This Christmas

Once again this year, the Order aired TV spots on major cable networks inviting viewers to join the Knights of Columbus in helping children in need during this Christmas season. In addition to the 2006 ad featuring country music star Patty Loveless singing "Away in a Manger," a new spot featuring Knight and Bella star Eduardo Verastegui was also aired. The spots were broadcast from Dec. 17 through Christmas Day on Fox News Channel, CNN Headline News, CNBC, and MSNBC. A Spanish language version was also aired on Univision, Telemundo, Telefutera and Galavision.

Keeping Christ in Christmas - 2007

In addition to paid television ads asking support for children in need, the Order once again distributed a popular animated public service TV spot to local stations and cable systems. The Order provided underwriting for the production and airing on PBS of a special musical program, The Birth of Christ, an original musical celebration by composer Andrew Miller, and produced by EWTN's Raymond Arroyo, who are both Knights.

Knights Defend 'under God' in Federal Appeals Court

The Knights of Columbus played a major role in the oral arguments in *Newdow v. Carey*, the latest lawsuit challenging the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Order and seven Knights and their families are "defendant intervenors" in the case, and Knight John Carey (after whom the case is now named) and his family were in the front row in the courtroom as Becket Fund President (and Knight) Kevin Hasson represented the Knights before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Other defendants in the suit include the United States, the state of California and several Sacramento area school districts. To read the full story go to the following K of C website link: <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=507750#>

Seventh Annual Christmas Tree Festival

Nearly 500 Connecticut schoolchildren, kindergarten through fifth grade, took part in the Seventh Annual Christmas Tree Festival Nov. 26-Nov. 30 at the Knights of Columbus Museum.

On Dec. 1, the Museum posted the winning schools, who are receiving gift certificates for educational products for their classrooms. The gifts of \$500, \$350, \$200 and \$100 were for first, second, third and an honorable mention, respectively. Each school receives a certificate for their tree's uniqueness.

Children from across Connecticut participated in this display of artwork, which will remain on exhibit at the Museum through Feb. 3, 2008. Each school was assigned an artificial tree to decorate. With help from museum staff and volunteers from the Supreme Council office, students decorated the trees with ornaments they created in class.

Spiritual E-Bouquet for Pope Benedict XVI (4/15 - 4/20/2008)

Help welcome Pope Benedict XVI to the United States by participating in our Spiritual E-Bouquet. Join Knights and their families throughout the Order in praying for the success of the Holy Father's first pastoral trip to the United States.

You can participate in the Spiritual E-Bouquet by providing your name, email address and council number. As the visit approaches, we may use your email address to update you regarding the Holy Father's trip.

Special Insurance Offer Available to Knights

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently mailed a very special offer to all members in the United States and Canada between the ages of 18 and 65. The "new member plan," a low-cost permanent life insurance product, is normally available only to new members and their wives when they join the Order. For a limited time, in connection with the 125th anniversary of the Order, the plan is being made available to existing members as well.

In Your Corner – Insurance News

Knights of Columbus - Protecting Families for Generations
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"It is a strange anomaly that men should be careful to insure their houses, their ships, and their merchandise, and yet neglect to insure their lives; surely the most important of all to their families and more subject to loss." - Benjamin Franklin

October Article

Order-wide Membership Blitz

A wise man once told me that time surely flies in the life insurance business. Without a doubt, time flies in the "membership business" as well. Even though our fraternal year is not yet half over, June 30 will be here before we know it. Since we all have our sights set on the Star Council Award, now is the time to work towards that goal. The purpose of my column in this issue is to remind you of the wonderful opportunity we have to help our Order grow, and to offer a couple of suggestions on how we can best do that.

The month of October is the Order-wide Membership "Blitz" recruitment campaign. Now is the time to follow through with all the interested prospective members we have spoken with. Let's make them members during November!

I can help, not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of joining the Order. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership "sale" yourselves.

In an earlier column, I asked you to "give me a seat at the table" when laying out the council agenda for the fraternal year. I reiterate that plea here. I'll help in any way that he can.

Fraternally, Your Brother and General Agent,

Todd Cabral
Field Agent

November Article

A Season for Giving

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die early?
- Provide away for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and their children! Start early on some new resolution for the New Year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection with Knights of Columbus life insurance. Your family will have the benefit of financial security for years ahead and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you can protect your loved ones against the hardships that your death will cause them. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family and, possibly, for you as well.

Connie and I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a healthy prosperous New Year. I look forward to meeting with you soon. Merry Christmas.

Todd Cabral
Field Agent – Knights of Columbus

"Bringing Father McGivney's promise to all Brother Knights"

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It carries a basic \$50 per year premium for a specific amount of permanent insurance. For example, at age 50, the \$50 per year buys \$2,148 of insurance protection. (You can purchase twice the coverage amount for \$100 per year.) There are a few very basic health questions, and the plan is applied for through the mail. So watch the mail!

This opportunity may not become available again, and permanent insurance with increasing cash values is a great addition to any portfolio. Whether you are already an insured member or still an associate member, this low-cost product was built exclusively for members of the Knights of Columbus and their wives.

Questions about the new member plan, or any other products or services offered by the Order, can be answered by your professional Knights of Columbus agent. If you don't know who your agent is, simply use our Find an Agent feature. If you did not receive your mailer for some reason, or if you have misplaced it, e-mail us and we'll get you another.

Give yourself and your loved ones a gift this holiday season: good solid life insurance from a great organization.

Knights of Columbus Life Insurance in Force Tops \$65 Billion

(Supreme Website - 10/30/2007)

The Knights of Columbus insurance program passed a major milestone Oct. 30 when total insurance in force exceeded \$65 billion for the first time. The Order was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, and one of its primary aims was to enable its members to protect their families with life insurance. The amount of Knights of Columbus life insurance in force has doubled in the past decade, from \$32.9 billion in 1997 to \$65 billion today.

The Knights of Columbus now has over \$14 billion in assets and more than 1.8 million life, annuity and long-term care policies in force, and ranks in the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies. It is one of only six insurance companies in North America to receive the highest possible rating from both Standard & Poor's (AAA) and A.M. Best (A++), and certification of ethical business practices from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA).

Supreme Knight and CEO Carl A. Anderson said that surpassing the \$65 billion milestone "is solid evidence of our faithfulness to the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, and a real tribute to our force of more than 1,300 field agents who have dedicated their careers to helping our members build a rock solid foundation on which to provide financial protection to their families."



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The next edition of the *Oasis Knightline* will be published in late March. If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to FS Jim Shurtliff at shurtfam@cccomm.net or at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV 89406 or send them to the Council's address at PO Box 2545, Fallon, NV 89407. Submittals should be received by March 15th for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos (regular or digital) are welcome, too. Articles, photos, and/or suggestions for the Council's web site are also welcome.

Seminarian Support

Each year, Council 4828 provides financial support to a seminarian from the Diocese of Reno through the Knights of Columbus RSVP program. This year, we are sponsoring Doroteo "Teo" Rojas, who forwarded us the following photo and letter about himself:

My name is Doroteo Rojas. I am from a small town in the center west of Mexico, called Villa Victoria, and I lived there until August of two thousand four. I am the number sixth of 16 brothers and sisters. Most of my family is living in this country, and most of them in the area of Dayton and Carson City.

At age sixteen I entered to the Manor Seminary in my home diocese, Apatzingan, Michoacán, in one thousand ninety seven. I finished my studies of humanities in three years and I graduated in two thousand.

After that, I started the studies of philosophy in the Mayor Seminary of the same place for four years. I finished it in two thousand four. At this time, my family started to immigrate to the United States, most of them. However, I decided to study theology where I could be closer to my family. I moved to Chicago, in the summer of two thousand four, to study English for one year.

In two thousand five I enter to the Seminary of Mundelein, in Chicago to study theology. I was there for one year and half and then, decided to move to the Diocese of Reno, where most of my siblings live. At this year, the Diocese of Reno accepted me as candidate to the seminary for the next year. Currently, I am studying English in the University of Reno. May God bless you!



Council Tidbits

Once again, it's that time of year when we collect our annual membership dues and our member's updated personal information. Therefore, either forwarded with this newsletter or previously sent via EMAIL, council members will receive the following items, as applicable: (1) the bill for your 2007 membership dues - \$30 for Regular members and \$10 for Honorary members and (2) a copy of the data contained in your personal council data base record. To help save the Financial Secretary a lot of extra work, please forward your dues and return personal data questionnaire, with corrections, as soon as possible., but no later than 27 January. Send them to the council address or pass them directly to FS Jim Shurtliff.

Also included with this newsletter are the annual Survey of Fraternal Activity forms and the annual Bishop's Seminarian Raffle tickets. Each year, our response to both the Fraternal Survey and the Raffle Ticket sales seem to be going down. These are both very important to our Council, so please take a few minutes either now or in the near future to complete your Fraternal Survey and return it to FS Shurtliff and to either sell or purchase the Seminarian Raffle Tickets. The fraternal Surveys must be returned by 26 January and the raffle ticket stubs and proceeds must be returned by late April.

This year's annual Tootsie Roll Drive was held on the weekend of 20 and 21 October. Advocate Jerry Keener coordinated the event this year, and, once again, it turned out to be one of our most successful ever. Through the extreme generosity of the people of Fallon and Churchill County, we collected a total of \$2352.49. The Council's proceeds from this fundraiser will be given to the Churchill Association of Retarded Citizens in Fallon. Council 4828 wishes to express our thanks to Br. Jerry for chairing this event and to all Brother Knights and family members who participated.

Council 4828 sponsored our semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive on 3 November. It was held throughout the day in Moiola Hall and we had a fairly good turn-out. The Council would like to thanks Br. Pat Laca for chairing this event, once again. The next blood drive will take place in the March or April time frame.

On November 11th, Council 4828 held our annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights. Sadly, this year Br. Glenn Jacobs and Br. Jack Waldeisen were added to our list of departed Brothers. Special thanks to Brothers Ed Kraker and Wayne Bonde for coordinating the service, and thanks also to the 4th Degree honor guard

In celebration of our upcoming 50th anniversary, Council 4828 is scheduled to host the Nevada State Council's annual convention and End-of-Year Meeting in the spring of 2009. This is not an easy task, so early planning is critical for success. As such, the Council has already begun to work on our initial planning. Br. Tom Lukas will be the overall Chairman, but he is in need of several volunteers to help coordinate such areas as finding a location, scheduling Mass, reserving blocks of hotel rooms, developing the convention booklet, coordinating events for the ladies auxiliaries, ordering shirts and convention pins, setting up evening and other special activities, and coordinating the various meals, snacks, entertainment, etc. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please get in touch with Br. Tom at 427-1751. 2009 will be upon us quicker than we think, so let's get started, now!

Although the Council currently has several newsletter sponsors, we are still looking for some other advertisers to finish filling up our advertising slots. Our ultimate goal is to have the newsletter be completely self-sustaining, so we need to have approximately twenty sponsors. If you own a business or know of any businesses that might be interested in a sponsorship, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are \$25.00 for four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. The sponsor's page is also published on our web-site.

If you have access to the internet and/or EMAIL and haven't yet provided the Council with your EMAIL address, please forward it to the Financial Secretary as soon as possible. He has been sending out routine EMAILS with prayer requests and tidbits of other information for the past few years, and you are missing out. In addition, use of EMAIL notification for certain announcements and reminders helps the council save money in copying and mailing fees. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Submit your address to FS Shurtliff at shurfam@ccomm.net. Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

From Our Deputy Grand Knight

The Calling Committee

Brothers, the calling committee is running into difficulties. If you were not called about the Pork Feed dinner or the Christmas Spaghetti Feed and Pot Luck, call me @427-1751 to find out why. The Calling Committee is getting more and more answering machines and **NO** call backs? Remember, Brothers, we are a charity organization that does things. The same Knights cannot do it all and are wearing out. You cannot be out of town for all 26 weekends of the year? We need more participation at events. **WE NEED YOU!!**

The Video Collection

Brothers, are you aware that the Knights have a large video collection? Until recently, I did not, but now I know we do. The Council has ordered a few videos and we are looking into getting more. With the new year starting **I challenge every member** to view the 2 videos I have. The first one is: The Life and Legacy of Fr. McGivney, it is 16 minutes long and in VHS format. It will remind you why you joined the Knights. The next video is: The Experience of a Lifetime, in DVD format and 15 minutes long. This DVD is a good movie to show prospective new members. Call me @427-1751 or come to a meeting to get the copy and view it with the family.

Tom Lukas, Deputy Grand Knight

The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner

MERRY CHRISTMAS, my Brother Knights, to you and your families. Please keep the reason we celebrate Christmas in mind as you celebrate with your loved ones this year! I hope you were able to attend the Christmas Pot luck that Br. Tom Lukas and I hosted on December 19th. We had a good turnout.

I just returned from our State Mid-Year meeting and my batteries are rejuvenated and I am really motivated to serve you as your Grand Knight! We have an upcoming 1st Degree on Jan 16th and I would love for all of my brother Knights to be in attendance to show support for our new Knights and to start our new year on a very positive attendance showing as we start this new year. As our 1st meeting of the year approaches, its annual dues time again. We should make an effort as a council to take care of our dues as early as possible this year and get this annual requirement out of the way. Since it is the beginning of our new year this also means that the annual fraternal questionnaire and Seminarian Raffle tickets will be out. 1st prize for the Raffle this year is . . . One Thousand Dollars! Please make an effort to return the Fraternal Survey questionnaire to Br. Jim Shurtliff as soon as possible, for those of you having E-mail this can be done electronically!

Once again, Brothers, we have a full schedule for the up coming year, with the 1st degree and the annual Corned Beef dinner coming up as the two biggest events on the horizon. I hope you will make every effort to volunteer and to be in attendance for these events! Brothers, if I can quote Br Russ Fromhurz "It's a great Day To Be A Knight" I look forward to seeing each of you soon, be it socially or at any Knights of Columbus event.

In closing Brothers, I would like you to consider donating an extra five dollars this year (this is a voluntary donation, not a mandatory assessment) to the "365 Club" fund when you send in your dues in a separate check. The "365 Club" is a means to helping out Br. Knights throughout the State who are having financial hardships. Please consider these Knights during this Christmas season and remember Charity is our founding principle in our 1st degree!

Fraternally,
Your Grand Knight, Bob Greer