

NEWSLETTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. GERARD'S COUNCIL 13001



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Action Items:

1. **Read the Attachments** – There are three this month: agenda for the January 20th meeting, the minutes of the December meeting, and a communication from our agent
2. **Snacks for This Meeting** - Dave Miller
3. **Men's Retreat Planning Group** - This group is open to all and will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20th, in the Church Library.
4. **Captains of the Calling Tree** – Drop the following from your lists if you have them: John Hunt, Terry Englund, and Terry Munoz.

Information Items:

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| 1. Upcoming Meetings - | January 20 | General Meeting | 7:15 p.m. |
| | | Rosary at 7:00 p.m. | |
| | February 17 | General Meeting | 7:15 p.m. |
| | | Rosary at 7:00 p.m. | |
| | March 17 | General Meeting | 7:15 p.m. |
| | | Rosary at 7:00 p.m. | |

2. Dates to Remember -

January 23-25 Men's Retreat
February 7 Soup Supper
March 8 Pancake Breakfast
March 14 St. Pat's Dinner/Auction

3. Snack List (Repeat Item) - Below is the list of volunteers who have consented to arrange for snacks to be at each of the Council meetings.

January – Dave Miller

April – Jim Dudgeon

February – Shawn Phillips

May – James Sturdevant

March – Marty Fautch

June – Dave Brom

4. Special Thanks... to all the snow and ice removal crews. This has been a very busy winter and there have only been a few weekends when no work was needed. The captains and the teams have been superb in their response. Way to go guys! (We prayed for snow on the weekdays and they got their share too! We have to pray that it snows only on the weekdays!) – Dave Brom

5. From Don Kramer (receive this on 12/27)

As I write this, it is just eight weeks after my auto accident. Many of you have been praying for my recovery so I need to give you a report of the results of your prayers. There is a time of about five hours that I don't remember anything so I'll have to share some things second hand. It appears that I was stopped or going slow for a survey crew on I-694 near the I-35W intersection when I was struck from behind by a van. According to the trooper the vehicle may have been going up to 60 miles per hour when it hit me. The impact broke my seat back and pushed me into another van in front of me. I had a concussion and was taken by ambulance to North Memorial Hospital for treatment of my back, neck, and head injuries along with bruises on my shin, thigh, toe, pelvis, shoulder, arm and head.

At this point in my recovery, I have been able to go out on a few home visit appointments and am doing better than I was at first. After some initial improvement after the accident, about a week and a half ago things took a bit of a turn for the worse. After an MRI and CT scan last week, I was told I have a subdural hematoma (between the covering layers over my brain) and a healing compression fracture in my T-8 vertebrae.

According to my Neurologist, these findings explain my symptoms (which I will not bore you with). I have another CT scan scheduled for next week to monitor the hematoma. My hope is that with the treatments and therapy I am getting, there will be continued improvement so I will be able to increase my activity and soon pick up where I left off. It has really been a lesson in patience for me. I want to do so much more than I can.

My general agent, Dale Robinson, and another agent, Ted Kaminski, have helped me by taking care of some of my most urgent appointments. My wife, Sylvia, has been a great help in taking care of routine office work and phone calls. So, between us all you should feel free to call with any concerns you may have and things will be taken care of.

I really feel blessed by all of you and thank you for your kindness in this time of recovery. Please continue your prayers so I might have a full recovery soon. I wish you all the best year ever in 2009.

God Bless you and your family,
Don Kramer, FIC, CSA, Field Agent
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6. From the Grand Knight

Thank you to all of the men that came out for the pancake breakfast. Great job! Our snow shovelers have been hard at it as well, not only snow, but very cold as well. The amount of man hours into our sidewalks is a huge savings for the parish, well done, gentlemen. The Retreat is upcoming, we have a little over twenty signed up and could use a few more, we have plenty of room. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another a little better and to take some time to reassess your spiritual life. I look forward to the upcoming weekend. For those of you not able to attend the retreat our district is responsible for the upcoming initiation, we will need some help to set up the festivities over at St. Vincent's please give me a call if you are interested. Once again thanks for all of the effort that you all have been putting into the parish and for the Knights. Shawn

7. Want to be a 4th Degree? - Attend this coming General Meeting. Information will be presented by present 4th Degree Knights about the advantages of that degree and what it takes to become a 4th Degree.

