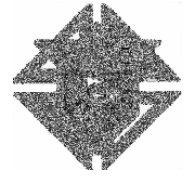


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First Degree team, our Chaplain and candidates following Exemplification of 21 candidates at Annunciation hall on Wednesday November 29th, 2006.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT

1) Report Card

As I approach my fourth month as the person driving the bus, I look back and count my blessings for the many successes we have experienced over that short time. They come at the hands of the Program Directors, coordinators of events, and brother Knights, who have given of their time to make it happen. Your enthusiasm and support truly live up to the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Recently, we experienced a first in our council, maybe in the district, of exemplifying 21 new members into our council at a First Degree held on November 29, 2006. Congratulations to our First Degree Team for a spectacular ceremony, and a warm welcome to all the new Knights. I wish to recognize the efforts of our membership director, brother Jim Meuse, for a successful recruitment program; brother Bernie Murphy for chairing the Admissions committee; and all Brother Knights who recruited new members or participated in the success of the First Degree ceremony.

The Executive Team recognizes the months ahead can be comprised of equal or even greater successes, with the hope that the addition of 21 new members to our council will generate new ideas or possibly new ways of doing things. It will be up to the council as a whole to ensure the rocket is pointing in the right direction, so let's talk.

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Council 8008 Executive 2006/2007

Grand Knight	Daniel Bazinet
Chaplain	Msgr. Robert Latour
Alt/Chaplain	Fr. Joe Vayalil
Deputy Grand Knight	Jean-Marc Boucher
Chancellor	Harvie Meuse
Recorder	Ken Sanford
Financial Secretary	Bill Watters
Treasurer	Phil Fitzgerald
Advocate	Stanley Waldegger
Warden	Mike Newton
Lecturer	Harvie Meuse
Inside Guard	John Scoles
Outside Guard	Dave Hundertmark
Trustee 1 Year	Peter Morris
Trustee 2 Year	Gordon Duncan
Trustee 3 Year	Monty Montelpare
District Deputy	Carl Ward

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As Grand Knight, I look forward to the many activities already planned for the upcoming months, and encouraged by our successes feel excited about treading the unfamiliar waters that lay ahead. Hopefully, God will guide and protect me in my naivety that everything is good.

On behalf of myself, my wife Sharon, and the executive team, I wish God blessings to one and all.

May the Joy of Christmas be with you all year!

2) Keeping Christ in Christmas

It's that time again, when people begin to turn their minds and energies towards Christmas. Parties are being arranged and people are out shopping for those special gifts to send to family and friends. Even though 2006 will likely be recorded as a green Christmas, everyone is still trying to get into the spirit of the season. Reality though is that not everyone will succeed, because for some it's a time when all the decorations and glittering shop windows are just reminders of what they can't have. For others, it's facing the season without their life's companion or loved ones.

The irony is that Jesus came for those people, those who are too despondent to care. The other irony is those who are focussed on all the trappings of Christmas may be those who are even more desperately in need, but don't know it. They only see the parties and gifts, without understanding that there is only one gift worth celebrating, Jesus himself. So with every gift we wrap, every carol we hear, let's thank him.

Remember to keep Christ in Christmas!

Daniel C. Bazinet Grand Knight Council 8008.

From Our Deputy Grand Knight

As we prepare these articles for the December Newsletter, the Christmas Celebrations are just around the corner. The last 3 months have simply flown by but that does not mean that the members of our council did not find the time to take part on the first part of our Calendar.

One of our busier Directors in the last few months was our Church Director. As it happens many of the events happen in the early part of the Fraternal year. With the help of other Knights and by committing many hours of his own, our council has made available Christmas Cards that bring 'Christ' back into Christmas and hopefully in the homes of many. The Memorial mass and the Living Rosary were 2 very prayerful events who encouraged and contributed to improving our "Prayer Life". Our annual cake sale was once again a big hit and once again, sold out. Thanks to all who made this possible.

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We have been very fortunate to have a huge number of new members join our council in November. This is thanks to our Membership Director. We are looking forward to the new calendar year to join up with these new members in the events to come. This very significant increase in membership has the potential for new ideas, suggestions and make our council more visible to the members of our parish, and in turn prosper even more. Already, new ideas have been brought forth to challenge all of us to venture into new projects that provide an even greater service to the community at large.

Our council has been blessed in many other ways. Some have been mentioned here but others are simply reflected in the understanding and help that is easily obtained from Brothers who are simply ready to serve when asked, even if it is on short notice..

A challenge has been placed upon us by our Grand Knight and that is to seek to visit and/or help the members of our council who are less mobile or simply in need of a little help. If you know of a brother who may use your skills or simply share a word and a cup of coffee, take up the challenge and share a little with a brother knight. That is, after all, one of the reasons Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus.

The Christmas season is upon us. People of all walks of life celebrate this season in many ways. Traveling, gathering with friends and relatives and enjoying some time off work are a few popular ways to enjoy this Winter break. But the real reason to celebrate is the 'Coming of our Savior' as a child in a manger. Without this first major event, our world would be very different. Let us all rejoice in this, remind our family and friends of what Christmas is for us, and maybe plant a seed of faith in someone who is in need.

May God keep you all safe in this festive season, and prepare you for the coming challenges of the

From Our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

As we celebrate the birthday of our beloved Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I wish to you and to your loved ones God's abundant blessings for health, happiness, peace and joy in your hearts and homes this Christmas. May our blessed mother, Mary, keep us all close to her divine Son all through 2007.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Robert J. Latour, chaplain.

Financial Secretary's Report

We presently have 1 member in arrears for last year and 5 members in arrears for this year. Forty-one members have paid for next year and 60 remain unpaid for next year. I'm open to accepting your cash or cheque anytime (regular member \$40, students \$20, insured under 26 years of age \$20 and honorary member \$9.) The more people that pay ahead will save the cost of sending out bills.

Question: How do you get to be an honorary member?

Answer: You must belong to the Knights for 25 consecutive years and be 65 years old.

Next Question: How does one get to be an honorary life member?

Answer: Become a priest or be a member of the Knights for 25 consecutive years and be 70 years old. The dues are zero.....something to work towards.

We will have quite a few members of our council joining the honorary and honorary life ranks this years. As you know our council will be celebrating our 25th birthday in 2007.

We of course have met our membership quota of 5 since we installed 21 new members on 29 Nov. We need 2 more insurance members to meet our quota of 3. Have a holy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Bill Watters 613-749-8688

Youth Director's Report

Entertainment Books

What a great sales year. We have sold 98 books. Thank you all very much. Our profit is over \$1100. PS: I have one book left for sale.

Basketball Free Throw

The Council competition will take place on 20 Jan 2007 at Lester B Pearson High School. All 6 of our local schools will be taking part and we should have about 100 competitors. Call me to volunteer. Brother Jean Guy Finnigan will be running the District competition on 10 Feb 2007 at Lester B Pearson. Call him at 613-742-6560 to volunteer.

Pancake Supper

This event will be held to raise funds for youth activities in the parish. Shrove Tuesday is on 20 Feb and I'm appealing for someone to run the dinner as I'll be away.

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Council Directors 2006/2007

Director Church - William Read
 Creche
 Communion Mass
 Christmas Card Sales
 Living Rosary

Director Community - David Angelo
 Christmas Cake Sales
 Spaghetti/Lasagna Night
 Car Raffle
 Men's Breakfast

Director Council - Gordon Duncan
 Oktoberfest
 Charter Night
 Ladies Night
 Awards Night

Director Admissions Committee - Bernie Murphy

Director Youth - Bill Watters
 Entertainment Book Sales
 Basketball Free Throw (Council)
 Basketball Free Throw (District)
 Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday
 Catholic Youth Leadership Camp

Director Family - Jose M. Cerrud
 Remembrance Day Service
 Orpheus Choir
 Pro Life Projects
 Rose Sunday

Director Membership - Jim Meuse

Public Relations - Bob McKelvey
 Food Vouchers
 Newsletter

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Please give me a call at 613-749-8688 if you wish to take this on.

For Council Director

Men's Breakfast

This event was well attended and the speaker was excellent. We served about 180 men as well as about 12 young ladies on retreat. Our Grand Knight Dan Bazinet took the remaining leftovers to the Good Shepherd's kitchen. Thanks goes out to 35 Knights and 3 CWL members who helped make this a success. We made over \$900 profit.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

January 2007	03	Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M.
	03	Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
	17	Social night
	20	Basketball Free Throw (Council)
February 2007	07	Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M.
	07	Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
	10	LadiesNight
	10	Basketball Free Throw (District)
	20	Pancake Supper
March 2007	07	Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M.
	07	Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
	21	Social
April 2007	14	Charter night (Spring Ball)
	18	Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M.
	18	Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
May 2007	02	Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M.
	02	Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
	16	Social night
June 2007	06	Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M.
	06	Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
	16	Awards Night and BBQ
	20	Social night

Grocery Certificates

Centennial Council 8008 continues our arrangement with Loeb, Loblaws and Independent for gift certificates. We have recently started to handle Farm Boy gift cards also.

Over the past years we have made several thousand dollars for our charities with these gift cards/certificates. When you buy them and use them it doesn't cost you a cent! It is puzzling why more of you don't use these. After all, we are a charitable organization and you don't even have to sell tickets to help your council with this project! It couldn't be much easier!

Let each of us make a renewed effort to use gift certificates instead of cash when we visit these chain stores. Also please help us to advertise them among members of our parish – they will be generally be available after Sunday morning masses in the hall or Narthex

Gift cards/certificates are available any time from Bob McKelvey (747-2156) or Bill Watters (749-8688) or Dan Bazinet (747-6539)

2006 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated millions to charitable and benevolent causes and many million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it to the Financial Secretary at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2006.

- 1. Number of visits you made during 2006 to:
 - Sick- caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved - visits of condolence.....
- 2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2006
- 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2006:
 - Church Activities - service in all Church related activities.....
 - Community Activities - service in all community related activities.....
 - Youth Activities - service in all youth related activities.....
 - Miscellaneous Activities - service in areas not outlined above.....
- 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2006:
 - Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.....

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You have to attend to participate

If you are not present at the Council meeting, you cannot possibly win the 50/50 draw!

Celebration Time: 14th of April 2007.

Brothers.

On March 28th, 1982, after several months of preparation, our Council was formed. The Council held its 1st Degree on that date in the basement of St Gabriel's Parish Church. Since then we have slowly increased our membership to the current level. We are slowly reaching the milestone of 25 years of **Fraternal Fellowship**, which is a time for a **celebration**. As the 28th of March is a few days before Holy Week, it has been decided to Celebrate on the Saturday after Easter which is the **14th of April 2007**.

We plan to have a little social gathering , followed by a great supper with quiet music, after which there will be dance music and singing. The price of the ticket will be \$25.00 per person which will be sold prior to the Evening only. It should be a great celebration.

Plan to be there and mark your calendar and pick up you tickets before hand.

Committee Chairperson - Bill Leverington

Hospitality Sundays

As mentioned at the October and November business meeting the Parish Hospitality Group have sent an appeal to all groups within our parish for assistance in hosting the "Hospitality Sundays". It was agreed by all in attendance at our November business meeting the Knights of Columbus would take responsibility to host the second Sunday of each month during the January to June 2007 time frame. Brother Eric Edmonds has gracefully agreed to coordinate this event on behalf of our council therefore when contacted please offer your assistance.

Daniel C. Bazinet, Grand Knight.

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**




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