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Breese Council #2869 December 2008

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTES

I would like to thank Doug Kuhl and Rich Eilermann on a very successful Parish School of Religion Pork Dinner on November 2nd and to Jim Wesselmann for putting on a washer tournament on November 1st. Thanks to Mike Nettekmeier and everyone who donated turkeys, prepared the turkeys and delivered the turkeys to the Newman Center for dinners for students who could not return home for the holidays and for shut-ins. District Deputy Leo Lammers would like to thank the Breese Council for coming through again this year by helping with the District Soccer Challenge.

Christmas is approaching. Remember that Christ is the true "gift" of the Christmas season and the real reason for our Christmas joy. Don't be afraid to say merry Christmas. Remind your families to Keep Christ in Christmas! Merry Christmas to all!

Rich Robben
Grand Knight

MEMBERSHIP DUES

We will be discussing membership dues at our next meeting on December 8. Our dues have been \$20 for the past twelve years. Annual overhead costs are currently about \$33 per dues-paying member including a new Culture of Life Assessment. We will discuss raising the annual dues to \$25. If you have any questions or input, please attend the meeting.

BINGO/CHICKEN/FISH CREW APPRECIATION DINNER

An appreciation dinner for Bingo, Lightning, Colorball, Chicken and Fish Crews will be held Monday December 15 at 6:30 p.m. Come on out to the hall and have a good time and be appreciated for all of your work.

Our Council will again collect new toys from council members attending the party. The toys will be brought to BCMW as a contribution to their annual Christmas Toy Drive for distribution to children of needy families in our area.

HOT AND NOT HOT WINGS AT THE HALL

Ralph Maue is organizing the serving of chicken wings at the Hall Bar on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Eat in or Carry Out. Choose either hot wings or not hot wings.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Breese Knights again sponsored the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest to help remind children (and adults) that Christ is the true "gift" of the Christmas season and the real reason for our Christmas joy. Special Thanks to R. Joe Richter and his wife Barbara for organizing this event.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

On January 17th, beginning at 5 p.m., we will have a dinner that is open to all members and their families. Annual dues should be paid on that evening. Please make plans to come and join in the fun!

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

On Monday Dec. 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, we will have an opportunity to join in prayer at St. Dominic Church with others around the country in the 19th annual National Night of Prayer for Life. The Pro Life service from 8 PM to 12 Midnight will consist of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Scriptural Rosary and other prayers and hymns. One can attend any hour of the service, the first 3 hours being led by representatives of St. Anthony, St. Augustine and St. Dominic parishes and the last hour led by the Breese Knights of Columbus. During the hour of unity, 11 PM to 12 Midnight, the faithful will be united in prayer in churches across the country to end abortion and in reparation for sins against the Gospel of Life. Please join in at any hour to pray for the sanctity of all human life.

FIRST DEGREE

Pick up a new form 100. There are some in my inbox at the hall bar. Simply ask a friend or relative who isn't a member and get their signature.

We will be having a first degree on December 28th at 2:00 p.m. Anyone joining that day will be invited to the Membership Dinner.

DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHT

The council suffered the loss of our brother Dr. Paul Berns last month. A Resolution of Condolence was presented to his family and a Rosary was prayed for him. Thanks to the brother knights who prayed the rosary and attended the visitation.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All council members are invited to go caroling at the Breese Nursing Home tentatively on

Wednesday Dec. 17th at 6:30 PM. This is always a good time for our council singers and we hope also for the residents. Santa Claus will be there with gifts for the nursing home residents. Brothers, please join us in bringing some Christmas cheer to our friends.

DECEASED BROTHER KNIGHTS HONORED

Breese Council Brother Knights who passed away during the last completed Fraternal Year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) were remembered in prayer during a Memorial Mass by our Chaplain Father Chuck Tuttle at St. Augustine Church on Nov. 9th. Family members of our departed brothers received a keepsake memorial candle and participated in the candle service at Mass, which was enhanced by participation of the Knights of the Bishop Althoff 4th Degree Assembly. After Mass, family members and Brother Knights enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at our council hall.

Our departed brothers remembered at Mass were William H. MacDonald, Bernard Niemann, Marcellus Niemeyer, Wendelin Schumacher, Francis Wilke, Art Kueneke, Ferd Deiters, PGK John Mills, Gregory Buss, and Cornelius Kniepmann.

STATEWIDE VOCATIONS RAFFLE

Thank you Brother Knights for helping to support Catholic vocations by working to sell the Vocations Raffle Tickets sent with the October newsletter. Together we sold 64 ticket books generating \$6 per book for the State Council Vocations Fund and \$9 per book for our council.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Charlie F. Hilmes of St. Augustine Parish is the Knight of the Month. He has been a member for 30 years. He is married to wife Carla and has an 11 year old daughter Cierra who is a 5th grader at ASA. Charlie is an usher at St. Augustine and works the Quilt Bingo. He throws washers for the Breese KC team and works bingo and lightning. He has been involved in softball for 36 years as a player and umpire. Charlie was a member of the 1996 Breese KC State Softball Championship team. He is a coach for his daughter's softball and basketball teams.

Charlie is very active in the Tootsie Roll Drive as a captain and worker and always goes out of his way to help in many projects. Thanks and congratulations to Charlie for his dedication!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Please thank Joe and Barb Richter for their contribution in once again successfully managing the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for the Breese Council. Their work over many years with the program has allowed many kids to showcase their talents while providing an annual reminder to children and adults of the need to keep Jesus at the heart of the Christmas season. Joe and Barb are active in many other church and community activities. Congratulations and thanks to the Richters.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

December

- 3 - Columbian Board Meeting
- 5 - Chicken/Bingo/Lightning/Colorball crews
Dan Ketterer/Joe Langhauser/Ahren
Langhauser/Butch Beer
- 6 - Newman Fall Gala 50th Anniversary at the
Pinckneyville K of C
- 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
National Night of Prayer at St. Dom
- 11 - Monthly Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.**
- 12 - Chicken/Bingo/Lightning/Colorball crews
Marty Johnson/Gary Jansen/Dan
Kampwerth/Dave Lammers
- 15 - Bingo/Chicken/Fish Crew Appreciation
Dinner**
- 17? - Caroling 6:30 Breese Nursing Home
- 19 - Chicken/Bingo/Lightning/Colorball crews
Mark Niemeyer/Roger Szczepan/Joe Haar/Leo
Lammers
- 25 - Christmas
- 26 - Chicken/Bingo/Lightning/Colorball crews
Rick Koopmann/Doug Kuhl/Ray Brosch/Linus
Wilke
- 28 - 1st Degree 2 p.m. Breese**

January

- 2 - Chicken/Bingo/Lightning/Colorball crews
Jeff Niemeyer/Don Deiters/Pat Jansen/Jeff
Vogel
- 7 - Columbian Board Meeting
- 8 - Family Mass 7:00 p.m.**
Monthly Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 9 - Chicken/Bingo/Lightning/Colorball crews
Ralph Langhauser/Mike Gall/Steve Tebbe/Rich
Koerkenmeier
- 13 - North Central Deanery Meeting at Breese 7:00
p.m.
- 14? - Blood Drive
- 17 - Membership Dinner**
- 22? Planning Meeting

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