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From the Desk of Grand Knight
Bob Marko



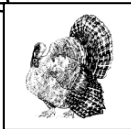
December 12th and 26th.
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St
Vincent De Paul Building

The Christmas Season



December is a very busy month for the Hopkinsville council. The celebrations of the birth of Our Lord make this month a very special period for family and friends. Here's a recap of some of the recent events and a look at the future.

Thanksgiving Baskets



More than 40 Knights helped put together and distribute more food to more families than we ever have before. The SPP Parish did a great job donating food. The youth groups sorted the goods, and the Knights gathered on Saturday morning, November 17 to load up the boxes and deliver to needy families. We brought boxes of food, vegetables, and turkeys to (169 people) 26 local families and 10 families in Todd County. Hispanic Minister Paul Witte (Guthrie and Elkton) was a tremendous help in arranging the logistics. We want to thank Bill Farrell and Enterprise Rent-A-Car for their donation of over 3,200 cans of food. The Knights distributed those cans to interfaith support organizations in both counties.

Other Notes and Thanks You's



Thank you to those who marched in the December 1st **Christmas Parade**. The Right to Life theme of the float again reminds us of the importance of making the right choices in life. Thanks to Bill Rush, Bart Hulsmeyer, Bill Chaudoin, and 10 other knights who marched in pleasant weather to very large crowds.



Thanks to the Knights choir for singing at the **Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders** mass for Josh McCarty and especially Knight Jim DeFoe and Sts. Peter and Paul



Organist Wilson Augsburger who Spent considerable time preparing the



choir. The mass and subsequent celebration in the gym were very memorable. The council has supported Josh, a 4th Degree Knight and member of Sts. Peter and Paul through the RSVP program for four years now. Knight Peter Milbauer hand-carved a wooden Jerusalem crucifix for Josh. Peter recently underwent heart surgery and could not attend the presentation. The Knights are very proud to be able to give such a beautiful piece of art to the very appreciative seminarian. Father John Thomas blessed the cross. The council will engrave a brass plate on the rear of Peter's gift commemorating the event.

Knights of the Month



The Knight of the month is **Bill Rush**. Bill and his wife Jenny are strong supporters of the Pennyryle Right to Life affiliate where Bill serves as president. Bill recently retired as Fire Chief at Fort Campbell and currently works at Coronet's. He joined the Air Force at 17 and retired from Active Duty after twenty years. Jenny is an RN who works Labor and Delivery at JSMC. Both Bill and Jenny are active in almost all SPP and School functions. Bill was instrumental in the Christmas Parade and the recent acquirement of an emergency defibrillator for the parish. The device is being installed for use by trained church volunteers. Good job, Bill. We count on you for many projects during the year.

Family of the Month



The Family of the Month is **John and Donna Dunham**. John hails from Long Island, New York. He attended Catholic school taught by the Irish Christian Brothers and joined the Army in 1965. After the service, he worked on Wall Street, retiring from JP Morgan in the International Banking unit. John is a former Grand Knight, District Warden and District Deputy, having joined the Knights in 1977. John has an amazing knowledge of how the Knights work at the upper levels. Our local council has used that knowledge well. He and Donna have a daughter, Tara, and two sons, Sean and Brian. Sean is stationed at Fort Campbell although presently he is serving in Iraq for the third tour. They have five grandchildren. John is the editor of the Knights Newsletter, member of the KOC Choir, and can be found cooking alongside Chuck Puckett at the barbeque grills events. Thanks John – you do a great job as a Knight.

Our Future

Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. We recently inducted seven new Knights into the council. Consider asking someone to become a Knight. Please call Bob Marko (886-0921) or Bart Hulsmeyer (493-3202) We will be glad to answer your questions.



Senior Knight of the Month



We're proud to announce our Senior Knight is **Elbert France**. Elbert, originally from Muhlenberg County, is a Charter member of the Knights, having formed the original council in 1981. Elbert retired from the Air Force in 1975, and then later retired from Freudenberg Nonwovens in 1995. Elbert married Jeanne Miger in Phalsbourg, France in 1958. They raised a daughter, Diana and a son, Anthony both living in Hopkinsville. Jeanne was well known for her cooking, having Fr. Baker as a frequent dinner guest. Elbert remembers chairing the very early Tootsie Roll drives. The Knights were the first to stop traffic because asking for contributions outside of the old Wal-Mart was not very productive. In those days, there were no city permits or insurance concerns. Elbert was an usher in the old SPP church. He remembers ringing the church bell by hand for Sunday Mass. He also recalls having to fix the pull rope after it got unwrapped from the bell ringer. He and Chuck Puckett climbed on ladders up the double roof of the old church and crawled into the bell tower to rewind the pulley. Then, Elbert had to retrace his steps down. And we thought ringing the bell was easy...Elbert – Thanks for your old newspaper articles. They are great material for future articles and pictures.

Second and Third Degree

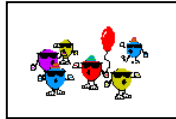
Through the efforts of John Dunham, the Kentucky State Deputy and the Tennessee State Deputy have arranged for the Second and Third Degree ceremonials to take place in the GYM at SPP on February 2 2008 at 6 PM and March 9 2008 at 3 PM. In an unusual arrangement, the Degree teams from Tennessee will exemplify the ceremonies. This is a significant event because it is the first time in recent memory that a Tennessee degree team has conferred degrees in the state of Kentucky. We are expecting about fifty Knights from our council to attend. We may have another 20-30 Knights from other locations also in attendance. More on this later as the planning becomes more defined. **It is extremely important that all First Degree members clear their calendar and attend the Degrees.**

**General Insurance
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The Knights of Columbus insurance program passed a major milestone Oct. 30 when total insurance in force exceeded \$65 billion for the first time. The Order was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, and one of its primary aims was to enable its members to protect their families with life insurance. The amount of Knights of Columbus life insurance in force has doubled in the past decade, from \$32.9 billion in 1997 to \$65 billion today.

Christmas Party



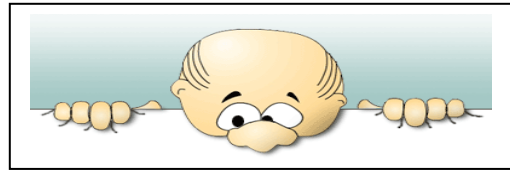
The Knights annual Christmas party will be held this year at Turtles on Skyline Drive next to Kroger. December 16th (Sunday) at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM will hopefully not conflict with many family plans. This will be a casual dress affair. Please RSVP so we can get a head count. We will have a \$15.00 “Dirty” Santa gift exchange. Join the fun.



Christmas Holiday Baskets

The annual distribution of Christmas baskets is scheduled for 9:00 on Saturday, December 22, 2007. Paper bags, complements of Food Lion and ALDI, will be distributed at the masses on December 2nd and 9th. We will be helping 30 families in Hopkinsville. You can help out by:

Take food from the Narthex to the gym during the week. Help sort the food with the youth group on Wednesday nights. Donate “Turkey Money” to help offset food purchases. We will not be able to trade cans of food for turkeys. Sign up to help on distribution day. It only takes about two hours. We will need your help because many Knights will already be out-of-town for the Christmas holiday. Believe it or not.....this is a fun event.



UPCOMING EVENTS



December

1	Christmas Parade SSP Float	
2	K of C Choir Sings at Announcement Mass for Josh	
2	Sponsor Drug Awareness Program in SPP	
2	Hand out Christmas Food Bag	
9	Hand out Christmas Food Bag	
12	K of C Business Meeting	
16	K of C Christmas Party	
16	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrated	
21	Prepare Boxes for Distribution	
22	Distribute Christmas Baskets	
25	Christmas Day	
26	K of C Social Meeting Cancelled	
30	Corporate Communion and Remembrance	

January

	KoC Board Meeting	
5	Right to Life Crosses across from Church	
6	Epiphany	
9	K of C Business Meeting	
11	Drug Awareness Winners announced	
12	Stars – APSU Basketball G	
12	Texas Hold Em for PHP	
18	Free Throw Contest	
23	K of C Social Meeting	

On Nov. 24, Pope Benedict XVI installed 23 new members of the College of Cardinals at a consistory in Rome, including three Knights: Archbishops John P. Foley, Daniel N. DeNardo and Francisco Robles Ortega. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson attended the event at St. Peter's Basilica, lending his personal support at their elevation.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 7th: 5:30 pm (English)

7:30 pm (Spanish)

Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 am

Dear Brother Knight,

Please pray for Tony Esposito. He was admitted to the hospital yesterday (December 4th) and is having emergency surgery. This may be a result of complications from his accident. No further details are available at this time. Your concerted and continued prayers for Tony, his doctors, and his family will be greatly appreciated. Also, please pray for Pete Milbauer and Phil Carsone who are recovering from surgery and Franco Cincotti's wife, Rosella.

Bingo Schedule



Arrive for Bingo before 7PM and stay until closing. If you can not work on your scheduled night call another Knight or Chuck Pucket **Bingo is important** to the Parish and if it is **important** to the Parish it is **VERY important** to the Knights of Columbus.

Dec 6	Stephen Wiggins	887-2558
Dec 13	Earl Combs	886-1932
Dec 20	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
Dec 27	Tony Folz	886-1165
Jan 3	Todd Hall	881-1068
Jan 10	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
Jan 17	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523



December Adoration



13-Dec	12:00-1:00a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	3-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Bob Marko	886-0921
13-Dec	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606	3-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Larry Puckett	886-6440
18-Dec	1:00- 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	8-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bill Chaudoin	885-3774
18-Dec	2:00- 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	8-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617
20-Dec	12:00-1:00 am.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	10-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
20-Dec	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	10-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606
25-Dec	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050	15-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
25-Dec	2:00-3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504	15-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695
27-Dec	12:00-1:00 .m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754	17-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560
27-Dec	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461	17-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569
1-Jan	1:00- 2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605	22-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050
1-Jan	2:00- 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454	22-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504