



GOOD KNIGHT NEWS

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From the Desk of Grand Knight
Bart Hulsmeyer



January meetings on the 14th and 28th
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St Vincent De Paul
Building

Happy New Year



January 2009 is here.



January means that the NFL Playoffs begin. It also means that your dues are payable now. January brings us New Year's Day and the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, also the feasts of the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord, and it brings us Martin Luther King Jr. birthday.

This January 22nd is the 36th Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision on *Roe v Wade*. On each anniversary the Knights of Columbus has lead a "March for Life" in Washington DC and has become a leader in the "Culture of Life". Let's see if we can get together and do something positive. Attend the Prayer Service and Put up the Crosses. Think of what would have happened if Mary said "No"

January reminds us that the Tax Season is just around the corner. Start getting your things together and file early to avoid the rush. More to come on this. April is only a few short months away.

Although January is the beginning of a New Year, it is the middle of the Columbian Year. Many more events are scheduled and there are goals to be met.

January is named for Janus (Ianuarius). The name has its beginnings in Roman Mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (*ianua*) - January is the door to the year. Traditionally, the original Roman Calendar consisted of 10 months, totaling 304 days, winter being considered a monthless period.

Remember to look at the schedules in this Newsletter. If you can not make the event you are scheduled for, please get a replacement. If you are unable to get a replacement then you must call some one and let them know so arrangements can be made.

On January 22nd at 6 PM the Knights along with the Right to Life-Pennyrile will host a Candle Light Prayer Service. This Prayer Service is a non denominational event. This is the 36th anniversary of the *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court Decision allowing abortions.

REMINDER

Dues are Payable Now

Your dues are payable now to the Knights of Columbus. Rich has sent out the reminders. Please be prompt and pay the dues. They are only \$25.00 for the year and we have not raised this amount in years. Don't wait for the second notice to pay the dues. Better still, pay your dues at he January 14th meeting. Save the stamp money and pick up your membership card in person. If you can not make the January meeting, come to the February 11th meeting.

We Can Do It

Some things to think about for the coming year. Should we start a Ladies Auxiliary. Maybe start a Food Pantry. Try to go as a group on a formal weekend retreat. Can we do a Pastor's Dinner. Let's revive the Communion Breakfast and the Spaghetti Dinners. Or could we have a "Dinner for our Wives". We could do something for our Alter Servers. Think about a reason **why we can not** do these things and then think about **how we can** do these things. Let's start a discussion. Sometimes we need to "just do it". Last month we started the ball rolling by supporting a Squires Program. This should be great.

A People of Life: Knights Helping Families in Tough Times

Knights of Columbus across the country are helping families with very young children by gathering donations of baby food and diapers from shoppers at grocery stores. The Supreme Web Site shows Knights in action, collecting supplies in Maryland, Virginia and Kansas.

In Kentucky, Kosair Children's Hospital, WHAS, Crusade for Children, Home of the Innocents and St. Joseph Children's Home all located in Louisville along with St. Joseph Orphanage in Edgewood and Special Olympics Kentucky could all use a helping hand.



Polar Bear Plunge

For those interested in a Polar Bear Plunge here is a list of Locations and Date.

This is a Fund Raiser for "Help Special Olympics hit the Half Million Dollar Mark!" For more information about the 2009 Polar Bear Plunges, contact Anna Beth Logan (Lake Cumberland, Lexington and Newport) or Candace Thompson (Louisville and Owensboro) at 800-633-7403, 502-695-8222 or via e-mail at ablogan@soky.org or cthompson@soky.org

Newport Feb. 7 at Newport on the Levee
Owensboro Feb. 7 at The Hines Center
Louisville Feb. 28 at Tumbleweed on the River
Lexington Feb. 21 at Texas Roadhouse
Lake Cumberland Feb. 28 at Lee's Ford Resort and Marina

We should go for the February 28th. It should be a lot warmer than February 7th.

Coming Soon

The Squires are coming to Monsignor Willett Council. Boys ages from 10 to 17 are eligible to join. See Joe Schippers or Bart Hulsmemyer. This is a great program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and they can be a great help for us and learn about the Knights and the programs we run.



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Look for a Benefits / Insurance night in February. We can get explanations of our policies and hear what else the Knights of Columbus have to offer. Besides Life Insurance there are Annuities, 401K plans, Long Term Care and many more benefits programs. Bring your family so they can judge the Benefits. Remember, Insurance is voluntary, Death is not. And retirement comes sooner than you think

Forth Degree



The next meeting of the Fourth Degree will be on Sunday, January 11th at Sts Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. As usual the repast will be at 6:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Dues are payable now. Billy has sent out the notices. Come to the meeting and pay your dues in person.

Our Future



Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. Consider asking some one to become a Knight. Please call Bart Hulsmeyer (498-3202). We'll be glad to answer your questions. Our Council needs to grow. New Members bring new life and excitement with them. And this rubs off on us. Bring in a new member this Columbian Year. We will have a First Degree in January.

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a prospect.

There is some one you know that you have asked many times to join us and they haven't. Maybe they need to be asked just one more time.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



The **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** is the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on January 1, the Octave Day of Christmas. The feast was celebrated in the east before the west, but by the 5th century it was celebrated in France and Spain on the Sunday before Christmas. In Rome, even before the 7th century, January 1 was used as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek theotokos, the God-bearer. The term "Theotokos" was adopted at the Council of Ephesus in 431 as a way to assert the Divinity of Christ, from which it follows that what is predicated of Christ is predicated of God. So, if Mary is the mother of Jesus, she is the Mother of God. Therefore, the title "Mother of God" and the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", which celebrates her under this title, are at once Mariological and Christological.



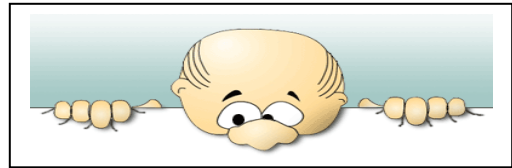
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Knights of Columbus Benefits

Economically, times are getting a little tough. Some companies may cut back on some of your benefits where you work. Maybe the pension plan or the Life Insurance plan. You may leave a company for a better job and lose your pension rights and life insurance benefits.

The Knights of Columbus has Retirement Plans available that are solid and paying a good rate of return and economical Life Insurance is also available for you and your family members. Remember that the Knights of Columbus was organized by Father Michael J. McGivney to provide Insurance against untimely death and to provide for the widow and children. It was a great program then and it is still a great program now.

If you have joined Knights of Columbus in the past year you are eligible to receive the New Knights Plan. You can open an Annuity Plan at one-third the investment requirements. It is simple and easy to do. Just get another Form 100 and fill out the Annuity Section and give it to the Financial Secretary with your check.



UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY

1	New Years Day	
9	Free Throw Contest in the School Gym	
9	Right to Life Crosses Put Up across from the Church	
14	Business Meeting	
22	36th Anniversary of Roe v Wade. March for Life in DC	
24	APSU Basketball with the Stars	
28	Social Meeting – First Degree	
31	Retreat At Sts Peter and Paul with Fr Shijo 8AM Mass Ending at 2PM Lunch will be served	
??	Benefit / Insurance Night	

FEBRUARY

7 - 8	Membership Blitz	
11	Business Meeting	
14	Monte Carlo Night	
14	Valentine's Day	
25	Ash Wednesday	
25	Social Meeting First Degree	
??	Benefit / Insurance Night	

Attend a meeting and see what you can offer to the Knights, Sts Peter and Paul and our Community as a whole.

For those who can afford it, please send an additional check in the amount of \$3.00 with your dues. This is for the "Culture of Life" fund established by the Supreme Council to fight against abortion, same sex marriage, and adoption by same sex couples. Last year the Knights of Columbus donated over \$1,000,000.00 in California alone to get the Same Sex Marriage Law changed by the voters. It did pass and now there will be a court challenge to overturn the ban. We need to keep fighting for our 'Culture of Life'. It is not free and unless we do something, it will be restricted.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come to the January 14th meeting. Meet the guys and have some input on what we will do over the next six months. Maybe you have an idea that you can bring up and change the way things are done, or maybe you have a great fund raising idea. We do have some fund at the meetings.

Join Us

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Don't forget Josh and Byron in your daily prayers on their journey to Priesthood

Bingo Schedule



Arrive for Bingo before 7PM on Thursday 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.

Jan 1	Jim Defoe	886-1634
Jan 8	Chuck Puckett	886-8094
Jan 15	Miguel Guajardo	885-1497
Jan 22	Gary Harden	886-6382
Jan 29	Bart Hulsmeyer	890-0358
Feb 5	Scott Marks	886-6545
Feb 12	Gary Rowe	885-0226



JANUARY Adoration



1-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382	22-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754
1-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330	22-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461
6-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523	27-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605
6-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617	27-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454
8-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	29-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382
8-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606	29-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330
13-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	3-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523
13-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	3-Feb	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617
15-Jan	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	5-Feb	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
15-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	5-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606
20-Jan	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050	10-Feb	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
20-Jan	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504	10-Feb	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695

Knight of the Month



Tom Buehrle is the Knight of the Month for January. He works out of house preparing Medical billing and is the President of the Board for Western Hills Golf Course. He came to Hopkinsville in 1970 with Proctor and Gamble and worked for them for 25 years. Tom helps the Parish prepare the Budget and also helps the Parish Staff. Tom was the co-chair for this years Christmas baskets distribution and he has helped in the background for years, by stapling shopping lists to the bags and getting them into the Church. Tom is on the Dioceses Lay Deanery Council. He has been a Knight since 1990. Tom has been involved in a number of Knights of Columbus events including Fish Fry, Bingo, Golf Scramble and Texas Hold'em events. He has already thrown his hat in the ring as the Chairman for our Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble this year. This is a major fund raising event on our calendar.

Senior Knight of the Month



Marvin Mahoney is the senior Knight of the month. Marvin is an active member in our council who attends most meetings. He is a 4th degree member and serves on the honor guard at most functions and shines up nicely when in full regalia. His wife June is well known for her cooking as she can be found working with Helen Brown whenever the parish is in need of a meal. Marvin and June were blessed with 3 boys and girl along with 2 grandsons. Marvin grew up in Louisville and attended St. Xavier High School on the Broadway campus where he graduated in 1946. He remarks that in those days almost all the teachers were Xavierian Brothers. From there he spent 2 years in the Navy, and then received a two year engineering degree from a technical school. He moved to this area and began work at PKY radio station in Princeton, KY when they started up the station. This is where he met June and they married. He moved to Hopkinsville in 1958. He is a charter member of our council and most recently helped with the Christmas Basket Distribution. He said he has done that every year since the first year and said he intends on doing this for many more years to come.

Family of the Month



The Family of the month is the Gary Hardin family. Gary is the Warden of our council and is in his second year as an officer. He was the co-chair for this years Christmas Food Baskets Distribution supporting the less fortunate of our area. Gary and his wife Debbie have two beautiful daughters, Shelly and Amanda. Shelly is 25 and lives in San Diego where she works in a HR department after graduating from Western KY. Amanda is 22 and attends school at Eastern KY. Both girls were very active in sports growing up. Gary notes he spent 8 years as Athletic Booster Chairmen while the girls where in high school. Gary grew up in Louisville, KY where he attended Bishop David, an all boys Catholic High School. He met his wife at Western KY where they both attended college. Gary is on the Knights Perpetual adoration team. He also has taken a turn or two supporting the Bingo operations.

Volunteers are needed for January Events



We have a Free Throw Basketball Contest on January 9th, in the School Gym at 2:30 PM, please call Joe Schippers 886 8328, he can use a hand. All you have to do is look at the basket and mark the paper when there is a miss or a score. This is an easy one. You can even sit and do this.

The "Right to Life" crosses will be put up on the property across from the Church. Time should be about 4:00 PM (right after the Free Throw Contest) This is a "many hands" task. Many hands make the work go fast. Call Bart 890-0358.

Like Basketball? Dick Dymek and Tony Esposito has a "Basketball with the Stars" planned for January 24th in the Dunn Center at APSU at 7:30 PM. This is a time we can help the Special Needs People (Tootsie Roll Funds) and see a great game in Clarksville. Call Dick at 885-5754. They will need help.

And of course, there is our Social Meeting on January 24th. Come and join us and be social. Starts at 7:00 PM. Talk with the guys and find out what is going on.