



December 2009

Knights

Fr. Peter A. Welling

COUNCIL 13576 NEWS

Grand Knight's Report

Merry Christmas.

As Knights, one of our yearly objectives is to promote the fact that Christ belongs in Christmas. We put up a banner on the church to remind passer-bys; we sell and send out Christmas cards, not holiday cards; we wish others Merry Christmas, and we make it a point to advertise at the Church level with announcements and posters.

It is easy to get caught up in the commercialism of the Christmas season, and nowadays you find less and less references to the actual reason for our celebration. I specifically went out to many stores to purchase a lighted sign for my yard that said something to remind people of Jesus Christ. Something like...Merry Christmas, A King is Born, or even a big blow up Holy Family ... and store after store I went away empty handed, all I could find were the generic Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings. What a disappointment, looks like I will have to make my own.

I'm sure you are all aware of the generalization going on, and I commend you on doing your part to promote our message. I would like to relate one other thing to you that my family has made a Christmas tradition. I relate it to you in hopes that you will also adopt a similar tradition to keep prevalent the reason for the season.

Every year we purchase and

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Merry Christmas

Food, family and friends. The Annual Christmas party was a delight. Thank Dave Densler and his family for hosting. That's his grandson Cameron above.



review

December 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

—Steven Becker - Recorder

Grand Knight Craig Arent called the Council to order at 7:40 PM following the First Degree Ceremony. The 36 Knights of Columbus that were present recited the Prayer For Our Priests. Roll call of the officers was called. The November 4, 2009 minutes, which were E-Mailed to those with addresses and paper copies for those without E-Mail were approved as presented, First and Seconded by Al Schrader and Gerald Frain. Grand Knight Craig Arent talked about the Council Goals progress. There is one position left for the Service Committees Co-director. The Grand Knight expressed his embarrassment over the poor turn out for the Pro-Life Education Series talk and asked for more participation in this important program. The Council clean up after the STARS event went smoothly and quick. 863 pancake dinners were served realizing a gross of \$1265. 14 prospective Knights of Columbus candidates from the recruitment Sunday are being contacted. The new members were introduced and they gave brief bios. The new members are Rodney Reffert, Mike Wesely, Jeff Stone, Daniel Kloch and Aaron Delahoyde. The Grand Knight introduced Parishioner Jerry Thraen and Deb Stroh and they presented a snapshot of the 2010 USA National Games Special Olympics which will be held in Lincoln Nebraska July 18, 2010 through July 23, 2010. Approximately 3000 athletes will compete in 13 events throughout the city and 8000 volunteers will be needed. Jerry and Deb asked the council to consider this and more information is at 2010specialolympics.org.

There was no Chaplains report.
There was no Treasurer's report.

The Financial Secretary filed the report with a balance of \$1212.43 and thanked those members with paid dues. Notices of dues and activity sheets will be mailed soon. 56 players attended the pitch tournament realizing \$150.00 net and the next tournament is possibly January 15, 2010.

The Chancellor, Gary Taylor, read the upcoming Degrees Ceremony Dates and updated the calling tree with the new members. A First Degree ceremony will be conducted January 6, 2010 6:00 PM prior to the general meeting. Gary was presented a VIP award for recruiting five new members.

The Service Program Committees Reports:

YOUTH - - The Youth Free-Throw Contest will be in January. - -

FAMILY - - Travis and Heather Cook are the Family of the Month. Remember the Council Christmas Party on December 6, 2009 and donated canned food will be accepted then.

CHURCH - - Remember The First Friday December 4, 2009 and Holy Day December 8, 2009. Christmas Cards and Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets will be sold after all December 12 & 13 Masses.

PROLIFE - The Walk For Life is January 23, 2010 and One Rose One Life is January 23 & 24, 2010.-

EDUCATION - - The Substance Abuse Awareness Poster and Pro-Life Essay programs need direction from the Nebraska KoC Courier.

MEMBERSHIP - - A First Degree ceremony will be conducted January 6, 2010 6:00 PM prior to the general meeting.

COUNCIL - - Michael Romberg is the December Knight of the month.

VOCATIONS - - \$500.00, from RSVP, was sent to seminarian Jason Doher.

HEALTH - Up to date.

COMMUNITY - The UNL Stadium Seat Sales report projected \$6875 with a 50% split between The Father Peter Welling Knights of Columbus Council and the St. Patrick Home and School Association. The UNL Basketball concessions stand #5 will be staffed by the council for 5 games at \$120.00 per game. The dates are February 2, 10, 20, 27 and March 2, 2010. Tom Albin was recognized for his efforts and recruiting has been increased for a Community Co-director.

Recruiting has been increased to identify prospects for a Community Co-director. The Pitch Tournament Committee needs volunteers for the January 15, 2010 game. The Council Christmas Party is December 6, 2009 with set up at 4:30 PM and Festivities starting at 5:30 PM and ending at 8:30 PM. Every one brings a main dish with last names A through K bringing yummy sides and those L through Z bringing festive deserts.

New Business: Discussion followed about applying the Keep Christ In Christmas Card sales and the Keep Christ In Christmas magnet sales proceeds to the St. Patrick Church heating bill. The motion

was first and seconded by Ralph Fontanez and Duane Dolezal and approved by all. \$150.00, total, was sent for use of the gym for the Pitch Tournament and Pancake breakfast. \$300.00 was sent to Matt Talbot and \$100.00 was sent to Our Lady Of Good Council Retreat House to apply towards heating upgrade bill. Distribution of the Buck-a- Month money will be in January 2010 and it will be \$75.00 to 6 Charities. The Chili Cook-Off will be February 21, 2010 starting at 5:00 PM. Three Judges will be needed and wild game chili can be entered with the appropriate labeling.

The Field Agent report: Manny read a Christmas letter encouraging all to have their life planning and protection in place through the Knight Of Columbus.

The District Deputy talked to the Council about having 6 new members for 2010 and being eligible for the Double Star Council again and what an accomplishment it would be. Stan Kuta said that Manny Gallardo would provide a double steak dinner for the Council and prospective members in recognition of the Double Star Council effort. He said there will be more First Degree Ceremonies due to the good recruitment efforts. Stan read a story concerning a son, that was a Fourth Degree Grand Knight, that did not ask his elderly father to join The Knights of Columbus. His Dad joined on his own at the age of 88 years and became a fourth degree honor guard. Stan said the free throw contest will be in January 2010.

The Council Attendance Raffle was \$42.00 with \$21.00 going for RSVP and \$21.00 going to Dave Schmidt.

Good of The Order- For Deceased and ill Knights- Matthew Kilcawley, Ron Peppmuller, Ben Rerucha, James Sand, Chuck Wurdinger, Sam Venhaus, Frank Wiese (at Orchard Park), The retired Priests of the Diocese, Karen Bonkewitz and Shane Siebert. More information at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/shanesiebert>, Gary Taylor's friend Dennis, Ralph Fontanez, George Oberembt's Brother in Law, Delbert, Denise Coch and Scott Gable.

Next meeting is Wednesday January 6, 2009 7:00 PM. A First Degree ceremony will be conducted January 6, 2010 6:00 PM prior to the general meeting. The next Officers meeting is Tuesday December 29, 2009. See Council Newsletter for upcoming events and Lunch Committee. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Remember who showed up last year...



Annual Clergy Night 6 p.m. January 29th

Suit up and head out for a fun night of appreciation for the clergy of the Lincoln diocese.

Cost is \$15.

Fourth degree wear a tux.

Others wear a suit.

The social hour will commence at 6:00 PM. with dinner following at 7:00 PM. The event will be held at:

Cathedral basement
3500 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln, Nebraska



Knights night with the Lincoln Stars

Omaha Lancers at Lincoln Stars

Friday, January 8, 2010

Puck Drops @ 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$6.50

To Order Tickets:

- Call (402) 474-STAR ext. 11
- Email information to: szoucha323@aol.com



Pitch Tournament January 15th 7:00 p.m.

Bring a card table if you have one.



November Numbers
863 pancake dinners were served realizing a gross of \$1265



Grand Knight's Report continued...

wrap a gift for Jesus and place it under our tree. We wrap this gift as a family so everyone knows what it is and who it is for. This gift is not a toy or a game, it is something useful like a blanket, or coat, or socks, or canned food. Then on Christmas, we save this gift for last. We wish Jesus and happy birthday and say a prayer to thank the Lord for his coming into our lives. Then, as a family, we take the gift, still wrapped with Jesus on the name tag, to the City Mission, or Matt Talbot, or Catholic Social Services. This small gesture is not much, but it keeps our minds on the true meaning of Christmas and it also brings charity into the picture. It also reminds the recipients that Jesus is Lord and that he is in the world, especially on Christmas.

Maybe you have your own tradition that is similar or better than ours, if so, good job; but if you don't, take this one and make it your own, or adopt it as is and spread the good news that Jesus Christ the Savior is born.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Grand Knight, Craig Arent

FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Preventing Financial Hardship - Fr. Michael McGivney created the Knights of Columbus to help prevent financial hardship experienced by the parishioners at his parish in New Haven, CT.

His dream for more than 125 years later lives on in the program you have available as a member of the Knights of Columbus. You can help prevent financial hardship for your family using Life Insurance, Annuities, IRA's, Roth IRA's, Retirement Saving, Long Term Care Insurance, and 401(k)/403(b)/IRA Rollovers from the Knights of Columbus. Call me today to make sure your family is taken care of!

Lucy and I extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you and your family.



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Family of the Month

December

Travis & Heather Crook
(and son Cameron)

Family of the Month

December

Mike Romberg



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Small Jobs Welcome

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Calendar

JANUARY 2010

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- 6** First Degree 6 p.m.
General meeting 7 p.m.
- 8** Stars Hockey
- 15** Pitch tournament
- 23** Walk for Life
- 23-24** One Rose One Life
- 26** Officers Meeting 7 p.m.
- 29** Clergy night

FEBRUARY 2009

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- 2, 10, 20, 27 Basketball Concessions**
- 3** General Meeting 7 p.m.
- 21** Chili cook off
- 23** Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

NOTE: Dues reminders have been mailed and the fraternal surveys are due at next general meeting.

Luncheon Committee

January

McBride	Thomas
Mohr	John
Murphy	Timothy
Musiel	Matt
Neujahr	Kevin
Oberembt	George

February

Peirce	Gerry
Petrzilka	James
Poore	Dana
Prososki	Eugene
Rerucha	Ben
Ridder	Delbert

Directors

Family Director	Terry Ryan
Church Director	Jeff Blaser
Youth Director	Kevin Landwehr
Pro-Life Director	Del Ridder
Education Director	Albert Schrader
Health Services	Carl Strom
Vocations Director	Dave Wilson
Council Director	Stan Fraas
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4th Degree Contact for Bishop Kucera	
4th Degree Assembly #595—Gary Taylor	

Officers

Grand Knight	Craig Arent
Chaplain	Fr. David Hintz
Dep. Grand Knight	Jim Petrzilka
Chancellor	Gary Taylor
Warden	Lyle Wilsey
Recorder	Steven Becker
Treasurer	Mike Hosek
Advocate	Michael Fujan
Inside Guard	Brad Flemmig
Outside Guard	Terry Ryan
Trustee 1	Mike Romberg
Trustee 2	Tom Albin
Trustee 3	Stan Fraas
Financial Sec'y	Bob Kelty

From our Financial Secretary If you do not currently receive the Courier or Columbia Magazine, please let me know so that State or Supreme Records may be corrected.

John R. (Bob) Kelty

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