



The Messenger

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother in Christ,

What a wonderful time of the year that we are entering. The Advent season is so special. We look at what family means to us as we anticipate the Birth of Jesus.

Hopefully, it brings out the best of all of us as we look to celebrate that blessed day of Christmas, our Lord's Birthday. It is a time for all of us to look inward to our hearts and count the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. Then look outward, to see if we could help someone less fortunate than us, making their day or year a little easier or less painful. Yes, we are all truly fortunate!

It is hard to believe that another year is racing by. Seems as if 2017 has just begun, not ending. Hopefully all of us can feel blest in what we have or tried to accomplish this past year. I know the Lord has continued to watch over me and my family! It seems as if whenever an obstacle is placed in front of me, I looked up to the Heavens and it passes by. I truly do feel that God does watch over me.

We continue to be a healthy and vibrant Council. What a great group of men that we have to draw from in our Parish to make our Council strong. It has been a pleasure working with all of you Brother Knights for another year! I look forward to this continuing into the new year, 2018. Thanks to all of you! You have made my job much easier than I had anticipated. I knew I could depend on each and everyone of you! God Bless all of you.

The Coats for Kids went down again as a great success. The Parish really got behind us financially to make this even more helpful in giving needy kids a warm coat for the winter. Thanks to all Brother Knights who gave of their time to accomplish this goal, especially John Jordan who worked tirelessly as chairman!

Now, our Christmas party is fast approaching! We need to know if you plan on attending! It is on Dec. 14, at 7:00pm. A short business meeting will take place at 6:30pm. Bring an appetizer to share with all. Our gracious Chairman, John Ruffing, needs a head count of all that plan on attending, remembering to include wives too! Refreshments will be provided. Contact John at 763-464-3240 or e-mail at ruffing6467@yahoo.com.

Also, that night our Seminarians plan on attending. Come socialize with Andrew Zipp and our newest "Father" to be, Michael Reinhardt. Come welcome them to our Council!

The big event is approaching fast! Yes, that would an evening with our Blessed Archbishop Hebda. How wonderful that he is coming to SJTW to share an evening of Reflection of Advent. Fr. Mike and Fr. Don will co-celebrate the 5:00 Mass. This event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16. Our Council will host a Supper

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INSURANCE
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2018 Insurance Check-Up

Where did 2017 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

I hope you and your family have great finish to 2017, and are looking forward to 2018. Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year, and here are a couple of tips regarding those goals. First, write them down. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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November Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for November is Dan Broten. Dan has been coming to all our council meetings, he transferred to our council last July. He has been flipping pancakes at both of our breakfasts and also stayed to the end cleaning up. Much appreciated.



December Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for December is John Hoefs. John has helped out at several of our events this past year. We appreciate you taking the time to help out John. Keep it up!



January Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for January is John Jordan. John has been my go to guy for the Recruiting Weekends and the Coats for Kids Chairman. Wow John, you are special to our Council. Never lose your "tireless" work ethics!! Thanks.



Christmas Fulfillment

This Christmas, may you have the fulfillment of seeing around you the people you love the most. May you have the satisfaction of creating special memories they will remember with pleasure forever.

This Christmas, may you feel peaceful and contented, knowing what Christmas means, and celebrating it your way.

By Joanna Fuchs

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after Mass. Brothers, we need your help to set-up, serve, and clean-up after the event. Please contact me if you can help out at this exciting event! Set-up starts at 4:00pm. We would like you to register on the Parish web-site also to get an accurate head count. You can contact me at 763-772-7394 or yaeger.john@aol.com. or franklinvaca@gmail.com. Your help is needed!!

The Holy Family Icon will be on display again at SJTW from Jan.1-Jan.7, 2018. Fr. Mike is having a service honoring the Icon after the 5:00 Mass on Jan. 6. Please plan on attending this service to honor the Holy Family or stop by that week to say a prayer to the Holy Family, as it will be on display in the Chapel.

Brothers, we need someone to step up as Chairman for the Freethrow Contest that our Council is running in January. We need Knights to help out also, as we would like to run this contest at Ave Maria School once again. Please look into your heart to Chair this event. Contact me.

There will be a Major Degree at St. Vincent's on Jan. 27. Our Council is in charge of the lunch served after. We need volunteers to help out. Hey, remember to ask a friend or fellow Parishioner to become a Knight, then tell him you will even feed him after the Degree! No one could turn that down.

This is an early heads up on our Spaghetti Dinner. We are moving it to Sat. Feb.3 after the 5:00 Mass. We will be working together with the wonderful Moms' Group that evening as they conduct their Bake Sale that weekend. This will be a "treat" ___!!

Brothers, I need your help in completing the Fraternal Service form by the end of January. It is form 1728a that you fellas need to complete. You can find it on www.mnknights.org. Find forms, the scroll down til you find it. Either e-mail me the completed form or send me the copy in the mail or leave it in the mail box for the Council at SJTW. Please complete by Dec. 31. Thanks!!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!

November Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month for November is Mary and Brian Meline. Mary has been a very active member of our Auxiliary. Both Brian and Mary were hard at it getting the goods set up for the Country Store. Brian manned the front for our big Pancake breakfast. Thanks both of you.



December Family of the Month

I think the fitting way to end the year would be to nominate the Vaca Family-Franklin and Adriana, as Family of the Month for December. Both are so active in our Council and Auxiliary. Also, the participate in many Parish activities. Then, the "icing on the cake" would be Benjamin, our new "Little Knight". Congratulations to the two of you on your little guy!!



January Family of the Month

January: John and Pat Ruffing. They too are so active in participating in Church activities. And, it's obvious in our Council and Auxiliary being blessed with their membership! Plus John is tirelessly working on making our Christmas Party a success as he has done for countless years.



Dayton Coats for Kids Distribution



At the Dayton site were Don Berg, Franklin Vaca, Fernando Vaca and Bob Fischer. Cathy Walter from Mobile Hope is our wonderful coordinator.

We had a great distribution and gave at least 106 Coats away, with only one small box of coats left over. We had all the Coats John gave us, plus another 8 new donated children's coats, plus about 15 donated used kids coats. We also gave away another 5 or 6 used adult coats, about 8 pairs of used and new mittens or gloves and 2 used pairs of snowpants.

The Dayton distribution was open ended and residents and kids came in a steady stream from 1 PM to 2:30 until only the smallest of sizes remained. Mobile Hope provided a huge number of knitted winter hats to all the kids and most of the adults who participated.

Corcoran Coats for Kids Distribution



At the Corcoran site were chairman John Jordan, John Ruffing, Larry Gervais and FS Mike Johnson and Jill Djewski from Mobile Hope. The Corcoran distribution worked to fill requests for coat sizes specifically requested by residents (reservations) and specially procured by John Jordan. Some 100 coats were distributed to residents with an extra 30 coats being distributed to the Dayton park via CROSS

Residents at both locations were donated given hats as well. The families were so very grateful for the gift of warmth given by the generous donors of our parish and Council, and most of the kids were able to find coats in their favorite color somehow! The smiles and the gratitude made serving at these distributions a great Christmas gift for those of us who volunteered.

We hope to do this again next year and plan for more boys coats (which ran out). We may be able to join the residents at a Posada at the Dayton Park - stay tuned for details.

Successful November Pancake Breakfast

Our November Pancake Breakfast was a great success. We generated nearly \$2000 in profits. Wow! Brother Franklin takes the prize for most "pancakers" brought to the meal at 25. That's a lot of mouths to feed! Thanks to all that made this a success.

Put January 21 on your calendars as this will be our next Pancake event. As always, we need all of you Brothers to help out to make this a success.



St. Joe's Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday
January 21, 2018
9:00 am to Noon**



Proceeds benefit St. Joe's Parish & Community

**Annual KC Raffle/Steak Fry Tickets
available at breakfast or contact
Larry Gervais - 763 229-1971 or
Steve Jacobs - 763 494-4407**

Looking Forward

May this new year find you healthier and happier,
peaceful, content, satisfied,
looking forward to fresh, revitalizing interests,
a variety of pleasures, interesting new people,
material and personal successes
to make this new year the best one yet.

Happy New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs

St. Joe's Knights of Columbus

All you can eat Spaghetti Feast



**Salad, Bread and Dessert
- Free Will Offering -**

**Saturday
February 3, 2018
6:00 to 8:00pm following Mass**

**Raffle/Steak Fry Tickets available at dinner,
or call either Larry Gervais - 763 229-1971
or Steve Jacobs - 763 494-4407**

Moms' Group Annual Bake Sale After all Masses on Feb. 3rd & 4th.

Bake Sale profits go (to KidPack and Moms' Group funds for speakers, social justice projects, etc.)

Questions about Long Term Care Insurance?
Free personalized information and quotes available for the asking.
- See Dan Fajard -

Donation of Shirts and Soccer Balls for Haiti



Our Council donated 36 Knights of Columbus T- Shirts to the young people and "Good Samaritans" group led by brother Knight Fr. Claude in Bouzy, Haiti. Fr. Claude is leading a "round-table" of our Council in Bouzy where he is teaching and encouraging our values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity with the community. Brother Knights Fr. Don Piche, Hieu Tu and Dan Koshiol helped deliver the shirts to the young people who play soccer. Nicollett Assembly donated 12 soccer balls (which they call footballs in French) and our team was able to deliver six of them on this trip. The other six will go with the next team traveling to Haiti in the Spring.

Our Council is also donating funds for Fr. Claude to organize a year-end Christmas celebration for the kids of St. Catherine's as another great youth program.

Patrick Farrelly

From Fr. Claude:

Hello Patrick my brother Knight of Columbus. I am very happy to receive your meal. (?) I am also happy to welcome our brothers and sisters from Minnesota. I must welcome them in a favorable way. car without them we would not be where we are today. After a year, I am a little satisfied with their support.

With regard to our Knight of Columbus movement, the people of Bouzy welcome the idea with a lot of joy.

A big thank you for the equipment. I will send you the photos in the days to come. crs days, there is too much rain, young people could not play ball.

Thank you also for agreeing to put \$300 us available to organize the Christmas party with the children of St. Catherine. I announce that you will have the images of the party. Thank you Thank you for agreeing to introduce me into this beautiful ecclesial movement. It makes me warm to heart. I pray for you and I pray also for all knight brothers who are in Minnesota.

Thank you pere telemaque

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2017/2018 KC Calendar

December

- 12 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 12 7:30 pm Members Meeting
- 14 KC Christmas Party
- 16 Advent Retreat: Archbishop Hebda

January

- 9 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 9 7:30 pm Members Meeting
- 13 Keep Christ in Christma Poster Judging
- 21 Third KC Pancake Breakfast

February

- 3 Spaghetti Dinner
- 13 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 13 7:30 pm Members Meeting
- 23 First Lenten Fish Fry

March

- 9 Second Lenten Fish Fry
- 13 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 13 7:30 pm Members Meeting
- 25 Palm Sunday KC Pancake Breakfast



Plan to attend the KC monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.
Contact Burt at martinson88@comcast.net with any contributions to our KC monthly newsletter.
KC Council page on parish web site:
<http://www.sjtw.net/sjtw-knights-of-columbus>
 (under pastoral ministries)

Pray the Rosary

The council will pray the Rosary together the first Tuesday of the month.
 December's Rosary is on the 5th
 January's Rosary is on the 2nd
 February's Rosary is on the 6th

Sympathy Committee

If you know of a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Brian Meline at silverado1947@yahoo.com.

