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Meet Life - Year 3

In 2011, 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 abortion. [Through a program from Supreme, once 1/2 of the cost of an Ultrasound Machine (around \$15,000) is raised, 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 many councils have worked hard and already reached their 5 year goal; however, donations have leveled off. Even so, within the Order, Missouri has placed more Ultrasound Machines than any state in the Union! This program **is working** as there are numerous documented cases (well over 1,000) where abortion-minded 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 once again ask that you add \$10 to your 2014 dues to go towards Meet Life. Plus, like we did in 2011, we will be having a Baby Bottle Brigade for Meet Life which will kick off with all Masses the weekend of January 18-19. Last time we raised over \$2,000 through our church appeal and we hope to raise even more this year, as the Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Joseph is slated to receive one, once enough money is raised.

I can't stress enough how this program **is working**. Through your donations **you** are saving the life of a child.

You can pay your 2014 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 consecutive 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

- Horse Races for a Special Education Program at St. Gregory's - We hosted an evening of "Horse Races" with all proceeds going to this program. Through the sponsorship of horses, the bets placed, and the concessions that we sold, we raised \$1,768! (Pictures on Page 3.)
- Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities - Clement Wiederholt and Bob Lager co-chaired our drive this year where we raised over \$1,900! (Pictures on Page 3.)
- We voted to buy \$200 worth of St. Gregory's Walmart SCRIP cards to purchase coats for Nodaway County youth. (*Walmart added an additional \$50 gift card! Thank You Lonnie Scheffe and Walmart!*) We purchased 7 boys and 7 girls coats and gave them to Community Services.
- St. Gregory's once again asked us to provide bibles for RCIA and Confirmation candidates. \$300 was provided to them.
- Our Ladies Auxiliary made several different quilts which they raffled off. I hope you were able to support their efforts! (Pictures on Page 3.)

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

As you probably know, Kawasaki did not have a Holiday Party this year, thus we lost the \$2,000 we normally make by working at this. We had a decision to make - we could either cut back on our charitable donations, or see if we could somehow find another fundraiser to help make up for those lost funds. We decided to add a "Chicken and Fries" meal on Saturday, February 15. (Please mark your calendars!!!). It will be run much like our Fish Fries, but we will utilize the capabilities of our new cooker by making the chicken strips on one side, and the fries on the other. We will also have beans and cole slaw, and as always we will ask all members to provide a dessert.



We will still have our Lenten Fish Fries as well:

- #1 - March 7
- #2 - March 21
- #3 (Camp Quality) - April 11

We will need everyone's help in making these fundraisers a success. Please be willing to help out when contacted. We couldn't provide the charity listed in the left column, without raising money through our fundraisers.

MEMBERSHIP

Brothers - Did you know that we have only taken in one new member so far this fraternal year? While we are happy for the addition to our council, we need to offer EVERY Catholic man (18 years and older) the opportunity to be a Knight. We are aging as a council, and we need younger members or else within a few years we will cease to exist, which is a scary thought. Think of the impact we make for the churches which make up our parish and to our local communities.

The State Council has a program in which if you recruit one new member before April 30, 2014, you will receive a very nice book about Pope Francis (retail value \$22.95.) While an incentive is nice, it isn't the real reason we ask you to recruit. I know that you all deeply love the Catholic Church and that you want it to flourish once you and I are gone. We can do that by recruiting others to join us.

And while on the topic of membership:

- Feb. 18 - 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. This will run from about noon-4:00, but there will be a fish fry afterwards hosted by the Conception Junction Council. (We will carpool to the Degree.)
- Apr. 5 - There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at the Kansas City Airport Hilton. Cost is \$80, and applications are due by March 1. Please see Faithful Navigator Ron Mathias, or any 4th Degree member, for additional information and an application form.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

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

- Feb. 1 - Help will be needed with our Youth Basketball Tournament held at the Maryville Community Center. Your help is needed for Set Up, Concession Stand, Gate, Tear Down, etc. Without Kawasaki, this is our biggest fundraiser now!
- Feb. 9 - 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. 15, Mar 7, Mar 21 & Apr 11 - As noted on Page 1, these will be our fundraiser "Fries" for our Council. We really need your help to be successful!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 4-5 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- Jan. 8 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
- Jan. 18-19 - "Baby Bottle Brigade" - Kickoff Weekend
- Feb. 1 - 5th-6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)
- Feb. 1-2 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- Feb. 9 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
- Feb. 11 - Supreme Membership Director Regional Meeting (Council 571 in St. Joseph)
- Feb. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- Feb. 15 - Chicken and Fries Dinner (Parish Hall)
- Feb. 23 - 2nd & 3rd Degrees (Conception Seminary College)
- Mar. 1 - Fellowship Social / Horse Races (Knights Room)
- Mar. 1-2 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- Mar. 7 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
- Mar. 7 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
- Mar. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- Mar. 21 - Fish Fry #2 (Parish Hall)
- Mar. 29 - Founders Day
- Apr. 5 - 4th Degree Exemplification (KC Airport Hilton)
- Apr. 9 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- Apr. 11 - Fish Fry #3 (for Camp Quality) (Parish Hall)
- Apr. 25-27 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)
- May 14 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry)
- June 11 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- June 21 - Fellowship Social / Horse Races (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"

END OF YEAR MESSAGE

2013 was a good year for our council. Unfortunately we lost one member, Past Grand Knight John Tobin, but we completed many successful programs. May we continue to prosper in 2014. Merry Christmas!

EXPERIENCE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

We hope that you experience JOY this Christmas season, and the best way to do that is to look at JOY this way:

JESUS
OTHERS
You



Don't be a Silent Knight

Recruit a New Member Today!



KEG OF SILVER

October - \$48.00 - Greg Chapman (not present)

November - \$53.50 - Randy Frueh (not present) - Since the pot was over \$50.00, names were drawn until a member present was selected. Harry Schieber took home \$25.00!

December - \$34.25 - Larry Schreck (not present)





Ladies Aux President Barb Nielson



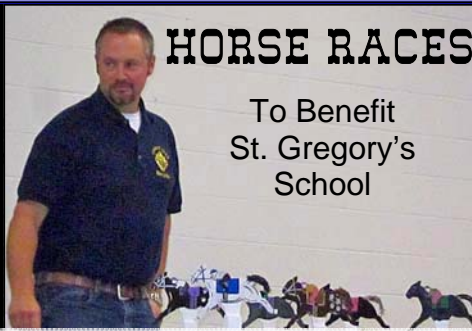
Tammi Grow



Patty Wilmes and Janet Smith



Sales were Brisk for Race Tickets



HORSE RACES

To Benefit
St. Gregory's
School

Bryan Grow Moved the Horses



"Sizzlin" Sue Seipel with her Race Horse Sponsored by "Grow and Buck"



... Friday Evening at HyVee and Walmart ...



... Saturday Morning at the Northwest Homecoming Parade ...



... After All Masses ...