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PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE "CHRIST" IN CHRISTMAS

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, (I for one had just a little too much turkey and stuffing). It is hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner. The Christmas tree will be downstairs again this year and, thanks to Steve Mann, will not be lit upon it's arrival. See the article in this newsletter for more information. Phil McKenzie has graciously taken on the task of Super Bowl Chairman so make sure you contact him for shifts and/or tickets for our annual party. Thanks Brother McKenzie for taking this on and a special thanks also to Brother Phil Talley who is guiding him along after chairing 2 successful past parties.



In closing I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work at the council, your efforts are showing. Membership is 400+ and we are on our way to becoming a Star Council. Keep up the great work!

Merry Christmas to each of you and your families, and may God keep you and our troops safe during this holiday season.

Chris

MEETINGS

Thursday, December 4 @ 7:00pm

Thursday, December 18 @ 6:30pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Holy Family Council 4179 will be held on Thursday, December 4 @ 7:00pm. Among the items on the agenda will be the election of a Deputy Grand Knight to fill the vacancy created by the move to Georgia of former DGK Pat Pappa. There is additional information on the election immediately below. Other items will be

planning for the family Christmas Party, a report from the Super Bowl Committee, and plans for the annual "Wild Game Feed".

The social meeting in December will be the annual "Wild Game Feed". Please note it starts at 6:30pm instead of the usual time. Plans are in the works right now but it will certainly be it's usual festive nature. Also at the meeting will be Darrin Burnett of the Special Olympics to give a short talk about planning needed for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge and (a

really special treat) Brother Ted Tracy will be putting on a short slide show describing some of his adventures while deployed to Iraq last year. After the presentations, there will plenty of time for the great food as well as the card playing and other kinds of games.

ELECTION OF DGK

Tony Mares Nominated

Pursuant to the Bylaws of Holy Family Council 4179, we are in the process of filling the vacancy at the Deputy Grand Knight's position. The first round of nominations were held on November 6th and Brother Tony Mares was the only name placed into nomination. There will be a second chance at nominations at the regular monthly business meeting on December 4th followed by the election. Anyone interested in running to fill the vacancy should call GK Chris Reichert @ 415-9654 for further information regarding either the election or the specific duties of the Deputy Grand Knight.

JANUARY MEETING MOVED

January Business Meeting on the 8th

Time to mark your calendars for 2009. The first Thursday happens to be January 1st, a holiday, so GK Reichert has decided to hold the January 2009 Business meeting on Thursday, January 8th @ 7:00pm. The January social meeting will still be held on January 15th.

MR DRIVE RESULTS

The figures for the MR/Tootsie Roll Drive conducted back in September are still coming in but, according to Chairman Tony Mares, it looks like it not only broke the old record of a little more than \$7700 but is going to bust it by more than \$2300. Unless something totally breaks down, the final total for the 2008 MR/Tootsie Roll Drive will be in excess of \$10,000. I am sure that you will agree that, in light of the tough economic times we are in, this is an incredible show of support for the Knights of Columbus and especially Holy Family Council. When you see Tony, be sure to let him know how much you appreciate his extraordinary efforts. Holy Family Council will be distributing the checks for the selected local providers of services to the mentally disabled at our February

19th social meeting. Put it on your calendar now and plan on being part of a really special night.

KUDOS FOR THE COUNCIL

We have sort of forgotten to mention it for the past month or two but you should know that Holy Family Council 4179 was presented with the Columbian Award from the Supreme Council for the 2007-2008 fraternal year. In order to qualify for the award, the Council had to have completed at least 4 activities in each of 5 areas: Church Activities, Community Activities, Council Activities, Family Activities, and Youth Activities. Please extend your congratulations to GK Chris Reichert and all of the officers for their hard work.

INSURANCE CORNER

by Kevin Collings

"I already have insurance at work."

Many jobs offer some form of group term life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced - and sometimes dramatically - when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could - one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

I'm at 217-259-6884, Kevin.Collings@kofc.org. Call me - let's talk.

1ST FRIDAY DINER

Friday, December 5th @ 5:30pm

The 1st Friday Diner in November was a great prime rib dinner. The following is a report filed by Kevin Collings: *“On Friday Nov.7, Mike and Toni Muto, Kevin Collings from the insurance side were glad to host a successful Prime Rib dinner for 88 people. Thanks also to Gary and Barb Schmidt who stepped up to help along with Rose Mann who took the money for us. Also there were a host of guys that stepped in to help with the bar and to all we say Thank YOU!! I heard quite a few good comments on the dinner and I am glad that the folks who stepped up to help out were there to make things happen. I can honestly say that while it was work to do what needed to be done that it was also quite a bit of fun. We both got to meet members and their families that we had not met before. I found out that Barb Schmidt knew my aunt who is a Franciscan nun very well. If you have not attended a First Friday meal yet, I encourage you to do so. If you have been thinking about volunteering to help out but just need that little nudge consider this that push. From a fraternal standpoint it takes all of us working together to make this council a success. I know from experience that the more people that get involved the easier the overall job is.”*

The next 1st Friday Diner will be held on December 5th. It will be a traditional Christmas Dinner with baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, a side salad, and dinner rolls prepared by Chef Chris Reichert and his crew. The best part is that there is absolutely no charge for the meal! Instead of charging for the meal, there will be donation jars set up to contribute to the Holy Family Food Pantry. Although there is always a great need at the Food Pantry, Thanksgiving through Christmas is always near the top of their time of the year for demand. It is only fitting that we, as charitable Christians at Christmas, give very generously to so good a cause. Please come out to the club; enjoy a great meal at no cost; and give generously to the Holy Family Food Pantry.

THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS SEASON

by Msgr. John Ossola

As we approach the busy holiday season, we are overwhelmed with many chores and errands we need to complete. It is important to remember that these holidays give us the opportunity to concentrate on two things that are important in our lives: God and Family. I certainly hope that you make plans to spend some EXTRA time at church, thanking God for your many gifts and building community with others of Faith. Our presence is important, not just for us - but for the Faith family that we gather with. We also try to spend as much time as possible with family. Certainly, these are the people most responsible for who we are and where we are today. Be sure to thank them and pray with them on the big holidays. May God continue to bless you all and may you have a faith-filled and holy holiday season.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

To Benefit Juvenile Diabetes

Once again, Holy Family Council, thanks to District Deputy Steve Mann, will have a “light-a-bulb”



Christmas tree downstairs in the bar. Each bulb can be lit for a donation of only \$5. All donations this year will be given to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. There are 100 bulbs on the tree and last year we donated the full \$500 to the Special Olympics. Let's see if we can do the same for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation!

BARTENDERS NEEDED

Brothers Bill Groves and Bill Kraus are looking for members to be bartenders at the various hall rentals that we have. Bartending for these special events pays \$10/hour plus a share of the tips for all weddings and other non-KC events. It's a great way to pick up a little extra cash and to provide a terrific service for Holy Family Council. There is no particular training needed -- only a desire to learn to be a mixologist. Call Bill Groves at 971-4998 for more information or to get on the bartenders list.



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Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21st
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

GAMES

GRAFFITI



Pictures
with
Santa Claus

Cookies
&
Punch

LADIES AUXILIARY

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and was able to get together to spend some time with their families!

The ladies from the Auxiliary will be meeting at the Council on Sunday, November 30th at 3:00 pm to decorate the Council for Christmas. Pizza will be served following the decorating for all those who help.

It is with great regret that we announce the resignation of our corresponding secretary, Kathee Pappa. Kathee and her family have moved to Georgia, where her husband Pat has accepted a position, and they will be living close to Kathee's parents and brother. Kathee and Pat were very active members of Holy Family Council and will be dearly missed. We wish them all the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

After consultation with the other officers, President Pam Wollesen has appointed Kathy Smith to serve the remainder of Kathee Pappa's term as corresponding secretary and Kathy has graciously accepted.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas potluck and gift exchange to be held Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm. The auxiliary will provide the main dish and beverages and members are asked to bring a side dish (salad, vegetable, potatoes, or dessert) to share. Names were drawn at the November meeting for the gift exchange. If any member would like to participate in the gift exchange but was unable to attend the November meeting to draw a name, they may bring a gift to the meeting to be exchanged with other members who also missed the November meeting. We will also be collecting food donations for Holy Family Food Pantry; this month's items are

Mac and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, and beans.

Members who signed up to purchase gifts for one of the children from our Catholic Charities family may bring their purchases to the December meeting. If you are unable to bring your items for the family to the December meeting, you may call Angie Wollesen at 414-0686 to make arrangements to get the gifts to her by the 15th of December at the latest. Angie will be delivering the gifts to Catholic Charities on the 18th of December.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 1st @ 4:00pm

The NFL Wants You! Well, maybe they don't, but we do! It's time to start preparation for Holy Family Council 4179's biggest fundraiser of the year – Super Bowl Sunday! The 15th Annual Super Bowl Party will be held on February 1st. Brother Phil MacKenzie has volunteered to be the chairman, and Phil Talley, the previous chairman, will be assisting him. This is major event and we need your help, too. We are holding a planning meeting tentatively scheduled for December 1st at 7:00pm. We have several volunteer roles to fill - some pre-game, and some on game day. If you'd like to volunteer, please call (483-2998) or email (p_a_mckenzie@yahoo.com) Phil MacKenzie. It's important to get our volunteer team established quickly, so that we can organize a spectacular (and profitable) Super Bowl Sunday event. Remember, the proceeds from this major fundraising event greatly impacts what Holy Family Council 4179 will be able to fund in 2009.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE

@ HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL

Saturday, March 7th

Holy Family Council 4179 has been asked by the Special Olympics to host the 2009 Polar Plunge on Lake Springfield on Saturday, March 7, 2009. With Brother Jim Enlow actively serving as our chairman/liaison to the Special Olympics, the planning is well underway. The actual plunge site will be at the old beach site in Bridgeview Park (right next

door to the Council). Brother Enlow reported at the last meeting that CWLP has already assisted by cleaning up the beach and adding a lot of sand. He said that he and Brother Gary Schmidt had taken an underwater survey of the area to be sure that it was clear and deep enough for the plungers. Enlow also reported that a couple of enclosed tents were needed to provide heat and a sheltered place to immediately get out of the cold for those who are more than “toe-dippers”. Registration will start at 11:00am and the “Plunge” itself will be held at 12:00noon.

Holy Family Council has participated in each of the last two years in the “Plunge” and has raised quite a bit of money for the Special Olympics. You, too, can get in on the fun by getting a registration form at <http://www.soill.org/> and taking the plunge for the Special Olympics. Even if you don't want to plunge, there will be a lot of need for volunteers to staff the very large party that goes on during and after the plunge. Call Brother Enlow @ 544-6929 to volunteer.

COUNCIL DONATES TO MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

As you may be aware, Brother Knight Kyle Holtgrave is the Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Springfield Diocese. He is responsible for organizing all the young people of the Diocese for the huge annual March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, DC every January (around the anniversary date of the “Roe v. Wade” abortion decision from the U.S. Supreme Court). Holy Family Council was approached by 5 young adults who attend Springfield College in Illinois and asked for assistance in their raising money to register for the Pilgrimage. The Council voted to donate \$50 per person for a total of \$250 to these 5 young people to assist them in getting to the Pilgrimage. It was suggested at the meeting that the young adults come to a Council meeting sometime after the March and report on all that they did.

WANTED: WINTER CLOTHING

In addition to the ongoing need for food donations, Holy Family Food Pantry is in dire need of donated winter clothing items for children. They can use anything from gloves to socks to hats to warm coats.

There has been a separate bin placed next to the food bin in the lower level of the club. If you are out shopping and see a really great deal on winter gloves (or anything else), please consider buying a couple of extras and putting them in the box. Or, if you are cleaning out that front closet, look for a couple of coats that you may no longer be using – and donate them. just get them to the club and we'll see that they get to the Holy Family Food Pantry.



Bishop (and Brother Knight) George Lucas congratulates Brother Jim Rosenthal on his induction into the KC Hall of Fame



New members Joseph Robert, Ken Boston, Kevin MacKiney, and John-John Fulgenzi are welcomed by GK Chris Reichert

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.

All of the Officers and
Directors of
Holy Family Council
wish all of you and
your families the
Merriest and
Most Blessed of
Christmas Holidays!