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Meet Life - Year 4

I'm quite certain most of you are familiar with the Missouri State Council's "Meet Life" program, but for our new members here is a quick overview. In 2011, the State began the Meet Life program with the goal of reducing abortions in Missouri by 50% by 2016. This could be accomplished by placing Ultrasound Machines in Pregnancy Resource Centers around the state (in conjunction with a program from Supreme which provides 1/2 the cost of a machine) but also through advertising to guide pregnant mothers into the centers (instead of to abortion facilities), and through our partnership with the Vitae Foundation and their long history of working with the Pro-Life cause. Of course through the Meet Life program, the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Maryville received an Ultrasound Machine which will undoubtedly save many babies right here in this area! The one downfall is that the goal is to collect \$2 million, and as of right now only about \$1.3 million has been raised. Below are some statistics on how this program is working, but just think what more could be done if the full \$2 million was collected.



- There is now only 1 abortion clinic operating in the state (in St. Louis) because the others were not getting enough clients to stay in business.
- 33 Ultrasound Machines have been placed throughout the state and 3 more are on order
- There is DOCUMENTATION from 2013 which shows 261 abortion minded women were drawn to a Pregnancy Resource Center specifically by Meet Life advertising and chose life for their baby. In the first 9 months of 2014, that number has risen to 537. *(Total babies saved at Knights' supported PRCs: 2013-1,584; 2014-2,732)*

When you are paying your 2015 council dues, please consider adding an *additional* \$10 to go towards Meet Life to help save even more babies!

You can pay your 2015 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.*

CHARITY

- Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities - Clement Wiederholt and Bob Lager again co-chaired our drive this year where we raised a little over \$1,400. (Pictures on Page 3.) While that is good, the amount of donations collected at the Northwest Homecoming Parade was way down, primarily due to the lack of volunteers to distribute Tootsie Rolls along the parade route. (We only had 3 people to cover the entire parade route.) Please be willing to help with this program next year.
- We again provided winter coats to Maryville Community Services. Thanks to a partnership with the Maryville JC Penney store, as well as donations by Rick Smail and Joe Barmann, we are providing warmth for many underprivileged children this winter.
- \$200 Christmas present (SCRIP cards) for our adopted seminarian Bryan Amthor
- \$200 to help support a Northwest student to attend a "FOCUS" (Catholic Leadership) conference.
- \$100 to Conception Abbey for the Rector's Appeal
- We once again helped to set up and tear down for the annual Parish Dinner

LENTEN FISH FRIES

If there is one thing we seem to do right, which people enjoy, is our Fish Fries! It is getting to the place where people are asking us when we will be holding them! The only downfall seems to be in finding members to help work. This year we will be doing a total of four fish fries. Two will benefit our Council, and two will be run on a "Free Will" donation basis to benefit causes we support.



- #1 - February 20 (Council)
- #2 - March 6 (Ice Machine for Parish Center)
- #3 - March 20 (Council)
- #4 - March 27 (Camp Quality)

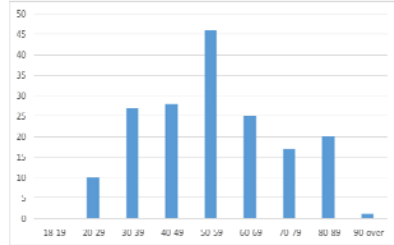
The parish needed a new ice machine to help with large events which are held in the Parish Center. We agreed to have a fish fry with all profits going towards helping to purchase this machine.

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 these fundraisers.

MEMBERSHIP

I understand that many people feel that recruiting new members is not a very high priority for them. However, without recruiting new members ALL organizations eventually fail. Did you realize that the average age of a member of our council is 55 years old? Our membership breaks down as follows:

18-19 - 0 members
 20-29 - 10 members
 30-39 - 27 members
 40-49 - 28 members
 50-59 - 46 members
 60-69 - 25 members
 70-79 - 17 members
 80-89 - 20 members
 90-over - 1 member



Look down the road - 5 years, 10 years, 20 years - will we have the members to continue to do all of the charitable programs we do now? If not, what will happen? Special Olympics athletes and programs will not have our support. Conception Abbey will not be able to rely on the financial support we currently provide to them. Will someone take the lead in supporting the Pro Life causes we currently do? Where will St. Gregory's turn when they need help to do a project?

The best Christmas gift you can give to someone is the gift of offering him membership in the Knights. You will be giving him the chance to give to others through his Knights membership, but also the chance to protect his family through our Insurance program.

Don't be a "Silent Knight" - ask a Catholic gentleman you know to join the Knights today!

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

Please look over the calendar of events on the right column as this shows you what all we have planned for the rest of this Fraternal Year. Here are some events we hope that you highlight and put into your calendar:

- January 31 - We will have our Youth Basketball Tournament at the Maryville Community Center
- February 8 - Help will be needed with our Council Level, and District Level, Free Throw Contest
- February 15 - Our Ladies Auxiliary will need our help in doing the Mardi Gras Brunch. They are taking over this project this year, and want to make it a success!
- February 15 - There will be 2nd & 3rd Degrees at Conception Abbey. *All First Degree members are strongly encouraged to go through these Degrees!*
- Fish Fries - Additional information is on Page 1, but we will need your help on Feb. 20, March 3, 20 & 27. Please volunteer for cooking, serving and cleaning up, plus we ask each member to bring a dessert.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 3-4 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
 Jan. 14 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
 Jan. 24 - Help Needed Serving Lunch for SOMO Basketball Tournament (NWMSU)
 Jan. 31 - 5th-6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)
 Jan 31-Feb 1 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
 Feb. 8 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
 Feb. 11 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Feb. 15 - Help Ladies Auxiliary with Mardi Gras Brunch
 Feb. 15 - 2nd & 3rd Degrees (Conception Abbey)
 Feb. 20 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
 Feb. 20 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
 Feb. 28-Mar. 1 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
 Feb. 28 - (*Tentative*) Fellowship Social (Knights Room)
 Mar. 6 - Fish Fry #2 - Benefit for Ice Machine for St. Gregory's (Parish Hall)
 Mar. 11 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Mar. 20 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
 Mar. 27 - Fish Fry #4 - Benefit for Camp Quality (Parish Hall)
 Mar. 29 - Founders Day
 Apr. 8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Apr. 18 - 4th Degree Exemplification (KC Airport Hilton)
 Apr. 24-26 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)
 May 13 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry - Wives Invited)
 June 10 - 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"

2014 IN REVIEW

As 2014 comes to a close, I would like to recap what a successful year we had! First and foremost, we were active in recruiting new members to our council; through the Meet Life program we were able to secure an Ultrasound Machine for the new Pregnancy Resource Center in Maryville; we once again completed a successful Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; we provided works of charity too numerous to list them all (helped pour new parking lot for St. Gregory's, shingled the Habitat for Humanity House, helped out at SOMO events, volunteered at Camp Quality, etc.); and we supported Conception Abbey and our "adopted" seminarian. However, we did lose two members - Leonard Malone and Dick Flanagan. May they Rest in Peace.

On behalf of Council 1339

Merry Christmas!



KEG OF SILVER

October - \$42.00 Chris Stiens (not present)

November - \$46.50 - Andy Spire (not present)

December - \$51.25 - Randy Holtman (not present)

Since Randy was not present, names were drawn until a member present was selected. Joe Barman donated his \$25.50 in winnings back to the council.



MEMBERSHIP / DEGREE INFORMATION

Please welcome Curt Jeter, Ed Defenbaugh and Adam Barber into our Order! These new Brother Knights joined at a First Degree on December 10. All First Degree members are *strongly encouraged* to go through the 2nd & 3rd Degrees which will be held at Conception Abbey on Sunday, February 15. And all 3rd Degree members are encouraged to join the 4th Degree at an Exemplification at the Airport Hilton in Kansas City on April 18.



Family Picnic

We were very happy several families with young children attended our annual Family Picnic hosted by Ron & Carla Spire



Our top collectors at Walmart & HyVee - Alex Rice and Kennedy & Connor Wiederholt - with help from their parents.



Bryan Grow and Sean Wiedmaier do their best to get to everyone on the Homecoming Parade route.



Making sure everyone gets a Tootsie Roll following the 8:00 AM Mass.

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