



GOOD KNIGHT NEWS

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From the Desk of Grand Knight
Bob Marko



Meetings start at 7 PM in the St
Vincent De Paul Building

Wow – I Can't Believe it's Lent...



January has quickly surged past us. February, with its 29 days, has just begun and it looks like a winner. Here's a look back at what kept us busy in January, and a look forward into the Super Bowl month of February.



PLANS and Austin Peay Basketball

The night of January 12, 2008 was a magical time for twenty-five mentally challenged people and their helpers. Working with the PLANS group, Dick Dymek, Joe Schippers, and Tony Esposito put together a trip of a lifetime for the group. With lots of support from the APSU Sports Director, Tony arranged for the group to attend a Governors home college basketball game. The youngsters met with the Knights in Clarksville at the basketball venue. APSU is having a good basketball year. This night, they defeated the Redhawks of SE Missouri State 85-82 in a close game - thanks, in part, to the cheers from the excited PLANS group. The evening was an outstanding success. Tony had worked this event for over six months – and brought it off flawlessly. Dick Dymek successfully negotiated a bulk food-buy with the hot dog vendor. We've heard very complimentary remarks from the PLANS families. Great job to all involved.

Another Texas Hold-Em



January 12th was also the night of another People Helping People (PHP) Texas Hold Em. Ten Knights were the dealers for the tournament. A few new faces were established as poker wizards. Chaz Mowen turned out to be an excellent dealer. As usual, Tom Buehrle and Todd Hall were the mainstays. A generous contribution was earned for the KOC treasury. The final table was a study in poker strategy. Of the last three players, the one with the least chips adopted an aggressive "All In" strategy that worked. With only five minutes left to play before the mandatory clock deadline, the lowest player out-bluffed the other two players, who had considerably more chips. At the final bell, the last became first. Sounds familiar... Thanks to the Knights dealers for their time, energy and enthusiasm

Other January Events

Bart Hulsmeyer conducted the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest for the council. The winner in each class was awarded ten dollars.

Joe Schippers, KOC Youth chairman, conducted the annual KOC Free Throw competition on January 18, 2008. There were 29 boys and girls shooting foul shots in the gym. Our ten local winners automatically go the State competition. The State date will be announced shortly.

The winners are

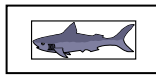
	Guys	Girls
Age 10	Brett Hulsmeyer	Jenna Shouse
Age 11	Wyatt Langhi	Marlee Thomas
Age 12	Donald Langhi	Brooklyn Gardner
Age 13	Chris Kinnard	Nikki Shouse
Age 14	Jonathan Lober	Amy Shelton

Second Degree



The Degree Team from Clarksville, Tennessee performed the Second Degree Exemplification on February 2, 2008. State Secretary Billy Hancock, District Deputies Randall Hardesty (KY) and Chris Myers (TN), the Degree Team from Clarksville, and twenty First Degree Knights met at the parish center after 6:00 PM Mass. Another 25 Brother Knights attended in support. This was the first time our history that a Tennessee Degree Team conferred the Second Degree at a Kentucky council. We very much appreciate the professionalism of the Clarksville Knights. The ceremony was very well done. A special thanks to John Dunham who worked with District Deputies Randy Hardesty (KY) and Chris Myers (TN) and the State Deputy in both states to prepare for this ceremony. Also, thanks to Bart Hulsmeyer for getting the guys prepared. Attendance was excellent. Just a super night! Thank you all – Job well done

Lent Means...Fish Fry

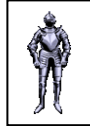


People look forward to the famous KOC Fish Fry Dinners for a whole year! Just ask Jim Creighton, our energetic Fish Fry chairman. Jim hears comments like "How come you can't do this "Every Friday!"

The Folz Family has their equipment in tip-top shape. We've got the shed over the frying area – rain's no problem. Chuck Puckett and Chris Thomas are in the kitchen. How can this not be the BEST of times? We heard of an out-of-town traveler last year who exited the Western Kentucky Parkway, saw our sign, and just HAD to have a good old-fashioned Fish Fry dinner. Help out whenever you can. We need about forty Knights to support this event. February 15th is the first of three Fish Fries. The Mini-Mission on that night with Mr. Tim Staples should increase the usual number of people – we'll see you there!

Blue Jackets

Who are those guys with the good-looking blue jackets? That was a comment Rocky Spader and Tony Esposito heard when they were in Nashville's Vanderbilt Hospital visiting Peter Milbauer. Tony and Rocky were stopped by other visitors (Knights) who inquired about their jackets. Hoptown fame spreads quickly... If you have not purchased one of the new blue outer jackets, please contact Dick Dymek. For \$34 each, they are an outstanding bargain.



Knights of the Month

We'd like to recognize two special Knights this month who have tirelessly helped another Knight in need. As most of you know, Peter Milbauer has had a rough few months. From heart valve, to colon infection, to gall bladder (Removal), and future chemotherapy, Peter has relied on Rocky Spader and Chuck Puckett to help him with the logistics of his illness. Sometimes we're called to help another in need. In this case, the need has continued – and these Knights have continued to respond with a love and devotion that's difficult to match. Thank you to Rocky and Chuck for being Knights we can be proud of. As a council, we promise our support to do everything we can to help another Knight. That was the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney. And we are committed to it.

Family of the Month



We are proud to announce the Family of the month is Command Sergeant Major (CSM) David Allard. David, on active duty with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Campbell, is in charge of over 600 soldiers who have returned home wounded from overseas. Having been injured himself, David helps soldiers transition to either different positions in the Army or civilian life. Those same leadership attributes he also applies as a Cub Scout leader for SPP, and many other KOC activities, including the Texas Hold Em dealers. David's wife Christy recently gave birth to a son Jonathan. David's family also includes Alex, 8, and Anna, 2. David's parents, Clarence and Helen, live in Hopkinsville. CSM Allard - We're proud of you. Thank you for all you do.

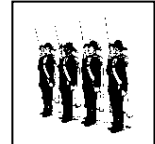
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Knights of Columbus life insurance in force reached \$66.1 billion at the end of 2007, setting a new all-time record, Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer Carl A. Anderson announced Jan. 2. It was the seventh consecutive year of insurance sales growth for the Order.

We are still looking for a Field Agent in the Western Kentucky area. If you think you may want a career change, please call. Ask all the questions you want.

Fourth Degree



This month's meeting will be held at the Sts Peter and Paul Gym on February 10th. Repast at 6:00 PM as usual and I must say very enjoyable, and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. This is your Assembly, come and take part in the meal and meeting.

If you have not paid your annual dues you can pay them at this meeting. Don't let your dues laps.

Tour the Museum Online

You can visit the Knights of Columbus Museum on line at Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. .



Visit the Knights without ever leaving your chair. Our online gallery tour will show you the highlights of our collection, featuring:

- **Artifacts and mementos** from founder Father Michael J. McGivney's life.
- The **Christopher Columbus Gallery**, which includes artifacts from his second voyage of exploration in 1493.
- The **Papal Gallery**, which documents the Order's relationship with the papacy.
- A **390-year-old cross** that once stood atop the façade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the museum.



[Supreme Knight Addresses Huge Crowd at Washington March for Life](#)

"Abortion is wrong because abortion hurts everyone. It takes the life of the innocent unborn child. It victimizes the mother and the father. It compromises doctors and nurses," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson told thousands of pro-lifers at the Jan. 22 March for Life in Washington, D.C. "No woman should feel that she must have an abortion. We can find a better way."



[Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome Dedicated](#)

At a Nov. 17 Mass celebrated by Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception dedicated its new Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome. The Order committed \$1 million in funding for the project, led by the efforts of the Fourth Degree.

Senior Knight of the Month

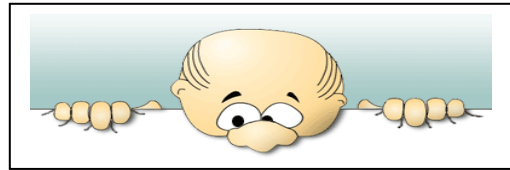


Since this newsletter is running later than usual – We'll have to skip it this month. Next month will be Bill Harkins. Watch out, Arnold W Harkins, we've got a picture of you from 1980!

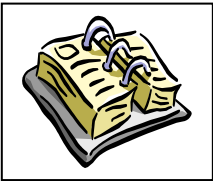


Every Knight has a Rosary and promised to pray the Rosary at every opportunity.

The Rosary Beads do not need to be in your hands. You can count the prayers as you say them at a traffic light, looking for a parking spot, standing on line getting groceries and many more opportunities as they present themselves.



UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY

6	Ash Wednesday	
13	Business Meeting	
15	Fish Fry #1	
15	Semi Annual Audit Due	
27	Social Meeting	
29	Fish Fry #2	

MARCH

12	Business Meeting	
14	Fish Fry #3	
15	Church Clean Up 9AM till Noon	
17	St. Patrick's Day	
21	Good Friday	
22	Easter Egg Hunt	
23	Easter Sunday	
25	Day of the Unborn	
26	Social Meeting	
30	Corporate Communion	

Join us, after all it is your council. Bring yourself and your ideas to all the events above and join in the fun. Yes FUN !!!

Being a member of the Knights isn't as time-consuming as some prospects may think. When you ask prospects to join the Order explain that we are asking for 24 hours of their time each year in the following manner:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly church bulletin, the state and local council newsletters and the monthly Supreme Council magazine COLUMBIA.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at a council event of their interest
- 2 hours a year attending two council prayer services with their family
- 2 hours a year on a council sponsored family project or event
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting, if it is a good one they attend more
- 4 hours a year attending a council social function with their family

Once you've explained the time commitment to a prospect be sure that you have a Form #100 handy so that you can sign him up while you have his attention.



Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. We recently inducted another three new Knights into the council. Consider asking some one to become a Knight. Please call Bob Marko (886-0921) or Bart Hulsmeyer (498-3202). We'll be glad to answer your questions.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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.



Feb 7	John Soldo	885-9695
Feb 14	Anthony France	886-1505
Feb 21	Bob Marko	886-0921
Feb 28	Tony Esposito	885-4324
Mar 6	Tim Barnes	885-6606
Mar 13	Bill Rush	885-2888



FEBRUARY Adoration



5-Feb	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617	26-Feb	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454
7-Feb	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	28-Feb	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Bob Marko	886-0921
7-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606	28-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Larry Puckett	886-6440
12-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	4-Mar	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bill Chaudoin	885-3774
12-Feb	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	4-Mar	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617
14-Feb	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	6-Mar	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
14-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	6-Mar	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606
19-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050	11-Mar	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
19-Feb	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504	11-Mar	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695
21-Feb	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754	13-Mar	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560
21-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461	13-Mar	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569
26-Feb	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605	18-Mar	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050