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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



My Brother Knights and families,

Brothers, the Lenten Season is upon us with Ash Wednesday on February 25. This year instead of giving up something during the 40 days of Lent, spend some extra time in prayer with the Lord. Try it! He is listening!

Here at council we are proceeding into the second half of this Fraternal Year.

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, there is much work to be done.

The catering for DCYC in Waco was a huge success. Thank you very much to all that helped with the event.

February 13th we will be having our Ladies Night / Valentine Dinner and Dance. Bring your special someone out for a great KC meal and some dancing. There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar or you can contact Rick Wyatt @ 254-534-3998 or me at 512-983-0034. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can get a good count for food.

Fraternally Yours,
Jody W. Darby
Grand Knight



Knight of the Month

The ***Knight of the Month*** award for the month for **February 2009** is awarded to **George Hubik**. George is a current 3rd degree member of council #3444 and has been for almost 3 decades. He is a big supporter of the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish. Most recently, George was part of the team that went to the Diocesan Youth conference in Waco where he assisted in preparation of the lunch & dinner meal for roughly 1400 youth. He has assisted in other projects when needed and down in the pit as well as contribute financially to our fundraisers and participating in bingo pull tabs. George we appreciate your loyalty and dedication to our council. He is definitely worthy of the recognition as Knight of the month. Keep up the good work and may God Bless you!

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
Msgr. Arthur Michalka

Born August 4, 1927
Ordained May 26, 1951
Died January 13, 2009

Service as a Priest
57 years, 7 months, 18 days
Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree
63 years
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
54 years



Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

St. Paul writing to the Philipians tells us how a good Christian ought to form his conscience. He says: "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, in humility count others better than yourselves, let each of one look also to the interests of others, have the same mind in you as Jesus had, that is have the same system of values and the same way of adjusting your relationships with God, with others, with yourself and the world as Jesus Himself had. Jesus stood by his Father's will to the point of dying for it. For this very reason God was so pleased with Jesus that God raised him up from the dead and exalted him above every other creature so that all should bow their knees at the very mention of His name.

Many blame others for their behavior; they are so 'selfish and conceited' that they put the blame on the group or society or current fashion. For their wrong and reprehensible behavior. Do we not meet now a days those who blame the Organisations or the Church when they want to give up their practice of faith. Prophet Ezechiel warns such people saying: "when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it." The ways of the Lord are indeed just. The Lord sees the heart of man and women. The Lord sees the real motives why we adopt a particular way of acting. Again, how many there are who in their dealings with others adopt duplicity, deception and even hypocrisy, in order to foster their own interests. Such are not ready to change their wicked ways or even to suffer a little to give genuine witness to the Christian way of life. Then again, do we not meet people today who do not act as responsible parents either in fulfilling their sacred duties of marriage or in upbringing of their children? There are also those who act irresponsibly in their life and then have no scruples to have recourse to abortion and destroy the tender life only to cover their irresponsible way of acting. As members of KC let us live out our Christian responsibilities and help others to live out their Christian responsibilities.

Fr. Ranjan Cletus, Chaplain

Ladies Night / Valentine's Dinner

Ladies Night / Valentine Dinner and Dance

February 13th

Social Hour 6 – 7 pm

Dinner at 7 pm

Dance following the meal

Bring your Dancing shoes

Announcement

CLERGY APPRECIATION BANQUET

February 23, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

Reservations by Feb. 16, 2009

Call 254-778-4611 or 254-778-8638

PLEASE CALL EARLY

Steak Dinner

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

First thing you need to do when you read this is make your reservations for our Clergy Appreciation Banquet. It will be held on Monday, February 23rd, 2009 with a social hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this special event. Call to make your reservations to 254-778-4611 after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday or call 254-778-8638 anytime and leave a message if we are not answering. Do not wait till the last day. Reservation deadline is Monday, February 16th, 2009. Thank you.

Remember to let your Valentine know that you love her or him on February 14th! Watch for a social at the Knights of Columbus Hall for Valentine's Day. Check your news letter calendar for date and time.

Prepare yourself for the coming of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009. This is the time for us to prepare for the sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ and His death on the Cross. Make a sacrifice and do something special for Jesus.

God Bless you and your family and have prayerful Lent.

Fraternally,

Eugene E. Engbrock

Council 3444 Church Dir.

Hall News

Well Done everyone. We prepared and served 1400 lunches and then catered a BBQ dinner for over 1300 young people in Waco this Saturday. This was one of our largest cater events in recent memory.

Thanks to everyone who helped in planning, preparing, transporting, and servicing this two events. We were blessed with many volunteers. Knights and Ladies all ...did I great job. The Diocesan staff and young people had good comments on the meal and the service. A special thanks to Jerry Richmond and Louis Sodek for the use of their trailers, and Bob and Jenelle Kasberg for the use of food warmers to transport the meal to Waco. Again thanks the Pit crew for a several long days work on the evening meal preparation and all the servers who helped set up and serve. Also a special thanks to the St Louis Knights (Council 8135) in Waco who helped us as well.

We are having **two** important events in **February**. The first is our annual **Ladies Appreciation dinner**. This year we will also have a dance. The evening is for our Ladies for all they do and how much they mean to us. For any new Knights we serve the meal to our Ladies. The date is **13 Feb 09 (Friday)**. Please RSVP by calling the Hall or emailing me.

Second is our annual **Clergy Night** on the **23rd February**. Please come and honor all our clergy. This event is well attended so please RSVP. There is a meal and cocktail hour.

Note: Thanks to Larry Lockhart and Gene Engbrock for recent repairs at the hall. Knights repairing and fixing problems at the hall helps save money. Thanks for what you do.

Rick Wyatt
Hall Manager

Dear Sir Knights,

I hope this month's letter finds all to be well and looking forward to the new spring that will be upon us soon. As I sit here writing this letter I am looking out the window on a day that is not typical for us. Foggy, gloomy, dreary with some rain falling (YAY!!) and thanking God for it. Even on less than "perfect" days we can find reasons to celebrate our Lord's love for us.

As I sit here reminiscing about the last few months and what my wife Mary and I have been through with her cancer and the treatments for it, I want to tell all of you how very much we appreciate all the prayers offered in her behalf. It is our firm belief that the overall good prognosis we have for her recovery is very much related to those prayers. We still have two more chemotherapy treatments to go so I continue to ask for your prayers. With my somewhat irreverent sense of humor I was hoping that the final treatment would be before Ash Wednesday so that she could "give them up for Lent" but that is not how life works out.

Ash Wednesday will be upon us soon and we all have ideas or a list of things we should do or give up for Lent. We all have a fairly stock list of resolutions in the back of our minds, an "oughta-do" or "give up" list. These are the ones we usually pull out when Lent begins or maybe on New Year's Eve. Perhaps we would do better to put those aside and try to find out what God has in mind for us. We might be surprised. Put yourself in the following scene. Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. No distractions, just you with the Lord. Talk to him and ask him to give you some ideas on how you should best spend Lent.

I want to thank all the members of the Color Guard who fell out for Monsignor Arthur Michalka's Rosary and Funeral Mass. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

Let us pray for each other and for all our service men and women that they may be protected from all harm and return safely to their families.

Vivat Jesus,
Robert Holland
Faithful Navigator

Annual Free Throw Contest

Our Council's free throw contest was held at the Ralph Wilson Youth Center on January 24th. We had participants in all the boys age categories and girls in two of the age groups. Altogether, we had seven kids who will be going to the district level and hopefully even further. Besides just shooting free throws, there were Academy Sports gift cards raffled off, free Knights of Columbus mini-basketballs given out, and of course more than enough snacks to go around. It was a fun event and I look forward to having even more people at next years'.

Advancing to District: Darby Baker, Cooper Cox, JW Epley, Luke Epley, Hannah Joe Hobizal, Chaz Vriseno, Ever Vriseno

Monday Feb. 2, 2009
4th Degree Meeting

Happy Birthday - Feb. '09

David Carpenter	Griffin Lord
George Coleman	Daniel Maresh
Timothy Dybala	Rev. Walter Matus
Earl Engbrock	Edwin McCrea
David Fath	William Morris
Kevin Ferguson	Dr. James Pryor
John Fouke	Edward Reisner
Dwayne Frei	Rev. Florencio Rodriguez
Richard Freytag	Jackie Rutland
Matthew Gokingco	Brian Sadowski
Bruce Hoelscher	Homer Sanchez
John Jimenez	Louis Sehon
Raymond Kosel	Joe Vela
Russell Krumnow	Valentine Villa

Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

We did not recruit any new members in January, 2009. I was hoping for at least 3-5 new members. This means we will have to work harder in February to meet our quota before June 30th, 2009. There must be Catholic men in our Parish who would like to join, but you must ask them. If you need help or material to show them, please let me know., we are here to help you sign up your friend. Don't wait, call him now and go see him. You can do it -- don't give up until he says "yes" I want to join. God Bless you and have a prayerful Lent.

Fraternally Yours,
Eugene E. Engbrock,
Membership Dir. Council 3444

Membership Drawing

Ralph Kaleg name was drawn for the membership drawing. Ralph was not present and the \$400 goes back to be drawn again next month.

Family of the Month

The *Family of the Month* award for the month for **February 2009** is awarded to **Charles & Sharon Guenat, Jr.** They are members St. Mary's Parish. Both are very active within their church and community. Charles is a current 3rd degree member and has been for well over 30 years. Charles currently is our Field Insurance Agent and really makes every effort to promote the KC's Insurance, Annuities, etc., for our members and their well being. If you have not had the opportunity to look at your life insurance or your retirement portfolio, we encourage you to do so; his number is located on the front of this newsletter. Sharon is a religious education teacher for St. Mary's and their daughter Esther sings in their choir. Charles and Sharon are an asset to our council and attend our functions regularly. They provide support spiritually and financially. We appreciate their willingness to help our council and their parish. Thank you for your efforts and friendship. Join me in congratulating them as family of the month.

Calendar For February 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 Hall & Public Bar Closed
2 4th Degree 6:30 pm Meal 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	3	4 Hall & Public Bar Closed	5 BINGO (Pinon)	6	7	8 Hall & Public Bar Closed
9 1st & 3rd Degree 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	10	11 Hall & Public Bar Closed	12 BINGO (Pedroza)	13 KC Ladies Appreciation Night and Dance 6:00 pm Social Hour 7:00 pm Dinner 7:45 pm Dance	14 Private Lease (Our Lady of Guad)	15 Hall & Public Bar Closed
16 6:30 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm Activities	17 Texell Dinner Catered	18 Hall & Public Bar Closed	19 BINGO (Castillo)	20	21	22 Hall & Public Bar Closed
23 Clergy Night	24 Pack Night	25 Hall & Public Bar Closed Ash Wednesday	26 BINGO (Haynes)	27 Fish Fry 5-7 pm	28 Private Lease No Cater	