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November

HAPPENINGS

- 01 - Tue. Council Business Meeting, Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- 03 - Thur Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner, Hall, 4:30 to 7:00 P.M.
- 07 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:30 P.M.
- 08 - Tue. 1st Degree Exemplification, Hall, 8:00 P.M.
- 09 - Wed. Assembly Business Meeting, Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- 14 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:30 P.M.
- 21 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:30 P.M.
- 28 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:30 P.M.
- 29 - Tue. 2nd Degree Exemplification, Hall, 8:00 P.M.
- 30 - Tue. 3rd Degree Officer Meeting, Hall, 7:00 P.M.

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Knights of Columbus Monsignor Jones Council 3303
Annual Widows Dinner October 14, 2011

Widow's Dinner Honorees

The annual 'Honor Our Widows Dinner' was held on October 14, 2011 with 31 honored guests in attendance. The coordinators of the event were Dick and Priscilla Dodson, who did an outstanding job in overall planning and execution. Our Kitchen crew, lead by Vince Fragnito and his team provided a delicious dinner and Chick Natella provided the ice cream dessert with all the toppings. We have received a number of 'Thank You' notes from our guests who indicated they had a wonderful time. Thanks to all the Brothers, and their Spouses, who helped us run another successful event. GK Leo Minervini

Christmas Cards are back

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Catholic Christmas Cards at all the Masses on the weekends of Nov. 13, 20 and 27. The cards have greetings in English, Spanish, Italian, and Tagalog. Profits from these sales will go to K of C charitable programs. Jerry Schill (288-5935) will coordinate the sale.

Envia Tarjetas Religiosas Navidenas.

Se venden tarjetas de Navidad en español y en inglés en todas las misas la fin de semana 13, 20, 27 de noviembre. Los provechos de esta venta van a sostener los programas de caridad de los Caballeros de Colon. Por más información llama Jerry Schill (288-5935).

Grand Knight Message

Brothers All,

As we approach the last couple of months in 2011 I can't help but reflect back with admiration for all the activities many of you were involved with, and did with the pride befitting a group of fine Catholic Gentlemen, for our community and our church. So far in the 10 months of 2011, we have run our LAMB collection program and distributed funds at our LAMB banquet, supported our WWII Vets by attending two Honor Flights, hosted District meetings at our KofC Hall, participated in three Youths Sports activities, took up collections and arranged for financial assistance for folks who suffered from Tornado and Hurricane damage, and assisted a family who needed support for a tragic accident suffered by one of their children. We ran wonderful dinners and breakfasts for both school and parish activities as well as Honoring the Widows of deceased Brothers. We conducted six First Degree exemplifications and five Second Degree exemplifications throughout the year increasing our membership by twenty two members. We have welcomed our Hispanic Brothers who made up the majority of our membership increase and welcomed 17 Brothers in September alone. We participated in Right to Life activities both locally and at the diocesan and national levels. Our Kitchen Committee has been very active in upgrading our facilities and has embarked on a long term program that has the support of the Council, Assembly and the Columbus Club. None of these many activities would have been as successful as they were without the help of our wonderful spouses and friends who work side by side with us in all our programs. We also need to keep in mind that although our membership is aging faster than we would prefer, many of you still work very hard keeping all the programs going. So if you see a seasoned Knight pulling hard on his end of the rope, go up and say 'Thank You' for all you do.

Unfortunately we also buried eleven Brothers this calendar year and you have made your presence known by supporting the grieving families at their Funerals. The families appreciate it and I do as well. I am honored to be the Grand Knight for this council and when someone asks what I do to occupy my time I am very proud to say I am a Knight of Columbus! Vivat Jesus! GK Leo Minervini

Deputy Grand Knight Message

Brothers, it is hard to believe but Thanksgiving is almost here. What are you thankful for this year?

Thanksgiving is the time to focus on the good in our lives. Every day we can find some small blessings but overlook them. We spend our time paying too much attention to problems when we should be using our energy to look for a little bit of pleasure in each day of our lives.

You may not be satisfied with what you have, but many have much less. I found a poem that I think sums up what Thanksgiving is all about.

Thanksgiving Day brings to our mind the blessings in our lives that usually go unnoticed: a home that surrounds us with comfort and protection; delicious food for pleasure in both eating and sharing; books and good entertainment to expand our minds; and freedom to worship our God.

Most of all we are thankful for our family and friends, those treasured people who make our lives extra special. You are part of the cherished group on Thanksgiving and every Day. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus! DGK Patrick Rocco

November Knight of the Month – Richard Mora

The Knight of the Month for November 2011 is Richard Mora. Richard and his wife Norma have been married for 20 years. They moved to New Bern with their four sons from Millbrook, Ill four years ago, and they have been members of St. Paul's parish for three years.

In March of 2010, Richard became a member of the Knights, completing his 2nd and 3rd degrees the same year.

Richard was the acting President in the St. Paul's Hispanic Community in the New Bern area. He has worked with our membership director to help introduce the Hispanic gentlemen in our parish to the Knights and has been very successful bringing in 17 new members at our last first degree. Richard continues to support our parish. He serves on the St. Paul's Advisory Committee in addition to the School Advisory Committee of St. Paul's School.

Richard is a self employed Construction Engineer for the last 18 years and runs a franchise – Rainbow of New Bern - constructing children's play sets and playground equipment in the Eastern Carolina area.

DGK Patrick Rocco

Sir Knight of the Month

In recognition of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions, Sir Knight Donald W. Monk, PGK – PFN is enthusiastically recognized as the Fr. Kenneth I. Parker Assembly Sir Knight of the Month. Sir Knight Monk is a Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator and is currently serving as a Trustee (2 yr.) for the Assembly and also the Color Corps Commander. He is actively involved in the church being a member of the Gospel Choir, at the 8AM Mass, a Eucharistic Minister and also helps set up before Mass to insure that everything from the Altar Missal to the water and wine cruets are ready for use. He is a volunteer on the 4th Degree Yard Sale crew where he keeps count of the number of people who come to the sale. Through his efforts many charitable community organizations benefit directly from these sales. This makes the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus visible in the local community and recognized as a philanthropic organization. His dedication to the Order, his Assembly, and his fellow Knights, along with his commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism make Sir Knight Donald Monk truly deserving of this award.

Faithful Capt. Rich Tomasik

Special Olympics Craven County 2011/2012

Andy's 16th Spaghetti Dinner here at the hall is about to take place. We have a goal of 700 meals to be served. If 200 brothers brought their significant others to the dinner or took the meal home we would be 60% of the way to our goal.

Thursday November 3rd is the day. We serve from 4:30 to 7:00 pm and provide the best dinner you can get for your dollar. Whether you eat in the hall or take a meal home, the event is a guaranteed success because Pizza Hut provides the salad and spaghetti. Karen Rubley, area manager for the Pizza Hut, has a standing challenge that they can serve 4.7 meals a minute if we sell 700 meals. 235 carry-out and 329 eat-in = 564 meals served in 2009 was our best year to date. With your help we can get to 700 or \$3500 for Special Olympics.

Think about it: Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink for \$6. We guarantee service to all who buy a meal at the door prior to 6:30pm. Thanks for helping the council make its goal for the year.

SK John Scharf, Andy's helper.

Seventeen Hispanic Brothers earn First Degree



On September 13th, we had 17 men attend the exemplification of the 1st Degree of our Order. These were 17 Hispanic men from St. Paul's Parish who responded to our recruitment activities following the Hispanic Mass on July 17th and the extraordinary organizational efforts of Brother Richard Mora.

We welcome the following brothers to our Order and to Council 3303: Crescencio Martinez, Frumencio Martinez, Emilio Contreras, Armando Aguirre, Genaro Contera, Pablo Cabrera, Jose Guadalupe Hernandez, Auscencio Martinez, Edilberto Maya, Gabriel Mora Garcia, Joel Velasco, Antonio Garcia, Cesar Camargo, Javier Estrada, Jose Jaramillo, Lamberto Jaramillo Delgado, and Juan Antonio Hernandez Rojas. Please make an effort to welcome these brothers if you see them at a meeting, Council function or at a Mass at St. Paul's. Congratulations are also in order for our First Degree Team who conducted an outstanding Degree on September 13th in Spanish for the benefit of the 17 new brothers attending.

We also had five brothers take the next step to full knighthood at the 2nd Degree hosted by our Council on September 20th. The new second degree brothers are: Ralph Aviles, Alberto Corona-Acosta, Richard Salchow, Paul Sarsfield, and Robert Wehr.

Our next 1st Degree will be in November, followed by a 2nd Degree on November 29 and a Third Degree being hosted by our Council on December 3rd. As I have mentioned in the past, the Third Degree of our Order has been totally revamped and I invite all 3rd Degree brothers in the Council to come and observe the new Degree on Dec. 3rd. It will undoubtedly be a rewarding experience. Larry Spallanzani, Membership Director