



Council Comments

Knights of Columbus

Holy Family Council 4179



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Brothers,

As we look forward to the upcoming holiday season may each of us take a moment to count blessings and remember the grace that God has bestowed upon us. I hope you can join us on November 15th for our Memorial Mass to remember our brothers who have passed away, especially those who have passed in the last year. Please bring your entire family to honor them, and stay for a great meal.

I hope you can join us at the business meeting as we discuss the current issues with the cooler downstairs. The efficiency of it leaves a lot to be desired as well as the minor leak. I hope to have estimates available by then for everyone to review.

Please remember to keep Brother Ted Tracy and all our soldiers in your prayers and to keep them from harms way.

May God Bless your and your family.

Chris



MEETINGS

Thursday, November 1 @ 7:00pm

Thursday, November 15 @ 6:30pm

The regular monthly business meeting of Holy Family Council 4179 will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00pm. The most important thing to be discussed will be the proposed replacement of the walk-in cooler in the downstairs. As mentioned in the Grand Knight's message, the GK hopes to have a proposal including estimates to be discussed at the meeting. Among the other items on the agenda will be reports on the Halloween Party and the Soccer Challenge. We can also expect to hear about the preliminary planning for the Memorial Mass, Super Bowl Party in February and the Wild Game Feed in December.

The second meeting in November will be our traditional Memorial Mass for our deceased members.

Please note that the Mass starts at 6:30 PM sharp and there will be a complimentary dinner immediately following Mass. As is our custom, this Mass and dinner are open to all of our members and their families and friends. The ceremony is particularly poignant: during a roll call of deceased members, we call out the names of those recently deceased members three times each. As of this writing, we will be honoring all those who have died in years' past but specifically honoring Brothers Gary Achas, Joseph Canavan, and Frank Murrill who died in the past year. If you know of anyone else that we may have missed, please call Brother Bill Rolando at 529-5303 so we can include them in the program.



Please remember to bring your best singing voice to the Memorial Mass. As you may recall Brother Jim Kulavic has volunteered to be our choir leader and this will be his second outing! If you don't make any other meeting in the near future, this is one that has some very special meaning.

SUPER BOWL

Phil Talley to Chair

For the second straight year, Brother Phil Talley has stepped up and volunteered to Chair the Super Bowl Party – one of Holy Family Council's biggest fund-raisers of each year. Talley has already contacted the Ladies' Auxiliary and they have again agreed to be the primary cooks of all the tantalizing food products that are a hallmark of our event. This year, the Super Bowl will be held on Sunday, February 3rd, 2008. With so much planning being done already, you really should put this date on your long-range calendar and plan on being there for all of the fun, food, and fellowship!

Super Bowl Sunday 

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY?

Active Military

Although it will be too late to impact some of our members who are in either the National Guard or the Military Reserves and have already been activated to be sent to one of the many hot spots in the world, we



currently have at least two members who are serving in the armed forces on a full-time basis. It has been suggested that Holy Family Council create a new membership category called "Active Military" for those members who are either in the regular military or in a Guard or

Reserve unit that has been activated. Assignment to this new category would be by request of the member and would be for one year at a time and be renewed by request. It is the proposal of the Financial Secretary (yours truly in this case) that all membership dues be waived for this period of time. It is my intent to propose this new category at the business meeting in November so, if it passes, it can be implemented in time for the next dues billing cycle.

SPEAKING OF MILITARY

Brother Knight Woody Baker in Army

Former FS and Brother Knight Larry Coleman filed the following report about our Brother Knight Woody Baker:

"My nephew, Woody, has completed his Army basic, made application and was accepted in the elite "green beret", but chose to stay in his AIT, artillery range analyst, something like that. He is at Ft. Sill, OK now and will be home Thanksgiving through Christmas, before he leaves for his first assignment in S. Korea. I have rented our upstairs for December 22, for a reception/party for Woody before he heads for S. Korea."

MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS AT MEETINGS

No Winners in October

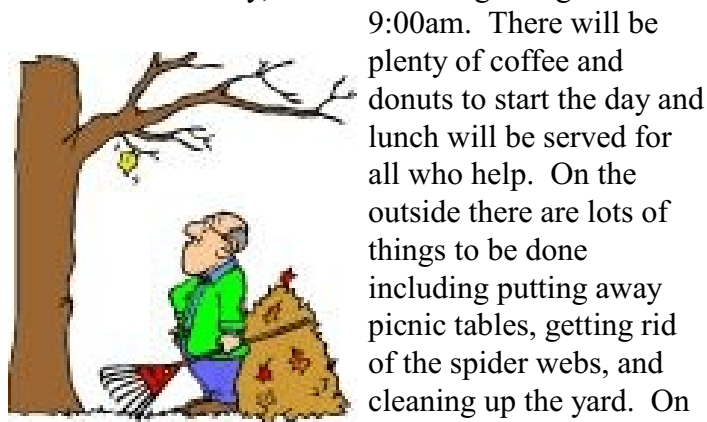
\$140 at November Business Meeting

Talk about being unlucky! Brother Hardin Hawes had his name drawn for the second month in a row at the October Social Meeting. He wasn't at the meeting but, if he had been there, he would have won \$130. This was two months in a row that he didn't win. Also drawn at the October Business Meeting was Jack Butler who missed out on \$120. You better get to the meetings; somebody has to win and it might as well be YOU!

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, November 3 @ 9:00am

Holy Family Council's annual Fall Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, November 3 beginning at



9:00am. There will be plenty of coffee and donuts to start the day and lunch will be served for all who help. On the outside there are lots of things to be done including putting away picnic tables, getting rid of the spider webs, and cleaning up the yard. On the inside we have our

usual thorough cleaning of the downstairs including the kitchen and area behind the bar. If we have

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

That's what I like in my belly!

And so do the families who are supported by Holy Family Food Pantry. The Ladies Auxiliary has decided to bring in peanut butter and jelly to our next meeting and to feature a different foodstuff each month for the food pantry. Even if you don't get out to get PB&J for our November 7th meeting, join us and bring any can goods.

At this November meeting we will be distributing the wish list for our Christmas family and drawing names for our Christmas exchange in December for those who are not participating in Secret Pals. Our hostess will be Perky Gatschenberger.

And mark your calendars for decorating the club for Christmas on November 25th.

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.

See you on November 7, 2007 at 7:00p.m. at the club.

Sandy Rolando, President

enough help and time, we'll also tackle some chores upstairs. The clean-up days only happen twice a year. Please consider giving a couple of hours to your KC Council.

WHEELCHAIRS

Council Donates \$300

District Deputy and Brother Knight Steve Mann presented a short program at the October Social Meeting about the Knights of Columbus' tie-in with the Wheelchair Foundation, a non-for-profit



organization that matches our donations and then uses the money to buy \$150 wheelchairs for those in need who cannot afford to buy one for themselves.

This tie-in comes from the Supreme Council and it is the desire of the Supreme Council

that each local Council donate at least one wheelchair. Holy Family Council decided to start things off right by donating \$300 which is enough money to buy 4 wheelchairs. More information about the program can be gotten from the website www.wheelchairfoundation.org. The following excerpt is from their website:

The Overwhelming Need for Wheelchairs

It is estimated that over 100 million people with physical

disabilities worldwide need wheelchairs, though less than 1 percent own or have access to one. The number of physically disabled is likely underestimated, due to the difficulty in accounting for "forgotten" citizens who spend their lives hidden from sight.

In many developing countries, the only way for a person with physical disabilities to be mobile is to crawl along the ground or be carried by family or friends. An all too common reality is that many people stay in bed or the corner of a room for years at a time.

People require the use of a wheelchair for many reasons: accidents, birth defects, war injuries, debilitating diseases and advanced age.

One of the most horrific causes of disability worldwide can be attributed to landmines or unexploded ordinance (UXO). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), every year, more than 29,000 people are injured by landmines or UXO around the world. This number does not include unreported cases, or those that are killed by the explosions.

It is estimated that the number of people who need wheelchairs will increase by 22 percent over the next 10 years, with the greatest need existing in developing countries.

The wheelchairs provided by the Wheelchair Foundation are purchased in bulk, and designed to be the best possible solution in developing countries. They are delivered in a 100 to 280-wheelchair ocean freight container, and are offered free of charge to those most in need. Your donation of as little as \$75 will sponsor, ship and deliver a new wheelchair to a person in need. To have input on the country of destination and/or to participate on a distribution trip, please also consider sponsorship of an entire container of 100 to 280 wheelchairs to a specific country.

CATECHISM? AT MY AGE?

Deputy Grand Knight Pat Pappa asked that we pass the following along:

Father Mark Shulte is a very dynamic speaker and excellent teacher of the Catholic Faith. I would recommend the program below to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Anyone wishing to go that does not have a "Catechism of the Catholic Faith" will be furnished one complimentary of the Council.

"Knights of Columbus, Council 4175 will be hosting a Spiritual Education Program presented by Council Chaplain Father Mark Schulte at the Council Hall, 2801 West Street. All K of C members and other interested men beginning at age 16 are invited to attend. The focus of the program will be on the four "pillars" of the Catholic Catechism, (Creed, Sacraments, Commandments and Prayer) as well as subject matter related to family life.

The program will consist of ten 2 hour sessions, held on Sunday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM. A socializing period will begin at 6:30 PM. The sessions will be held on the following dates: October 28; November 11 & 25; December 9 & 16; January 13 & 27; February 10 & 24; and March 9. Bring a Catechism and Bible. This is a great opportunity to be with friends and brush up on your faith at the same time. Invite a friend. Questions call (217) 544-4554."

SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Looking for a GREAT way to spend a Sunday afternoon on a cold, dreary winter day? You might want to come out to the club and root for your Shuffleboard League team. They will be hosting 9 home meets over the winter and always have a lot of fun (and **free** food). There is cheering and jeering as they compete against other clubs from around Lake Springfield. Their home schedule (always on Sundays) is:

Oct. 14 vs. DAV I

Oct. 21 vs. Blue Ridge I

Nov. 4 vs. DAV II

Nov. 11 vs. AQUA Sports

Dec. 9 vs. TRN II

Jan. 6 vs. Ski & Boat

Jan. 27 vs. Blue Ridge II

Feb. 10 vs. TRN I

Feb. 24 vs. PROP Club

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Steve Mann, PGK & DD

Where were you born? *I was born in Springfield Ill. 2-14-1957.*

Tell us about your family -- wife, children, pets, etc. *Wife-Laurie Married Thirty Years. Three children. Patrick 28 Elizabeth 25 and Amy 20. One Dog Chocolate age 12, some fish and some Hamsters (Thanks Rob)*

Where do you work and what do you do? *I work for Sentinel Pest Co. I am a Tech. I take care of all house hold pest problems. I have been doing this for almost 20 years. No two days are ever alike and you get to meet some very interesting people.*

What would be your ideal vacation? *My Vacation is spending as much time as I can in Tomahawk Wis. fishing for Muskies and Pikes.*

Where did you go to school? *I graduated from Blessed Sacrament Grade school in 1971, Griffin in 1975, and SCI in 1977.*

What was your favorite subject in school? *My fav sub is History followed by entomology (bugs) go figure.*

Are you a Veteran? What branch; what did you do? *Not a Vet*

What is your favorite sport and your favorite player? *Football. Minnesota Vikings. I know we are having a bad year but we beat DA BEARS!!!! Fav player is still Randy Moss*

What are your favorite football & baseball teams? *Baseball is the White Sox. 2005 was great.*

What is the name of the best book you have ever read? *BOOKS I have read so many there is no way I can say one is the best as they are all so different. One that I found most enjoyable was Bill Cosby's Fatherhood. it made me laugh out loud and as I have children I could relate to every thing he was writing about.*

It's your birthday; what would be your favorite meal? *For my birthday I would have Prime Rib. some potato soup a sweet potato and a glass of champagne.*

What do you like to do on a day off? *I like to go for bike rides or go fishing*

What are your hobbies? *Numismatics (the study of*

and collecting of coins and paper money) and fishing. My favorite Holiday is Halloween. It is also my youngest daughters Birthday.

In your whole life, who do you admire the most? Why? *It is my Father. He has always been an honest man who you always knew where he stood on a subject. If you ever need help, just ask and he is the first in line. If it were not for him I never would have joined the Knights of Columbus. Without his backing and support I would never have become an Officer.*

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

by Pat Pappa

I would like to thank everyone who has responded to my plea for those less fortunate by bringing food for the Holy Family Food Pantry to the council. The Holidays are quickly approaching and it is time again for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. With the generous donations of food and money in the past we have been able to allow struggling families to have a nice Thanksgiving. If you would like to sponsor a family please contact me or the Holy Family Food Pantry. A list of items is posted on the bulletin board. You can donate as many or few as you like or to make a monetary donation please put it in the cash box marked Food Baskets and I will do the shopping. Please contact me for more information or if you would like to assist. May everyone have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

SO SORRY

Last month I asked for you to pray for the family of one of our deceased members. I had a serious “senior moment” and gave the wrong first name. I sincerely hope that the family of FRANK Murrill will forgive me....and, once again, please pray for the family of Brother Murrill.

IT'S THAT TIME

As fall and winter sets in and the club becomes an attractive indoor recreation forum for many of us, it's time for a reminder that, if you are the last one to leave, please make sure that everything is locked up on the inside (including the “coop” behind the walk-in cooler), the lights are all turned down, and the thermostats are set to 64 degrees.

HELP ... HELP ... HELP

Brother Pat Pappa is looking for some volunteers to help with landscaping at St. Joseph's Church in Chatham. He has promised that it won't be too difficult (Yeah! we've heard that before) but will be very rewarding. If you have even just a little bit of “green thumb”, he can use your help. Call him at 483-5165.

MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

GK Chris Reichert and the Board of Directors want to know what is on your mind. Included with this newsletter is a form called the Member Interest survey. Please take a quick few minutes out of your busy schedule and fill it out. Then bring it to a meeting, drop it off at the club, or mail it to KC4179, 141 N. Lakewood, Chatham, IL 62629. Most importantly, tell how we can improve our Council with programs or activities.



Program Director Jose Lopez presents checks for use by the PSR classes at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the parish of St. Katherine Drexel to Sue Coombe and Catherine Becker

