



Knightly News

Council 5544 (e-mail:Koc5544@aol.com)

December 2008

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!**

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights

As some of you know, a few weeks back we had held a special 1st Degree for Lyle Rusk, a retired Robins Police Officer that had been paralyzed in a gun accident several years ago. I am sorry to report that Lyle passed away on Sunday, November 20th. Please keep Lyle and his family in your prayers.

Happy belated Thanksgiving! I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. Speaking of Holidays.... We have several holiday parties coming up in December. The KC Family Christmas Party, KC Adult Christmas Party, Senior Christmas Party and the New Years Eve Dance will all be happening this month. This is a great opportunity to have Food, Fun, and Fellowship in our Faith Community. Please be sure to RSVP with Kathy (Mike) Toczykowski 390-4359 or Donna (Jay) Fields 369-0855.

***** URGENT REQUEST !!! *** :**

The Tomys have been captaining the Senior Christmas Party for several years and would like to pass this event off to someone willing to take it over. This event is very important to the Senior Citizens at the local nursing homes. Duties include: Contacting the nursing homes to have residents sign up for the event. Pick up small gifts for the Seniors (approx 50-60). Pick up Holiday cakes or pies from Hy-Vee and beverages. Make arrangements to use the St. Jude bus and procure a driver for the bus to pick up the residents that have signed up to attend the function and booking the St. Judes Parish Center. The Tomys are willing to train anyone interested at this years Senior Christmas Party. I will also personally assist anyone interested in taking over the event. *The council pays for all the food and gifts for this event.* **Please contact Richard (Jeanie) Tomy at 396-6308 or Jay Fields at 369-0855.** I have spoken with Jeanie and she has stated that this is a very fun and rewarding activity. The seniors really look forward to getting away from the nursing home and socializing. This is only once a year event and is very easy to plan.

I would like to Thank Blaine and Marlana Miller for all their work on the "Keep Christ in Christmas", Christmas card sales. You are doing an Awesome Job as usual! If you have not already done so, please see Blaine or Marlana after masses in the Parish center to get your Christmas cards.

May God Bless You and your Families this Holiday Season!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely,

Jay Fields~Grand Knight 5544

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month:
Is Steve and Carol Kadlec for helping at the Ice Arena Concessions. Thank you both for your time, we truly appreciate it!

-Knight of the Month: is Randy Banes for helping a two different Ice Arena Games for November. Thank you Randy for stepping up, we appreciate your help!

What the Recorder Heard

Council 5544 received Star Council status and a plaque was presented by the District Deputy during the meeting. Paul Swanson presented the Council with a plaque from Foundation 2.

BirthRight is selling calendars for \$10.00 each.

We will sponsor the Essay Contest again this year, Mark Kramer will chair this.

Christmas card sales are going well. So far we have sold \$375.00 worth of product.

Jerry Haeg has purchased a Wii system for \$425.00 to be used as a raffle item for the Fish Fries. This should be a very popular raffle item to generate interest this year. Thanks Jerry. He asked to be reimbursed and the motion was tabled pending publication in the newsletter.

Adult Christmas Party

The KC Adult Christmas party will be held on December 13, 2008 beginning at 6:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share, a gift of about \$10-15 for the gift exchange and some seasonal spirit and join us for an evening full of fun and laughter with friends.

Going Electronic

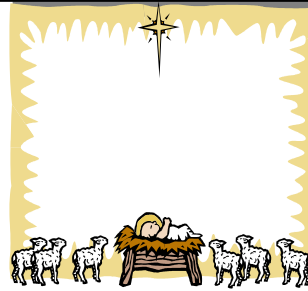
As we become more dependent on our computers and we become busier, the council would like to collect e-mail addresses of its members so that notices of upcoming events, prayer requests and items of interest can be sent to you via e-mail. This **will not** replace the monthly newsletter.

We have collected about one hundred e-mails so far and will send a test e-mail to let you know the system is in place. To ensure that your e-mail address is included in this new feature please send an e-mail to koc5544@aol.com.

We are also currently developing a web site for future use. See you online!

Keep Christ in *Christmas*!

Remember to Keep Christ in *Christmas* this year by sending religious *Christmas* cards offered by your Knight of Columbus Council. On sale now! See the display after Mass or contact Blaine or



Marlana, Miller at 654-0050 to purchase. Shop early for the best selection!

New Year's Eve

Due to declining attendance this year's New Year's Eve festivities will not be happening. Thank you to Walt Beary and his family for the many years of dedication to this event.

Have a safe New Year everyone!

Help Wanted ASAP!

We have two positions open that need to be filled **ASAP!**

1) **Advertising Coordinator** for the upcoming 2009 State Convention. This person would be responsible for contacting area businesses to purchase advertising in our 2009 State Convention program. This is a major fund raising opportunity that helps pay for the State Convention.

2) Someone to represent our Council on the **Discover Living Board of Directors**. This person would act as a liaison between our Council and Discovery Living.

Anyone interested in either position or having any questions can contact Jay Fields at 369-0855. Please prayerfully consider helping with these two important roles.

True Christian Christmas~

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;

That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.



O COME LET US ADORE HIM,

Free Throw Contest

We will need 14 Knights, wives or others to help with the Council free throw contest on Jan. 13, 2009. It can't be 2009 already? This is a good project for retirees who want to sit.

The contest will be held on Jan 13 from 9:20 to 1:35 in the La Salle Middle School Gym. We will get a lunch break and school lunch was available last year for \$2.50 (your choice to eat with the students). This contest will represent about 215 athletes.

The contest is open to all students ages 10 - 14 and will be held during the PE class periods. Participating is optional. These 10 winners will advance to the District Contest to be held on Sunday, Feb. 15th in the La Salle school gym. This contest will represent about 700 athletes.

The Council will host the Regional Contest on Sunday, March 8th in the La Salle Middle School gym. This contest will represent about 1500 athletes. The State contest will represent about 4500 athletes. Our council and District contest make up a large part of the total state group.

Call **Jim Nieman (396-5892)** to help. Or just say Yes when he calls.

Chaplain Report

Christmas is such a wonderful feast that we celebrate it in the Church for a whole SEASON, not just a day. I remember growing up we would get presents for each of the twelve days of Christmas leading up to the Epiphany when the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child. We also would get a present from the Magi on that day. The Season extends even further than that, ending with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Let us try not to throw out Christ with the wrapping paper. Instead, let us celebrate this whole season as a time for Christ to be born anew in our hearts, and help our families to remember the meaning of these important celebrations. May the Baby Jesus bless us all.

Fr. Michael Podhajsky
Chaplain

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December 2008

Dec. 4	Senior Christmas Party	5:30 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 6	KC Family Christmas Party	5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 7	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 PM-2:00 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 10	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Dec. 13	KC Adult Christmas Party	6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Parish Center

January 2009

Jan. 4	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 AM-2:00 PM	Parish Center
Jan 13	Council Free Throw Contest	9:20 am-1:35 PM	LaSalle Gym
Jan. 14	Council Meeting	7:00 PM—8:30 PM	Parish Center
Jan. 17	Soup Luck	5:30 PM-8:00 PM	Parish Center

Editor's Note: Due to computer issues this letter was delayed. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.