

# NEWSLETTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. GERARD'S COUNCIL 13001

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## Action Items:

- 1. Read the Attachments** – There are two this month: the Minutes of the December 18th meeting, Survey of Fraternal Activity, and Know Your Knight.
- 2. Help Needed** – *We need help for the Pancake Breakfast* on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. There are the usual two shifts – 6:30 to 9:30 and 9:30 to 1:00. If you can help out, contact one of the following: Terry Englund, Bill Montroy or Mike Brekke.
- 3. Money to Fred Wilson** - Please make sure that you send your updated membership info and your \$30 annual dues to Fred. You received these statements in early December. Checks should be made out to Kof C Council 13001.
- 4. Recruiting** - If any of you have names of perspective members, please get those names to Jim Krautkremer. All three degrees will be offered on February 17<sup>th</sup> and this would be the perfect opportunity to have any new members complete the process.
- 5. Survey of Fraternal Activity** – To help our officers complete the reports they need to make to District, State and Supreme, please complete the attached Survey of Fraternal Activity which helps the Council document the hours of volunteer work performed by its members. You may return it to me (Dave Brom) or to any of the officers, Shawn Phillips, Jim Dudgeon, or Fred Wilson.
- 6. Men's Retreat** - Sign up now! More than twenty men from the parish already have and we only have space for 30+. We need your commitment no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. You can register and pay later if you wish.
- 7. Prayers** – Please keep the following in your prayers – Ed Ampe, his wife and family (she's undergoing cancer treatment) and Mike Trepanier whose mom is very ill and is likely to pass on.
- 8. More Help Needed** - Help is needed for both the State Council's Banquet/Dance on March 29<sup>th</sup> and for the State Free Throw Contest at the Target Center on March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you can help at either of these, contact Terry Englund.

## **Information Items:**

- 1. Upcoming Meetings -**
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| January 15  | General Meeting     | 7:00 p.m. |
|             | Rosary at 6:45 p.m. |           |
| February 19 | General Meeting     | 7:00 p.m. |
|             | Rosary at 6:45 p.m. |           |

Every effort is made to be considerate of members' time by adjourning the general meetings by 8:30 p.m.

- 2. Dates to Remember -**
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| January 6     | Holiday Dinner at Nicklow's |
| January 13    | Pancake Breakfast           |
| January 16    | Chanhassen Dinner Theatre   |
| January 25-27 | Men's Retreat               |
| February 9    | Cana Dinner                 |

**3. Know Your Knight** – This month we honor Richard Potvin who has been active in our Council since its inception. Richard serves as an inspiration to all of us for his willingness to “pitch in” whenever and wherever he can.

**4. Grand Knight's Message** – Greetings Fellow Knights,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Joyous Tres Reyes Magos, or the Feast of the Three Kings,

St. Gerard's is entering into a Parish Twinning Project with San Philipe in Saltillo, Mexico. I have put in a request to contact the local Knights of Columbus Council in Saltillo through Supreme. It would be interesting for us to learn something of their council and for us to share concerning ours. The Feast of the Three Kings is the gifting time in Mexico which makes sense from a biblical perspective. Let us not forget to continue to search our gifts and ask ourselves how we share them with our parish and with our world. God has given us so much and is calling us to share those gifts in our world.

We are moving to one meeting a month, which is the third Tuesday, our General Meeting. Many did not attend the first meeting and for some it seemed like both meetings were similar. Hopefully this will aid us in our upcoming events. If we need to have another meeting we will call one. Currently this seems like the best situation for all of us.

If you have items to be put on the agenda it would be helpful if they were emailed to me ahead of time so that we do not have items show up on the agenda at the last minute. With one meeting it is difficult to plan ahead if we have several additional items added to the agenda the night of the meeting.

**5. Cana Dinner** - Although the Knights are no longer co-sponsors of the Cana Dinner on February 9<sup>th</sup>, you are still encouraged to attend with your spouse and support the institution of marriage with your witness.

**6. From Our Field Agent...**

## **You Are the Best!**

You have made my work with the Knights of Columbus a very rewarding experience. I serve six councils and over 1,000 member families so I don't see all of you as often as I would like. Thank you for the kindness you have extended to me and for allowing me to visit with you in your homes.

After my experience with you, I would never do this for a commercial insurance company. Why? Because you are members of a fraternal organization and share my values and concerns. You are great people to work with. You are the best!

I can honestly say that in my almost six years I have only met with one person I could call a jerk. (If you are reading this you are not the one.)

Collectively you have purchased hundreds of life insurance policies and millions of dollars worth of Long-Term Care insurance coverage through me. You have allowed me to help you with IRA's, Roth IRA's, SEP's, and annuities. In turn, I have helped you plan for your future by preparing 'Financial Analysis' and shared information through: my website ([www.donkramer.com](http://www.donkramer.com)); the quarterly Financial Beacon; and almost monthly newsletter articles. I have helped recruit new members and assisted your council in other ways.

You have trusted me with confidential information and given me the privilege of being with you in difficult times when delivering death claim checks – sometimes after an expected death and sometimes after tragic events – sometimes even for stillborn babies.

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I want to thank you for being kind and generous with your time and allowing me to work with you. I wish you the very Merry Christmas and best year ever in 2008. I look forward to seeing more of you in the future.

God Bless you and your family,

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