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Winner of the Outstanding Missouri Council Newsletter Award for 2011-2012

Meet Life - Year 2

Last year, the Missouri Knights of Columbus embarked on a project whose goal seemed almost impossible - to reduce abortion in Missouri by 50% in 5 years. This was to be accomplished by placing Ultrasound Machines into Pregnancy Resource Centers which would allow expectant mothers (and fathers) to "meet" their unborn child before choosing to abort their child. [Through a program from Supreme, once a state raises 1/2 the cost of an Ultrasound Machine (around \$15,000), Supreme will provide the other half of the cost.] Each council was asked to donate \$10 per member for five years (\$50 per member total) and this goal could be achieved. Little did we realize how much this program meant to Missourians, as right now the state is collecting donations at a record pace! Within the Order, Missouri has placed more Ultrasound Machines than any state in the Union (except for Texas, which leads us by 1 unit). This program **is working** as there are documented cases where women have gone to a Pregnancy Resource Center where one of the Knights Ultrasound machines was placed, and opted to choose life for her child.



Last year we asked members to include an additional \$10 with their dues to go to Meet Life, and overwhelmingly many of you did. We also followed this up with a very successful Baby Bottle Brigade for Meet Life through which we raised around \$2,200! It is now time to pay your 2013 dues, and we are once again asking you to contribute \$10 for Meet Life.

You can pay your 2013 council dues at any time. Unless you are an "Honorary" or "Honorary Life" member*, please send a check for \$30 (made out to "K of C Council 1339") to our Financial Secretary:

Harry Schieber
145 South Grand Ave.
Maryville, MO 64468

*Honorary members are those members who have reached their 65th birthday and have been a member for at least 25 years. Honorary Life members are those who have reached their 70th birthday and have been a member for at least 25 years. If you fall into either of these categories, please wait for your dues statement (if any) before sending in any money.

And once again we ask that you prayerfully consider adding an *additional* \$10 for Meet Life along with your dues (making for a total of \$40).

CHARITY

- Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities - Clement Wiederholt and Jason Estes co-chaired our drive this year. (Please see pictures on Page 3). We raised over \$1,900! We then used our "Turn Around" funds to assist the Nodaway County Special Olympics "Young Athletes Program" in purchasing warm-up suits. (Approximate cost \$850)
- Approximately \$500 to purchase 24 winter coats (12 boys & 12 girls) which were given to needy children in Maryville. (Through Supreme's "Coats for Kids" program)
- We once again hosted a Christmas Party for the Nodaway County Foster Kids Program
- We gave our adopted seminarian, Bryan Amthor, a \$25 SCRIP card for Christmas
- We incorporated a "Memorial Mass" into our annual Knights Mass. We prayed the Rosary for all of our departed members prior to Mass, and invited their widows to join us for a meal following Mass. (See pictures on Page 3)
- We provided a ride for two parishioners to vote on election day.

KAWASAKI HOLIDAY PARTY

We would like to thank the following members who gave several hours of their time on December 1 to help out with our Kawasaki Holiday Party fundraiser: Mike Barmann, Doc Bliley, Mike Casteel, Art Filips, Dwight Florea, Randy Frueh, Don Gallagher, Bryan Grow, Ethan Herbek, Bill Ingels, Mark Kempf, Ed Klass, Bob Lager, Curtis Luke, John Myers, Rick Rogers, Lou Schreck, Phil Schreck, Lonnie Scheffe, Brandon Schuster, Russ Schuster, Ben Scott, Rick Smail, Ron Spire, Tom Spire, Jared Stiens, Mark Stiens, Scott Walk, and Clement Wiederholt. If this list looks longer than usual - it is! A new company was hired to cater the Kawasaki party and they wanted more people than we used to provide the in past, however the shifts we worked were for a shorter amount of time. In any case, we should make \$2,000 for this fundraiser, which is far and away our most lucrative fund raising event we have each year.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

Every year the Knights sponsor the broadcasts of the Pope's Christmas and Easter Masses from the Vatican to the world.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

I strongly encourage you to look closely at our calendar of events, and to write the following dates down in your calendar:

- Feb. 2 - Help will be needed with our Youth Basketball Tournament held at the Maryville Community Center. Chairman Rick Smail has lined up enough teams that we will begin playing at 7:30 AM, and will not be through until around 8:00 PM. Your help is needed for Set Up, Concession Stand, Gate, Tear Down, etc.
- Feb. 10 - Help will be needed as we run the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at the St. Gregory's Gymnasium. We will hold our council competition at 1:00, which will be followed up by the District contest.
- Feb. 17 - There will be 2nd & 3rd Degree ceremonies held at Conception Abbey. I can't stress enough how we would like all 1st Degree members to go through these degrees. There is no charge for you to go through, as you paid for this cost when you joined our Order.
- Feb. 15, Mar 1, & Mar 22 - These will be our 3 Lenten Fish Fries. The first two will be for our Council, with the last one being for Camp Quality Northwest Missouri (a summer camp for Kids with Cancer). As always, help will be needed with all 3 of them, and whether or not you are scheduled to work, we ask that you bring a dessert to serve at each Fish Fry.
- And finally - Feb. 23 Fellowship Social - We ask you to help with many events (as noted above), so we also like to take some time to do something fun as we get together to eat and socialize. (For members and spouses (or a guest), no children please.)

CONGRATULATIONS

Financial Secretary Harry Schieber just reached the milestone of being a member for 50 years! And I think even more significantly, Harry has served as our Financial Secretary for 41 of those years! After serving as Grand Knight, Harry took over as Financial Secretary in 1971. His tenure as FS includes 22 different Grand Knights, and spans both the 75th and 100th Anniversaries celebrated by our council! Plus he shows no signs of slowing down! Thanks Harry for your continuing service to our council!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 5-6 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- Jan. 9 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
- Feb. 2 - 5th-6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)
- Feb. 2-3 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- Feb. 6 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room) - **OFF SCHEDULE DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY!**
- Feb. 10 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
- Feb. 15 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
- Feb. 15 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
- Feb. 17 - 2nd & 3rd Degrees (Conception Seminary College)
- Feb. 23 - Fellowship Social (Knights Room)
- Mar. 1 - Fish Fry #2 (Parish Hall)
- Mar. 2-3 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- Mar. 13 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- Mar. 22 - Fish Fry #3 - for Camp Quality (Parish Hall)
- Apr. 10 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- Apr. 20 - 4th Degree Exemplification (Kansas City Airport Hilton)
- Apr. 26-28 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)
- May 8 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry - wives invited!)
- Jun. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

For the most up-to-date information on council activities, please visit our council web page www.kofc1339.org and click on "Upcoming Events"

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

We have once again come to that most holy season where we celebrate the birth of our Savior, but we also reflect back upon 2012. Thankfully, no members passed away this year, but we do remember Francis Henggeler, who passed away on December 15, 2011 (after our December newsletter was published last year). Please remember those council members and everyone else who will be affected by the closing of the Energizer plant - may they find gainful employment. And let us also remember all of the young men and women in the military who are protecting our freedom. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



Don't be a Silent Knight
Recruit a New Member Today!



KEG OF SILVER

October - \$29.25 - Bob Lager (not present)

November - \$35.00 - Anthony Murray - Anthony was present but donated his winnings (\$17.50) back to the council bar fund

December - \$22.25 - Ron Spire - Ron was present but donated his winnings (\$11.00) back to the council bar fund



MEMBERSHIP / DEGREE INFORMATION

Please welcome Chad Hannigan to our Order. Chad joined at a First Degree held on October 11 at Conception Junction. All 1st Degree members are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to go through the 2nd & 3rd Degrees at Conception Abbey on February 17. In the 1st Degree you learned about our first principle - Charity. In your 2nd & 3rd Degrees you will learn about our principles of Unity and Fraternity.



All 3rd Degree members are encouraged to complete their journey into full Knighthood by joining the 4th Degree at an Exemplification in Kansas City on April 20. The 4th Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Order. This is a formal affair to which your wife is invited, and encouraged, to attend.



This year we expanded our annual "Knights Mass" into a Memorial Mass as well with a Dinner for everyone afterwards.



Clement Wiederholt, Billy Mathias and Russ Schuster at Walmart on Friday evening



Rhonda Wiederholt, Bryan Grow and Ladies Auxiliary President Barb Nielson at the Northwest Homecoming Parade



James Mattson, Grand Knight Ron Mathias, and Rick Smail after Mass

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