

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. GERARD'S COUNCIL 13001

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## Merry Christmas!

### Action Items:

1. **Snacks for November Meeting** – December – Mike Brekke
2. **Prayers Please** - Please remember the father in law (Larry McKenkensie) of Ed Keller who is seriously ill. Also, don't forget brother Knight, Don Plantenberg, Mike Brekke's brother, brother Knight, Jerry Foss who is recovering from surgery, and Mike Galante's brother in law.
3. **Help for Events** – 1) We have a pancake breakfast right after the first of the year – January 8<sup>th</sup>. Your help would be deeply appreciated for any time you can give. Help is especially needed from 11:30 to 1:00 to serve, put away, and clean up. It seems we never have enough help at that time. 2) Help is also needed for the Free Throw Contest on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Woodland Elementary. See #6 in the info item.

### Information Items:

1. **Upcoming Meetings -**

December 20	General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 17	General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
2. **Dates to Remember -**

January 8	Pancake Breakfast
January 18	Free Throw Contest
January 28	2/3 Degree at St. Vincent's
February 4	Soup Supper
February 17-19	Men's Retreat

**3. Meeting Times (Repeat Item)** – Please remember that the times for our general meetings have been changed to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate religious education programs on those evenings.

**4. Thanks...**to Ed Keller for all the work he did in putting together the Knight's Mass for our November meeting. There were many who helped but Ed was the prime mover for the event and his efforts are deeply appreciated by all.

### **5. Admiral's Message**

#### **News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree**

December is a month of celebration and a time for gathering with family and friends. We in the Fourth Degree often don our tuxedos and regalia for Honor Guards observing the Christmas Season and begin with our monthly dinner meeting during the first week of December, by honoring the Ladies of our Assembly at the Dinner. In addition to music and good food, each Sir Knight is requested to bring a modest wrapped gift which is then distributed to each of the Ladies present at the Dinner. The evening ends with Christmas caroling and dancing to the tunes of the Holidays. Prayer is central to the evening, the common link among those present. We travel from the many parishes and communities that our members call home, yet reach out to be part of each other's lives for this evening of enjoying color, laughter, and Christmas traditions.

The New Year will be soon upon us, with resolutions and a fresh start on our path as Knights of Columbus. Are you thinking about the Fourth Degree? Has one of your Fourth Degree brother Knights in your Council approached you or invited Council members to consider membership in Fourth Degree? 2012 is the year for you to take the final step as a Knight and experience your faith journey beyond the confines of your parish.

Speak to one of us.....today!

#### **STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE**

Ken Hudoba  
Faithful Admiral  
Nicollet Assembly

### **6. Grand Knight's Musings**

Thanks to everyone involved in putting together the soup supper on November 12. As always, it was a big success with parishioners raving about the soup.

Basketball Free Throw Championship is scheduled from 6-8pm, Wednesday, January 18th at Woodland Elementary School. Volunteers will be needed to staff this event. If you can help, please e-mail Ed Ampe @ [ed.ampe@target.com](mailto:ed.ampe@target.com). Volunteers are needed to process contestants' paperwork and administer the competition of shooting/counting free throws.

Jim Krautkramer is organizing a holiday get together for early January. It's a time for us to get together and celebrate the Christmas holiday and the new year. More info to follow as to possible weekends and location.

I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. It's a hectic time of year with all of the activities to be done before the holiday. Christmas shopping, Christmas cards, cleaning and preparations for the family gatherings, baking the Christmas cookies and pies and for the extended families there's also the traveling. So many times we get so busy with the activities or frustrated with the lines in the stores or the traffic at the malls that we miss the true meaning of Christmas. As you prepare for the big day, please remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Take a

little time during each activity to include Jesus and thank him for the wonderful season we celebrate each year.

**7. News from St. Vincent:**

Dad's Belgian Waffles will be served at a breakfast on Sunday, January 22, from 8:15 until 12:30 in the St. Vincent de Paul School Cafeteria and Gym. All you care to eat waffles with a serving of sausage, juice or milk and coffee will be served. The Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus invite you to enjoy these famous melt in your mouth waffles at this fundraiser breakfast.

**8. Thanks...** to all of you who offered prayers for Cathy Brom, Dave's wife. Things look pretty positive after the surgery and there is no doubt that your prayers were a source of support, encouragement, and healing.

**9. Men's Retreat Planning** - The retreat is less than two months away and Shawn Phillips sure would like a little help with the planning. Contact Shawn at: [senborah@comcast.net](mailto:senborah@comcast.net) if you are willing to help out.

A graphic with the text "HAPPY NEW YEAR" in a bold, red, stylized font with a black outline and a slight shadow. The text is arranged in a slightly curved path. Two yellow, multi-pointed starburst shapes are positioned around the text: one above the "NEW" and one below the "HAPPY".

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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