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Holy Family Council 4179



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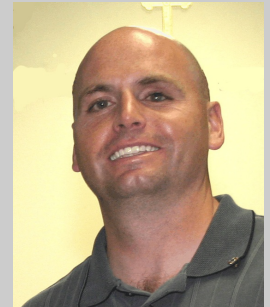
December, 2009

In this upcoming Holiday Season, please be sure to remember to keep “Christ” in Christmas.

Grand Knight’s Comments

Brother Knights,

The 2nd Annual Food Drive was a great success. Thanks to County Market for providing the venue; Girl Scout Troop #6553 for filling the Hope Bags; and all the Brother Knights and Ladies that helped get the bags into the carts of the shoppers. 526 bags were sold in total.



The attendance at the Memorial Mass was truly heartwarming. The families of the deceased were very appreciative of the showing of support. Bill Groves provided a great meal.

Be sure to read the newsletter for upcoming events this month.

Viva Jesus,
Grand Knight
Sean M Fink

MEETINGS

Thursday, December 3rd @ 7:00pm

Thursday, December 17th @ 6:30pm

The regular monthly business meetings of Holy Family Council 4179 and the Southside Columbian Home will be held on Thursday evening, December 3rd beginning at 7:00pm sharp. Items on the agenda include, but are not limited to, the Wild Game Feed and Men’s Christmas Party; the Family Christmas Party; 1st planning for 2010 Super Bowl Party; and the KC Basketball Free Throw Championship.

The social meeting in December will be on Thursday,

December 17th and again be the annual “Wild Game Feed and Men’s Christmas Party”. **Please note it starts at 6:30pm.** Plans are in the works right now but it will certainly be it’s usual festive nature. One new thing this year is the invitation for the Columbian Squires Circle to join us at this event. In addition to the Squires, each member is encouraged to invite any Catholic boy between the ages of 10 and 18 to join them at this event for an evening of good food and fellowship. It will be a great opportunity to not only show your son,

Wild Game Feed & Men’s Christmas Party

grandson, or nephew what the fraternal side of the KCs is all about but to also introduce them to the Columbian Squires. All that is asked is that you let Brother Jerome Themig (217/438-4204) know how many guests you will be bringing.

FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

On Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, Knights of Columbus Council 4179 conducted a food drive at the Chatham COUNTY MARKET store. By all accounts, it was an overwhelming success. The KCs sold 526 bags of groceries for \$4.99 each for a total value of \$2,624. Additionally, there were other individual food items donated. The groceries were prebagged and available for purchase. According to a COUNTY MARKET spokesperson, the actual value of the groceries in the bag was closer to \$7.00 if purchased separately. The Council volunteers who worked were: Charlie and Rose Mann, Mike Crowley, Bill Wehmhoff, Fred O'Connor, Jim and Pat Rosenthal, Marilyn and Dick Pile, Kevin Collings, Ed & Becky Hunter and Family, Rich Kynion, Ron and Joyce Litterst, Dale and Kathy Smith, Phil and Amy McKenize, Stevie Davis, Sean Fink, and Bill & Sandy Rolando. GK Fink wants to extend a big, big "Thank You" to all who helped.

GK Sean Fink said, "This incredible show of generosity is truly reflective of how the people of Chatham respond when asked to help their fellow citizens in need." Fink went on to say, "We especially



Carol Harms accepts donations from GK Sean Fink (far right) as County Market MGR Shannon McAuley looks on

want to thank Shannon McAuley, Manager of the County Market, for not only providing us with a place to have the food drive but also for all the other assistance they gave us." Fink also talked about how the need at all food pantries has gone up this year due to the lagging economy. Fink said, "The holiday season is particularly tough on these families in need. We sincerely hope that these donations will help many more families experience a more blessed Thanksgiving."

All of the food donated at this food drive was given to Holy Family Food Pantry, an arm of the Catholic Charities of the Springfield Diocese, and will be used to assist families from all over the Springfield area. Carol Harms, Community Services Coordinator for Catholic Charities, was on hand to accept the donation from Mr. Fink. Ms. Harms said, "This is one of the most significant food drives that Holy Family Food Pantry has ever had the privilege of receiving."

1st FRIDAY DINER

Friday, December 4th

Serving from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

The next 1st Friday Diner will be held on December 4th. It will be a traditional Italian dinner with pasta, salad and garlic bread all skillfully prepared by Chef Bruce Thompson and his crew. And -- for the second December in a row -- 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 direct cost; and look deep inside when donating to the Holy Family Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Beginning November 29th, Holy Family Council will, once again, have a "light-a-bulb" Christmas tree downstairs in the bar. Each bulb can be lit for a donation of only \$5. As of this writing, there is no designated charity for 2009. Suggestions for where this year's donation should go can be made to the



Charity Committee by emailing Brother Bruce Thompson at bruce.thompson@rsmi.com The Charity Committee will then make a recommendation to the membership for a vote. There are 100 bulbs on the tree and each of the last two years we were able to donate the full \$500 to the designated charity -- first the Special Olympics and then to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Let's see if we can do the same for another deserving charity!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 20th – 2:00 - 4:00pm

Get ready for the last minute visit from Santa Claus! The Holy Family Council Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 20th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This event is especially geared for the children and grandchildren of our parishes. There will be plenty of Christmas treats for all and games for the kids. The highlight (OF COURSE) will be a visit from Santa Claus so every child will have that opportunity to let the Jolly Old Fellow know their last minute wishes.



COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

**from Dale Smith
Squires Circle #2637**

We gained another new member at the November meeting, bringing our count to 22. On Sunday, November 18, a team of Squires from Circle #2637 traveled to Peoria to hold an Investiture for a New Circle being formed at the Spaulding Council #427. Thirteen new Squires, their Counselors, and many Knights attended. Squires from Circle #2637 will serve Mass on December 7th at the Cathedral and at St. James Parish on November 29.

The Squires are still selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnets for \$5. See any Squire or Chief Counselor Dale Smith (529-9003) to get one.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 10, at Holy Family Council #4179 starting at 7:00 pm. All Catholic boys aged 10-17 are invited to join us. Just

show up at the next meeting.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Pam Wollesen, President

Our next meeting is December 2nd at 6:30pm and is our Annual Potluck and Gift Exchange. If you didn't attend last meeting and want to participate in the gift exchange, just bring a \$25.00 item to the meeting. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry as well. Those who signed up to bring food for the Food Pantry Christmas Basket should bring that too. If you are contributing to the Catholic Charities Gift Store, please bring the gifts to the meeting. If you have any questions about the donations to Catholic Charities, call Angie Wollesen after 4:00pm.

We want to wish everyone Yule Tidings during this joyous time of year. If you are a Catholic female, 18 years of age or older or the wife or daughter of a knight, please consider joining us at our next meeting and making new friends We'd love to have you join us.

We wish you all a very blessed and merry Christmas.

BARTENDING

Brother Jose Lopez is currently responsible for scheduling bartenders to work at the numerous hall rentals held at Holy Family Council 4179. Any member in good standing and/or his spouse is eligible to get on the list to be a bartender. Bartenders are paid an hourly rate plus they divide the tip money. It is easy to make \$50-\$100 for an evening of work at a large wedding.



However, in order to be scheduled to work as a bartender, you must undergo some pretty simple training in the procedures for checking in and checking out as well as basic business practices. This training does not include any mixology – you are on your own for that. If you need more information about the next training session or becoming a

bartender, please contact Jose' @ 726-9912.

The current list of trained bartenders is:

George Backstein
Ken & Lizzy Boston
Sean Fink
Robert Flesher
Bill & Teena Groves
Kenny & Susan List
Jose Lopez
Stephen Mann
Phil & Amy McKenzie
Michael Metzger
Chris Riechert
Dave & Emily Schwagel
Ted Stassi

INSURANCE CORNER

by Kevin Collings

Insurance Check-Up for 2010

Can you believe it will soon be 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes. If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

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

DIOCESAN MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP

from Brother Kyle Holtgrave

Squires, Knights and their families are invited to participate in the annual diocesan March for Life pilgrimage to our nation's capitol on January 20 – 24, 2010. Buses will depart from various locations throughout the diocese late Wednesday evening and arrive in Washington the following day to participate in either a youth rally led by the Salesians of Don Bosco or the Vigil Mass at the National Basilica with Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Chairman-elect of the

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Friday is the March for Life to the Supreme Court and visits



to members of Congress. On Saturday, we will be visiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and have some free time for groups to visit a destination of choice on the National Mall. The itinerary concludes with Mass at the National Basilica Saturday evening and the ride home through the night. To register, contact Kyle Holtgrave, Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (217) 698-8500 x 154.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7th @ 4:00pm

The NFL Wants You... and YOU ... AND YOU!! Well, maybe they don't, but we sure do! It's time to start preparation for Holy Family Council 4179's biggest fundraiser of the year – Super Bowl Sunday! The 16th Annual Holy Family Council Super Bowl Party will be held on Sunday, February 7th. Brother Phil MacKenzie has again volunteered to be the chairman (Thank You, Phil!) and he will be looking

for a lot of help. We have several volunteer roles to fill - some pre-game and some on game day. If you'd like to volunteer to help in any way, please call (483-2998) or email ([p a mckenzie@yahoo.com](mailto:p_a_mckenzie@yahoo.com)) Phil MacKenzie. It's important to get our volunteer team established quickly so that we can organize the most spectacular (and profitable) Super Bowl Sunday event ever. The BIG pool squares will still be only \$110 each (gets you two admissions to the party) and admission tickets on the day of the event will be \$15. Remember, the proceeds from this major fundraising event greatly impacts what charities Holy Family Council 4179 will be able to fund in 2010.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- ... Brother Ed Hunter as he recovers from back surgery.
- ... Brother Tony (Trent) Schrage as he continues his battles with health issues.
- ... All of our troops stationed anywhere in the world.
- ... All of the babies – unborn and newborn – that they may grow to be loving and caring adults.

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.

Officers:

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