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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By the time you read this, we will have entered the Advent season leading up to Christmas. As we prepare ourselves for the arrival of Christ, let us remember that all are in need of kindness and understanding. As we clear our minds and hearts, remember to clear out any remaining ill feelings and forgive all of everything. It is the only way to empty oneself and make ready your own temple for the arrival of Christ and his infinite love. Fill your "temple" with love, peace and forgiveness. Christ will find your heart ready to listen to his message. Have a peaceful, loving Christmas Season!

Brothers, we have lost friends, family and brothers this past month. It has been difficult to deal with the losses. It reminds me that God has a plan for each of us, not necessarily what we may have envisioned. He will call us when He is ready. When you offer your prayers, remember those we have lost and their families. I had a simple message at the last regular business meeting and I want to repeat it here. We do not know how the "landscape" of the membership will look from one meeting to the next. I wanted to express my appreciation for all you have accomplished, as a fraternity. It has been and will continue to be (as long as God permits) my honor to serve with every one of you. You all enrich my life and I am grateful for the association.

At the last meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight and I briefed the membership on the concept of enclosing the Bingo Pavilion as a potential home for the Knights. While we feel this is a definite advantage to

the Council and the Parish in the long run (and Fr. Dennis supports the idea), many of the members are still unsure of the purpose and benefit of the project. The Deputy Grand Knight and I stand ready to talk to anyone on an individual basis to explain our logic and answer questions and concerns you may have. In the meantime, we must pursue the eventuality of reassuming control of the Knight's Hall at the end of the lease period. This means developing a realistic business plan and setting the budgets, management and operational aspects in place to begin well before the contract expires.

Work must begin at least 6 months to a year prior to the end of the lease to insure the income starts to come in **before** the lease ends. I will begin working with the CCMI Board of Directors soon after the first of the new year to get this underway. There may be other ways to secure our financial future, but we must, at this time, assume we will be taking the building back in July 2011.

We have some large programs coming up in the next few months. We will have the Parish Appreciation Dinner in January. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Cook-off will be taking place the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of March. The Handicap Drive will be in April, and our Golf Tournament will be in May. So, we will be asking for help on these programs.

My last note is to encourage each of you to recruit a new member this month. We initiated 5 new members on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need to have a first degree every month and bring in at least 5 new members every time. **Con't on Page 3**

## DN. PAUL'S CORNER



Dear Brothers,  
We find ourselves in mix of anxiety and fear. We take a look at our economic future, and it is not looking too good, and yet this is a time of joyful expectation of Jesus' coming at Christmas. As we wait in vigil, as we mourn the death of our fellow knights, we await for Christ's

coming, our true and only hope. We ask that the Lord give us the strength to have hope in him, uniting ourselves to our Jewish brothers and sisters who look to his first coming and we look forward to Christ's second coming. Our hope is not in materials, possessions, politicians, but in the life that

Christ has promised us.  
Our hope is to live in the love of Christ.  
  
God Bless,  
Deacon Paul Lambert

**FIELD AGENT**



**A Season for Giving**

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?

Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?

Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people oversave, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some new resolutions for the new year.

Save more.

Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may.

With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By

taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well.

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

May God bless you all,

Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF

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**4TH DEGREE**



The Veterans Day Dinner Dance was a success for those who did attend. We did not cover all of the expenses that we had. The Assembly lost \$159.04. The food was excellent and the music brought back memories. We will do it again next year. Special Thanks to everyone who

attended and the Team that made it happen. We have three new projects to make some money for the Assembly.

1<sup>st</sup>: Chick-Fil-A in Pace on 29th January 2009.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Texas Road House Pancake Breakfast in early spring.

3<sup>rd</sup>: A "Hog Day" Raffle (ASAP)


More information will be provided about these projects. That's all for this month. May you and your families have a

Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year

Fraternally Yours,

John Recke, FN



Please keep our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers as we enter the Advent Season and prepare for the arrival of our Lord and Savior.

**Congratulations To  
PGK Jerry Goebel**



Our Sir Knight for The Month Of  
December 2008

**Vocation Chairman's Report**

We have been in contact with the Diocesan Vocations Office. They sent reminders to our seminarians requesting they submit a short biography so we can get to know them better. We also have Birthday cards ready to be sent from the council to the seminarians with the first cards scheduled to go out in January.

Respectfully, Vocation Chairman

*Charles D. Brewer SR*



**GK (Con't From Page 1)**

It is the one sure way to guarantee the future of the council and our fraternity. We must have those we can entrust our future to. Wouldn't you like to know that you had a hand in determining the caretakers of our fraternity's future?

A Blessed, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all.

Ronald Winn

Dear Friends,  
 On December 10th, pro-abortion groups will present petitions asking the United Nation's General Assembly to make abortion a universally recognized human right. The Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute created an alternate petition drive that calls for government to interpret the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as protecting human life from the moment of conception to natural death. They need at least 100,000 signatures by December 10th, the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Please go to the Website: <http://www.c-fam.org/publications/id.95/default.asp> and sign the petition.

**"LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST"**

Come join the Knights of Columbus in this Order wide program to help share the light of the Advent season with your community and the world.

**This Tuesday, Dec. 2nd from 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

with tree lighting at 8pm in front of parish offices.

Refreshments , Fun, and caroling

**Light Up For Christ!!**

**COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**DECEMBER 2008**

- 4<sup>th</sup> KofC C.C.M.I. Meeting and KofC Council Planning Meeting 7PM (St. Joseph Rm.)
- 11<sup>th</sup> KofC Council Meeting 7PM (Parish Hall)
- 14<sup>th</sup> KofC Family Breakfast - Open to the Parish  
Free to "New" Families
- 18<sup>th</sup> KofC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7PM (Parish Hall)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Adult Christmas Party 6PM (Parish Hall)  
(Social Event)
- 21<sup>st</sup> KofC Children's Christmas Party 1PM (Parish Hall)

**JANUARY 2009**

- 2<sup>ND</sup> C.C.M.I. and K of C Council Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- 8<sup>TH</sup> K of C Council Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- 11<sup>TH</sup> K of C Family Breakfast, Parish Hall (Open to the Parish Free to New Families)
- 15<sup>th</sup> K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> K of C Park Avenue Cleanup (meet in Parish Hall parking lot, 9:00 a.m.)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Parish Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**CHURCH DIRECTOR**

*Knights of Columbus Parish Appreciation Night*

Brothers in Christ,

Our council will again honor and show appreciation to all those who give of their time and talent for the support of our parish. This Parish Appreciation Night will take place on Saturday, 31 January 2009, in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.. We will also be announcing The Altar Server of the Year.



As seating for this event is limited, you ***must*** let Deacon Chris Christopher know ahead of time if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party.



Fraternally,

Deacon Chris Christopher, Church Director

(Phone: 981 1754 or email: [chris@neonbob.com](mailto:chris@neonbob.com))



**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Brother Knights and Ladies, please take note of the Calendar of Events, and the Committee Chairmen's Reports, published elsewhere in this newsletter.

I urge you to read and re-read the Grand Knight's message elsewhere in this newsletter, and digest what he is attempting to relay to you. This Council is at a crossroads. We have some tough decisions to make, and emotions cannot, and should not, be a part of that process. Whether we like it or not, any time and every time Family Promise is scheduled to come to St. Rose of Lima, the Knights of Columbus will be pre-empted, regardless of what we have scheduled, or how far in advance we had it scheduled. (Example: We have our annual Parish Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - it has been on the schedule for over two months. As far as we know, Family Promise is not scheduled to be in the Parish Hall at that time, but if it were to become scheduled, we would have to

cancel our event, regardless of how far along we were in preparing for that event.) My point is this - compared to Parish activities, Knights of Columbus events have a low priority.

That is why we need to consider all options regarding having our own dedicated space for our Council programs and activities. We already have Father Dennis' blessing to close in the Bingo Pavilion and make it a permanent building to use as long as it may be necessary for us to do so. We, the Council, must decide whether it will be cost effective for us to do so. We are currently paying \$375 per month for a storage facility, to store furniture, etc., that we could be using if we had our own facility in which to use it. By the time the Lease on our Knights of Columbus Hall expires, we will have spent \$13,500, and will have nothing to show for it. Wouldn't it be a wiser business decision to put that money into making the Bingo Pavilion a permanent building?

Even if we were to move back into our own Hall at the end of the current Lease, we would have a permanent building that we could give to the Parish for whatever they need it - a permanent Life Teen Center, or a Young Adult Center, or additional Classrooms/Meeting Rooms (if the Parish Life Center doesn't materialize as rapidly as we had initially hoped), or any number of other uses that the Parish may have for it. And that brings me to the next point that I wish to make.

NOW is the time for you, Brother Knights, to decide whether or not we really want to try to make our Knights of Columbus Hall a 'profitable' business venture when the Deliverance Tabernacle Church Lease expires. Or are we just 'wishfully thinking'? When that Lease expires, we better have a plan of action developed **Con't on Page 5** and be ready to hit the

**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!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Prayer Offering**

Let us offer our prayers for the following to allow peace and healing come to their needs...

- Deacon David Davey
- District Warden 2 Sir Kennedy
- Rob and Kateri Baker
- Tony and Helen Bongiovanni
- Bob and Rheina Burgess
- Henri Gonnevillle
- Paul Lyon
- Tom and Charnette Messe
- John O'Day
- David Smith
- Jim Wayman
- Widows: Louise Egler and Nina Schneider

God Bless...  
Sir Herbert A. Baker  
Chancellor

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Brother Knights,

On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Michael Davidge, Daniel Eyer, Ian Kirsche, Ed McCarthy, and Donald Peltier received their First Degree at St Rose of Lima. On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Christopher Wenzel transferred his membership to our Council. I ask you to accept these sterling men as Knights in our Council 7027 and show them the graciousness deserving of a Knight in our Order.

There is a Third Degree Exemplification at St Jude's in Cantonment Janu-

ary 25, 2009 at 12:00 Noon for any 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knight that wants to make that advancement. If you so desire to make your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree contact me at papa6000@baker1.org or 850.623.3375.

Congratulations to LTJG Patrick T. Sullivan for receiving his Naval Aviator Wings and for dedicating them to the Blessed Mother Mary during 8:00AM Mass Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Rose. Further congratulations to Sullivan for being Council 7027's December Knight of the Month.

Kudos to Jerry Krasnosky and Patrick for completing requirements for the Knights of Columbus Shining Armor Award. Jerry received his award at the Corporate Communion Mass November 30<sup>th</sup>. Patrick received his at the special Mass November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I am still looking for new knights. Do you know someone who might be a good candidate? Well, let me speak to him.  
Herb Baker,  
Membership Director

**Timely Advice**

The priest was trying to comfort one of his parishioners. "Mr. Kelly", he said, "you shouldn't be bitter. You must be thankful."  
"Thankful!" exclaimed Kelley. "Just what do I have to be thankful for, I ask you? I can't even pay my bills."  
The priest thought for a bit, then said brightly: "Why? Be thankful you aren't one of your creditors."

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CON'T)**

**ground running.** If we don't, we will have the same dilemma we had during the early part of 2008 - no source of income to support paying the expenses of keeping the building. **That building MUST pay for itself!**

Some members feel that we should operate the building as a rental facility - utilize it for banquets, meetings, conferences, weddings, etc. That's certainly a viable possibility, **BUT it takes aggressive, competent, 'full time' management.** There isn't a member in our Council who would be willing to do that, without being paid a reasonable salary. **Our Council cannot afford to pay a full time, QUALIFIED manager to do the job!**

When the opportunity to Lease the Building came along, it was ultimately decided to utilize **that** option. That Lease gives us time to explore further options for the future. And that brings us to a statement I made last month - 'there are members who would like to see us back in our building when the current Lease expires'. To those of you who feel that way, my challenge to you, is that **you need to start PLANNING NOW**, as to just exactly what method of income generation you will **have in place**, so that when the Lease expires, you can **IMMEDIATELY** implement your plan, and **'make it an income producing business'**. You will not be able to try this, and if it doesn't work, try that, until you **hopefully** find something that will make it a paying business. Make no mistake; that building **MUST** be an income producing business! **If it isn't, we WILL LOSE IT!**

I challenge the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors to **come up with a viable BUSINESS PLAN** WITHIN THE NEXT 120 DAYS, and be ready to present it to the Council members for consideration. At the next C.C.M.I./Planning Meeting, I will present the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors with a Business Plan that I drew up early in 2008 (and was prepared to submit to the Board of Directors in existence at that time). However, it was decided to pursue the Lease option instead. I urge the Board of Directors to use that Business Plan, or any other Plan that they choose, as a guide to draw up their own Plan, and have it ready to present at the April, 2009, Council Business meeting. Be aware, Brother Knights, that the possibility does exist that the current building Lease could terminate prematurely! Therefore, **WE NEED TO BE READY!**  
GENE SKALSKY

**FAMILY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Hope you and your families had a very nice Thanksgiving.  
The second annual Golf Tournament is all set. We will be playing at the Whiting Field Golf Course. The date is 2 May 2009 with a Shot Gun start at 1 P.M. When we are done with the Golf Tournament we will all be going to the Ballroom at the Wing's Club. The menu will be provided at a later date.  
Many Volunteers will be needed to help organize and to help during the day of the Golf Tournament. We will need Chairmen for:

- A. TEE SIGNS      B. PRIZES
- C. PLAYERS        D. TOURNAMENT DAY

So if you can Help, please sign up. We need you so we can make this tournament a financial success for the Council. All help will be accepted. That's all for this Month.



To All:  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Fraternally Yours,  
JOHN RECKE  
Family Director

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Family Promise Week

November 29 (set-up) - December 7 (tear down) is **Family Promise Week**. Please help with this well needed program.

"LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST"

December 2nd is Knights of Columbus Annual **"LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST"** event at St. Rose from 7:30 - till with lighting ceremony at 8:00pm. Refreshments, candles and caroling. So come and enjoy.



Christmas Roasts

We will start the pre-sale of the **Christmas Roasts** now till December 21st. Have everyone pick up their roasts at the parish hall on Sunday Dec. 21st between 11am and 2pm. Profits go toward a savings bond for the first child born at Santa Rosa Hospital at the New Year. This is to demonstrate publicly our Pro-Life stance.

**COUNCIL 7027 CONTACT ROSTER**

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain - Rev. Dennis O'Brien .....623-3600  
 Grand Knight - Ron Winn .....983-1325  
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 Financial Secretary - Ron Wark .....626-6575  
 Treasurer - Bob Haring .....981-1061  
 Recorder - Rich Hanfmann .....994-0693  
 Lecturer - Norm Champagne .....994-9125  
 Chancellor - Herb Baker .....623-3375  
 Advocate - Jack Barrett .....723-2093  
 Warden - Ron Bradberry .....981-2438  
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 Outside Guard - Vince Gaudio .....623-9903  
 Outside Guard - Gary Smith .....623-1890  
 First Year Trustee - Bill Glover .....994-5810  
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 Third Year Trustee - Jerry Goebel .....626-8337

COUNCIL DIRECTORS

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 Membership - Herb Baker .....623-3375  
 KC Charities - Harve Shiplett .....623-0801  
 Vocations - Chuck Brewer .....623-0328  
 Youth - Ron Bradberry .....981-2438  
 Ins. Field Agent - Jeff Fischer.....981-8207  
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 Council - John Marchal .....626-0699  
 Pro-Life - Jim Egler .....626-3676  
 C.C.M.I. - Jerry Goebel .....626-8337  
 Publicity & News Letter - Jack Barrett .....723-2093



**Happy December Birthdays!**



Michael Jarina ..... 12/2  
 John O'Day ..... 12/3  
 Randell VanBuren ..... 12/3  
 Michael Trainor ..... 12/5  
 James Maher ..... 12/7  
 Fulgencio Calderon ..... 12/9  
 John Krouse..... 12/11

Dennis Mayeaux ..... 12/12  
 Lawrence Covas ..... 12/13  
 Howard Maines ..... 12/15  
 Eusebio Tomas..... 12/15  
 Larry Scott ..... 12/16  
 Demetrio Jalomo..... 12/21  
 Robert Aubin..... 12/22  
 Karl Krisman ..... 12/22

Timothy Evans ..... 12/23  
 Edward Posey ..... 12/24  
 Emmanuel Guico ..... 12/25  
 Daniel Arndt ..... 12/29  
 Colin Walsh ..... 12/30  
 John Barresi ..... 12/31  
 Timothy Mahan ..... 12/31

## December 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 7 PM: CCMI Mtg. And Council Planning Mtg. St. Joseph Room	5	6
7	8	9 7 PM: Boy Scouts meet in Parish Room	10	11 7 PM: Council Mtg.. Parish Hall	12	13
14 8:30 - 10:00 AM - K of C Family Break- fast at Parish Hall- Open to the Parish - Free for "New" Parish Families	15	16 7 PM: Boy Scouts meet in Parish Room	17	18 7 PM: 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Mtg. Parish Hall	19	20 6 PM: KofC Membership Adult Christmas Party Parish Hall
21 1 PM: KofC Children's Christmas Party Parish Hall	22	23 7 PM: Boy Scouts meet in Parish Room	24	25 	26	27
28 8 AM: Corporate Mass with Wives, Break- fast TBA	29	30 7 PM: Boy Scouts meet in Parish Room	31			

## January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Holy Day of Obligation  Mary, Mother of God	2 7PM: CCMI Mtg. And Council Planning Mtg. Parish Hall	3
4	5	6 7 PM: Boy Scouts meet in Parish Room	7	8 7 PM: Council Mtg.. Parish Hall	9	10 4th Deg. Veterans Day Dinner Dance Parish Hall
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18	19	20 7 PM: Boy Scouts meet in Parish Room	21	22	23	24
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**Knights Of Columbus**

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**Congratulations!!**

**Our Knight Of The Month  
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**Our Family Of The Month  
For December 2008**



**Patrick Sullivan**



**Ernie & Mary Beth Cyr**