



Council Comments

Knights of Columbus

Holy Family Council 4179



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

The December meetings are coming quickly and here is a quick agenda update. The "downstairs renovation committee" has had two meetings as of this writing and will have had a third before our business meeting. Plan on being at the council to possibly take the first step to appropriate funds for this project and to discuss the possibilities and future layout of the bar area with the committee. I look forward to the enthusiasm that we had at the November business meeting. The social meeting will be our annual "wild game feed" headed up by Brother Jerome Themig.



Brother Steve Mann has placed a Christmas tree without lights at the council for a fundraising program for Special Olympics. Be sure to look for the article in this newsletter for more information. Thanks Brother Steve for working putting this program together! Thanks also to Brother Bill Groves for the great meal after the Memorial mass in November. Even though we do not have a food chairman I always seem to see Bill in the kitchen. Speaking of food, continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the meetings for the food pantry and increase your 50/50 chances.

As we prepare for Christmas and the coming of 2008 I would like to take a second to thank all of you and especially the officers and chairmen for all the help they have given me in the first six months as Grand Knight of our council. It seems not a day goes by without talking with at least one of you and I appreciate the trust all of you have put in me to direct this council's future.

Remember Brother Ted Tracy and his family in your prayers throughout this holiday season and all of the troops that are away from their families. Keep the true meaning of Christmas in your homes and your travels and have a very blessed 2008.

Chris

MEETINGS

Thursday, December 6th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, December 20th @ 7:00pm

The regular monthly Business Meeting of Holy Family Council 4179 will be held on Thursday, December 6th beginning at 7:00pm. Among the items on the agenda will be committee reports including ones on the forthcoming Family Christmas Party, the annual Wild Game Feed, and the Super Bowl Party. As mentioned

in the GK's Message, one of the most important items will be a discussion regarding the plans for replacing the walk-in cooler and/or renovating the downstairs of the club. Assuming that there will be some sort of majority agreement on what the project should be, a motion will need to be made to expend the necessary funds to achieve the goals of the Council. Before the project can proceed, the amount of money to be spent will have to be published to all of the members and then voted on at a meeting.

The second meeting in December is always (thanks to Brother **Jerome Themig**) our Wild Game Feed.. There will be time for a short business meeting but the main part of the agenda will be time to enjoy the bountiful feast provided by our members who still enjoy the great and beautiful outdoors. Come on out for the food and stay for the fun!

MEN'S WILD GAME FEED

December 20 @ 7:00pm

Holy Family Council 4179 will once again experience unique flavors of the wild with the annual Men's Wild Game Feed at the December social meeting. For those that enjoy cooking their favorite duck, goose, squirrel,



rabbit, quail, dove, or deer, your fellow Brother Knights look forward to an evening of fine cuisine. This year we might even judge the best of the best road kill cuisine and, who knows, you might

win a prize.

So please come out and join your Brother Knights for this annual event starting at 7:00 PM on December 20th.

Following the feast, we will all be socializing with your favorite refreshments and a friendly game of cards (and maybe a little Illini BB on TV). Please invite other Catholic gentlemen from your associations, neighborhood, or church to join us for a festive evening feast. If you have any questions please contact Brother Knight, **Jerome Themig**, at 217-438-4204.



money in one of the envelopes and then place it in the grey box behind the bar. You may then add your bulbs in the lighting string on the tree. The tree should be lit by

Christmas. If you can't make it to the club but would like to help light the Christmas tree, please call project chair and PGK **Steve Mann** at 546-0243. We are helping to light the torch for the Special Olympians. Merry Christmas to one and all.

SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Soccer Challenge results were too late to get into last month's Council Comments but the following was submitted by Brother **Pat Pappa** and deserves to be shared:

A.J. Roth from Chatham, age 11, was named local champion of the 2007 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge and has earned the right to compete at the district level. KC Holy Family #4179 Council on Lake Springfield sponsored the local competition at Chatham Community Park. All boys and girls ages 10-14 were eligible to participate.

Rainy weather did not discourage A.J. from the competition and winning the 11-year-old boys division. He will now compete in the district competitions to be held in November with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

GETTING TO KNOW.....

BRUCE THOMPSON, Council Treasurer
Where were you born? Chanutte Air Force Base Rantoul, IL

Tell us about your family -- wife, children, pets, etc.

My wife Barbara, she teaches 4th grade at Iles Elementary School. Our oldest daughter Beth lives in Portland Oregon, and Beverly our youngest is a Jr at WIU. We have 2 Yorkies, Rascal & Pixie

Where do you work and what do you do? I work for RSM McGladrey / McGladrey & Pullen, CPA's. I am a Director in the Tax Department and spend most of my time on income, estate and gift taxes. Two certainties in life "death and taxation"

What would be your ideal vacation? Bass fishing, I

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Fundraiser = You Can Help!

This year Holy Family Council 4179 is trying something new and we are doing it for Special Olympics. There is an unlit Christmas tree in the bar area downstairs in the club. There are bulbs for the tree in a container on the bar with a stack of envelopes. The bulbs will sell for \$5.00 each. If you wish to buy one or more, please put the





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Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9th
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

* GAMES *

* CRAFTS *



Pictures
with
Santa Claus

Cookies
&
Punch

don't care where or what the weather is as long as they are biting

Where did you go to school? the Harvard of the Midwest, Eastern Illinois University

What was your favorite subject in school?

Geometry & History

Are you a Veteran? What branch; what did you do?

Not a veteran

What is your favorite sport and your favorite player?

Baseball, Greg Maddux

What are your favorite football & baseball teams?

Notre Dame football & the Chicago Cubs

What is the name of the best book you have ever read?

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham, a funny story about an accountant

It's your birthday; what would be your favorite meal?

My Mom's roast beef, potatoes & carrots; My Wife's homemade rolls and My Grandma's Banana Cream Pie

How do you like to spend a day off? In the garage trying to become a woodworker versus a wood butcher

What are your hobbies? Fishing, reading, woodwork

In your whole life, who do you admire the most?

Why? My Parents, they gave me life and taught me to plan my work and work my plan.

BEANS, BEANS THE MAGICAL FRUIT

the more you bring, the more we'll put in the basket for Holy Family Food Pantry.

This month's featured foods are beans - green, lima, navy, chili, etc. I'm told the folks that we are helping really like chili. Please come to our December Christmas Party and bring a canned good for those in need.

Our December meeting and potluck are December 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START.** After a very short meeting, we will enjoy our potluck and gift exchange. If you haven't signed up, please bring a covered dish. The auxiliary will be supplying the meat dish.

If you are participating in "Adopt A Family for Christmas", please bring your gifts unwrapped to the December meeting. The ladies will be helping with the Family Christmas Party on December 9, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. When you are baking Christmas cookies, bake extras for the day.

Please remember that any female 18 years or older and the wife, daughter, or mother of a member of Holy Family Council or any unmarried or widowed woman of the Catholic Faith is welcome to join and we would love to have you as our guest at one of the best meetings of the year. See you on December 5th!

Have a happy and blessed Christmas

Sandy Rolando, President

PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

- The family of Brother **Bill Kraus** on the death of his mother;
- The family of **Laurie Schafer Mann** on the death of her father;
- The family of **Bernie Clancy** on the death of his father;
- Brother **Fred O'Connor** and his quick recovery from surgery;
- Brother **Carl Szabo** and his quick recovery; and
- Brother **Ted Tracy** and his safe return from Iraq.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

by Sean Fink

The Halloween Party was great fun. I don't know who had more fun, the kids or the "Monsters".

A very special thank you to **Andy Edmonds, Zach Pavich, Pat Pappa, Mike Metzger, Joe Mizera, Chris Reichert** and **Seth Fink** for helping make this Haunted House one of scariest.

TRASH CLEAN-UP?PLEASE HELP

Well, it's happened again! Holy Family Council 4179 has been adopted by a small troop of masked bandits better known as racoons. Although they are not inside the building like last year, they seem to be particularly fond of getting into any kind of trash left outside in the open. Recently, we have had people clean up after themselves (Thank You!) and leave bags of trash not only on the downstairs patio but also outside the trash container/dumpster where it belongs. In both instances, the bags have been ripped open and there was trash scattered everywhere. The Trustees ask that you please take the time to put all of the trash that you help clean up in the dumpster and **CLOSE** the lid tightly. Thank you for helping keep our club a better place!

KEEPING THE "CHRIST" IN CHRISTMAS

Poem By Helen Kitchell Evans

Let's keep Christ in Christmas

Let's enjoy the beauty of a lovely Christmas tree,
Let's enjoy the friendship of friends and family.
But let's keep Christ in Christmas
That all the world might see.

Let's enjoy our presents we find on Christmas morn
And let us always remember the night Jesus was born
But let's keep Christ in Christmas
That all the world might see.

Let's enjoy the carols and all the songs we hear;
Let's enjoy the pretty lights we see this time of year;
But let's keep Christ in Christmas
That all the world might see.

Let's make this a wonderful season filled with laughter
and with Joy

Let us never forget Jesus, Mary's baby boy-- YES!
Let's keep Christ in Christmas
That all the world might see.