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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



My Brother Knights and families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving day with your family. It is a good time for everyone to come together to remember what Thanksgiving means to us all. It is a time to remember the ones who give us this time to be together and the liberty that we love and cherish so much.

We had a very successful fund raiser and I want to thank all those who sold tickets and also, those that bought the tickets to make this fund raiser such a success. We did very well to only have sold for three weeks and I know everyone tried very hard to sell the tickets so, we can continue to do the things this Council has done in the past. Thanks again for a job well done.

On Monday, the 23rd of November, we held a Memorial Mass for all the past deceased members and the members that have passed away in the last 12 months. It was very well attended and Father did a beautiful job with the Mass and all the families were very thankful for the mass that was held in their loved one's memory. I thought that the comments made by Rick were so appropriate and very meaningful. Thanks Rick for those kind words. Father was very appreciative also, for the job that the Knights do every year having this Mass. I especially want to thank Bruce McAtee for setting everything up and calling everyone. Everything looked so nice and I know the families were very pleased. Thanks for a job well done.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on the 11th of December. I hope all members and their families can attend for the fellowship and fun time to be had by all. I ask the ladies to bring a dessert that can be served with the meal.

Jody Darby - GRAND KNIGHT

K of C 3444 Website

The council website now has it's own domain name: **www.kc3444.com**. On the website are pictures of our recent Halloween Party and several other activities, recent newsletters, details related to upcoming events, council history with numerous pictures from the past, helpful links, and interesting Church news articles. Be sure to check the website out and bookmark the page for future reference. While in the site please update your contact info using the link on the home page.

SYMPATHY



*Robert Kasberg
James Kasberg
Gerald Kasberg
Mrs. Leonette Entrop
Lawrence Wellen*



Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

In the liturgical year of the Church, the season of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost come round year after year. The life of each Christian and of the whole Church grows through active participation in the liturgical seasons. Each season invites us to represent, experience and live a particular aspect of the mystery of Jesus. Though the whole mystery of God-man dialogue and communion is present in each season, still a particular aspect, a particular facet of Jesus' reality and experience and a special need and desire of man is emphasized in each season. The Church celebrates Advent with due solemnity because therein lies a great mystery, said St. Bernard. It is true that the Christian liturgy is centered round Jesus' passage from death to the glorious new life of the Father. Still Advent the waiting for and expectation of the Lord cannot be separated from Easter. During Advent the liturgical rites and readings turn our attention to the incarnation and nativity of Jesus. But Easter presupposes Christmas. Advent moves forward with an inner necessity to Christmas, Epiphany, the Easter mysteries and finally to the second coming of the Lord.

The Advent hope and joy go together with repentance and conversion. We are repeatedly told to abandon the ways of darkness and to put on the armour of light. We have to prepare the way of the Lord. We have to bring forth the fruits of repentance. Hope and joy, penance and conversion go together. We cannot keep the effective memory of Christ's self-emptying birth and of his death without actively entering into the kenosis of his life. Our individual and ecclesial existence must be patterned on the life of Jesus. It is true that in the early Church, hope and expectation were directed to the imminent coming of the risen Lord. Out of this faith and hope, the early Christians developed a spirituality. The Lord is coming. We his servants must not idle away our time, bury our talents, or live a life paralyzed by sin. The Lord should find us vigilant and fulfilling the mission entrusted to us.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Ranjan Cletus.

Clergy Appreciation Photo Collage

Attend the next 3rd degree meeting and sign our Photo Collage of the 2009 Clergy Appreciation Night. This will be mailed as a Christmas Card to the priests that represent the members of our council.

Reminders!!

Upcoming Events (dates TBD)

Work and Clean Day @ Hall
Council Free Throw Championship
Bus Trip to WinStar World Casino

K of C Volleyball League

Council 3444 currently has a number of Knights that are participating in the Temple coed volleyball league and we would like to establish an official K of C team. This would be a great opportunity for Knights that have family members that are interested in volleyball to compete together. Children over 16 are eligible. The open volleyball sessions held on Sundays from 3 to 6 are a good way to get started. Once enough players have communicated interest a team can be established. **Please Call Randy Betancis @ 254-654-0197** if you have questions or simply show up to play on Sunday at 3.

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

A new church year has arrived. During December, please pray and remember Advent, remember to celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, especially remember the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, remember the Feast of the Holy Family and remember Mary, Mother of God.

Thank all of you who were able to come out and celebrate the Memorial Mass for our deceased brother Knights on November 23rd . Nelson B Kasberg, Msgr. Arthur M. Michalka, Ray Ybarra, Gaylon J. Fojtasek, James J. Smetana Sr, Ralph J. Kahlig, Lewis A. Hoelscher, Herman A. Polzer and Hubert J. Stanislaw.

Fraternally yours,

Bruce J. McAtee

Council 3444 – Church Activities Director

Membership Drive Preparation

In preparation for our upcoming membership drive all members should...

- Make sure they have Form 100s handy
- Reach out to at least 3 prospective members
- Refer them to the website (**www.kc3444.com**) for information about our council and our order of Catholic gentleman
- Invite them to the December 11th Christmas Party (spouses welcome) - let the hall know your head count
- Have them attend the hospitality social and informational sessions after the St. Mary's masses on the 12th and 13th
- Follow-up once the First Degree Date is established; Follow-up and get the new member involved once they become Knights



**QUARTERLY
MEMBERSHIP DRAWING**



**Sign Up a New Knight
& Be Included In
Drawing for \$100**



Next First Degree – TBD
Next Drawing – January 11th



Dear Sir Knights,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day and a wonderful day with their families. It is a great time for all families to get together and realize all the things they have to be so grateful for and have the opportunity to thank God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. During this time of year, Let us not forget the ones who are serving and have served in the Armed Forces that have given us this privilege to worship and the freedom to do God's will.

This year, as in years past, the Fourth Degree will march in the Temple Christmas parade. It will be at seven o'clock on the 7th of December and I would like to invite all who would care to march, please join us about six fifteen at Adams and Martin Luther Blvd. So many people holler and clap when we march by, it really makes me proud to be a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus. So, if you would like to march with us, just be there and we will have some snacks furnished. Brother Charles and I know they are good. They are every year. Our regular 4th degree meeting will be right after the parade so, if you can't make the parade, the regular meeting will be about 8 o'clock at the hall. Hope to see everyone there.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be on the 6th of December. I hope everyone can make this fun time for us to get together and eat and have fellowship and have a great time. If you intend on making the Party, please contact me (254) 771-5837 that is my home number or my cell at (254) 493-4849. It would be so nice for us to get together for a fun night and a good meal. We will have a happy hour at 6:30 and a meal at 7:00 and music and lots of fellowship and fun for all. Hope to see you there.

From the Garrett Family, Debbie, Brandon and I want to wish everyone a joyous and Merry Christmas. It is a time to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. I hope it will be a time of togetherness and good fellowship with all your loved ones. Again Merry Christmas to All.

This year is the Year of the Priest and we need to support all our Priests wherever we attend Mass. Also, we need to support our Deacons and Seminarrians. The Seminarrians have a long road ahead of them to become priests. They need all our support and prayers to continue on the long journey to becoming a Priest.

If anyone knows of a Third Degree Knight, ask him to join Our ranks among the Fourth Degree. I would love to have a bunch of new Sir Knights at the next Exemplification. Sometimes, all you have to do is ask and you will be surprised what can happen.

Vivat Jesus,

Wayne Garrett - Faithful Navigator

Hall News

Council Christmas Party

We will have our Council Christmas Party on Dec, 11th this year. We will have a catered meal and entertainment. We will have a children's meal and craft area. Please RSVP the number of children and ages so St. Nicholas can have the right gifts for the kids. Let's come and celebrate our Saviors Birthday with our Family of Faith. There will be a surprise gift for the oldest and youngest Knight present.

Rick Wyatt

Family Committee Chairman, (254) 534-3998

Happy Birthday - Dec. '09

MANUEL ROCHA ALANIZ	JAMES S. KLEIN
DONALD F. ALFORD	ANDREW P. LAMBERT
EUGENE PAUL BARNES	EUGENE MILLER
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Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The ground work for the membership drive in December has been done. The actual membership drive will be held at St. Mary's Church on Saturday December 12th and Sunday December 13, 2009. We have sent out letters to prospective members, and Father will announce from the pulpit our message for the new members. Our Council #3444 will be hosting Hospitality Sunday December 13th after the 7:30am and 9:15am masses in the Regina Calle Room. The Council #3444 will have a booth set up during the Hospitality. I will be calling the KC members who signed up to help at each mass. On behalf of Council #3444 and myself, I would like to thank everyone who is involved with this membership drive. Also, another way we can get new members is to ask them personally face to face. There are many of our members in Council #3444, that have Catholic friends who would join the Knights of Columbus if they were just asked. Always have in your possession some form 100's, and let's go out into our community or at church and recruit a new member this coming year.

Your council needs your help to find new members. As I stated before, you will be helping a good Catholic gentlemen as well as helping your Council reach their goals. We have a great K of C organization here at Council #3444. So bring your friends to some of our events (ie-Our Christmas Party), and let them participate in our fun and fellowship. Your help and enthusiasm will surely make this December 2009 membership Drive a success.

God bless you always.

Fraternally,

Clifford D. Wohleb, Sr. - Membership Dir. Council 3444

Family of the Month

The **Family of the Month** award for the month for **December 2009** is awarded to **The Mike Hannon Family**. Mike has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since the 90's. He and his family attend St. Luke's Church and are involved in their Parish, our Council, and the Community. Their children are also involved with their activities as well, from helping at catering events, Halloween carnival, to serving as alter servers at church and helping with their picnic. Mike is currently attending classes to become a Deacon. We wish him the best in this endeavor and will pray for he and his family. Their family is worthy of recognition of Family of the Month. God Bless!

Knight of the Month

The **Knight of the Month** award for the month for **December 2009** is awarded to **Cecil Henning**. Cecil is a 3rd and 4th degree member. He assist with Bingo and catering events. He's attending and supported our fundraisers and can always be counted on to volunteer when needed. We appreciate the time and effort he gives to both Councils. He is worthy of recognition of Knight of the Month. Thank you for all that you do and your continued support. May the good Lord continue to bless you.

Calendar For December 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Hall Closed	3 BINGO (Pinon)	4	5 Private Lease No Cater
6 Private Lease Lunch (National Guard) 4th Degree Christmas Party Evening (RSVP 778-4611)	7 4th Degree Christmas Parade 8:00 pm Meeting after parade.	8	9 MTC Luncheon Cater	10 BINGO (Pedroza)	11 Council 3444 Family Christmas Party (please RSVP number of adults and children) 778-4611	12 Private Lease No Cater (Belco) Cater @ Holiday Express
13 Hall Closed. Council 3444 Membership Drive @ St Mary's Hospitality after 7:30 and 9:15 Mass	14 1st & 3rd Degree 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	15 Pack Night	16 Fire Department Dinner	17 BINGO (Castillo) Hamburger Plate Night	18 Private Lease at Hall Cater St. Mary's Lunch	19 Private Lease (Scott & White) Cater
20 Hall Closed	21 6:30 pm Activities 7:30 pm Board Mtg.	22	23 Hall Closed	24 Hall Closed No Bingo	25 Hall Closed Merry Christmas	26 Hall Closed
27 Hall Closed	28 Cater at Our Lady of Guadalupe (Noon serve)	29 BINGO (Haynes) <i>Join us for Tuesday Night Bingo!!</i>	30 Hall Closed	31 Hall Closed Private Lease New Years Party <i>Call Hall for Tickets</i>		