



Knightly News

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January 2009

**Soup Luck
January 17th**

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

As Christmas approaches and 2008 comes to a close, I am reminded of the wonderful extended family I have in the Knights. So, I would like to thank all of you and your families for your support of our Council, Parish, and Community.

Many of you have worked several hours helping flood victims and working fund raisers such as: Tootsie Roll Drive, Rose Drive, Breakfasts, Fish Fry's, Rough Rider games, US Cellular events, BBQ Round-up, and the Sweet Corn Festival among others. The funds raised from these events help to support, Birth Right, Discovery Living, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (Non-Embryonic Stem Cell Research), St. Jude's Parish and Holy Family Schools (all 3 centers), Cub Scout pack, Religious Vocations, and Seminarians.

We have also provided help to many sick or disabled brother Knights and widows through many hours of mowing lawns, household repairs, replacing broken sidewalks and patios.

I would also like to give a special **THANK YOU** to our men and women in the Armed Forces. Thank you for your sacrifices and love of our Country. May God keep you safe during the Holidays and forever.

I am proud to be a KNIGHT among KNIGHTS!!!

May God Bless each of you and your families during the holidays and throughout the New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Jay Fields~ Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

-Family of the month: is Rick and Jeanie Tomy for chairing the Senior Christmas Party these many years. Thank you and your family for the many years of dedication to this event, we appreciate it so much as do those who attend!

-Knight of the Month: is Gene Tang for chairing the Pancake Breakfast this past month. Thank you Gene for all of your hard work, we couldn't have done it without your organization!

What the Recorder Heard

The December 08 meeting had a lot of items covered. We learned that the PC & Church roof is scheduled to be replaced next year, birthright has 09calendars available for \$10 (see Mark Kramer), dates for the free throw contests (council, district, region) are set at Jan 13, Feb 15, Mar 8. So far this year Christmas card sale is going very well, the next blood drive is set for Mar 25th, we had a very good December breakfast. Planning for the coming years state convention is coming along nicely.

In motions we approved the purchase of Jerry H's Wii for the fish fry raffle.

We approved a donation of \$250 for the Xavier students participation in the national 'March for life'.

We also motioned and tabled (pending publication) a motion to pledge \$1500. a year for 3 years to the Discovery Living Capital campaign.

Thought for the month:

- 1 1. God walks in front of us to lead the way.
- 1 2. God walks behind us to encourage us.
- 4---5---3 3. God walks to our right to protect us.
- 1 4. God walks to our left to befriend us.
- 1 5. God is within us to give us inner peace.
- 2

Dick Street
Recorder

Concession Help Needed

Here is a list of dates that we need to have help with Concessions on. If you are available to lend a hand please let Chris Zaugg (365-2830) know ASAP so that he can finalize his information with the arenas.

Jan. 2-Rough Riders (2 people), **Jan 3**-Rough Riders (2), **Jan 9** Rough Riders (2), **Jan 10** Rough Riders (4), **Jan 16**-Motorcross (2), **Jan 17** Motorcross (2), **Jan 30**-Chris Tomlin Concert (2), **Jan 31**-Rough Riders (4).

Discover Living Capital Campaign

Our Council was one of the founding Councils 30+ years ago. Today Discovery Living provides homes for over 100 residents. However, over 50 mentally handicapped remain on the waiting list for a home. Motion was made and seconded to give \$1500 per year over the next 3 years to enable Discover Living to expand and provide more homes. Motion was tabled for publication and vote at next meeting.

Congratulations Pat & Diana



Grand Knight, Jay Fields, presents Pat with his State Family of the Month award-a leather bound Bible.

All Knights of the Month and Families of the Month recipients names are forwarded to the State Council for review. Each month a persons name is drawn from those submissions.

Congratulations Pat & Diana Gardner for being selected the State Family of the Month because of your efforts for the Tootsie Roll Drive!

Soup Luck

Make plans now to join us for our **3rd Annual Soup Luck** on January 17th beginning after 4:30 pm Mass.

Bring your favorite soup or side dish to share and table service. Drinks and crackers will be provided. Warm up with a nice bowl of soup and catch up with old friends, or make some new friends, while we avoid the cold winter outside!



Quote of the Month~

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

~Norman Wesley Brooks, "Let Every Day Be Christmas," 1976

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.

Happy New Year!

Chaplain Report

The Christmas Season ends in January with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is significant that the Church ends our solemn celebration of the Incarnation of Christ with this feast. It reminds us that all who have been baptized are called to make Christ incarnate in their words and actions. This also is our mission as Knights. Everything we do, our ceremonies, our prayers our acts of charity are meant to make Christ present in the world. Let us never forget our sacred duty. Instead, every day let us renew ourselves in service to our Infant King of Peace by our thoughts, prayers, words and deeds. Perhaps today we could ask ourselves a very simple question: How am I going to make Christ more present in my life today? May the Sweet Savior bless you.

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Michael Podhajsky

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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

February 2009

Feb. 1	Pancake Breakfast	6:30 AM-2:00 PM	P. Center/Scouts
Feb. 7*	Council Spelling Bee	3:00 PM-4:30 PM	LaSalle
Feb. 11	Council Meeting	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Parish Center
Feb. 15	District Free Throw Contest	12:00 –3:00 PM	LaSalle Gym
Feb 27	Fish Fry	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Parish Center

*Tentative date-please see next month's newsletter for confirmation.