

# THE KNIGHTLINE

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## My Brothers All:

Lent is a time for reflection. We should all look at our inner selves and examine how and what we are doing to make this a rewarding time in our spiritual lives. We, as Knights of Columbus, are called upon to exemplify the principles of the Order. By participating in the projects of the council we are assisting those in need in many ways. The council has donated money to several very worthwhile organizations this year. Over the last several days I have been completing recognition reports for the State. When you look at what we have accomplished, it looks very impressive, but I must ask myself how have we actually interacted with those who really need our help.

When I look at the requirements in the various areas of service, I see an opportunity to really get involved. I am going to point out just one requirement in each area as an example of how we, as a council, can get involved and really obtain the feeling of the true meaning of Charity, Unity, and Fraternalism.

## CHURCH:

By starting our monthly business meeting fifteen minutes early, we could meet in the sanctuary and recite a decade of the Rosary with dignity and true devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

## COMMUNITY:

Participate in an Adopt a Highway Program

## COUNCIL:

Sponsor at least one team in a State Athletic Event

## FAMILY:

Implement a program to give flowers to mothers of newborns

## YOUTH:

Participate, as a council, in an organized youth program within the parish or community

## MEMBERSHIP:

Host a second and third degree exemplification

If we took these examples and implemented them, we would be even more active within the parish and community. We are mid-way through the season of Lent. As we enter the season of spring let us look forward to the Easter season with a renewed spirit of commitment. As you will see, we have accomplished a lot, but there is still a lot to be accomplished.

Vivat Jesus

Ed Kane Grand Knight

What did you think of the new layout for the newsletter? I have heard nothing but rave reviews. I want to take this opportunity to thank Tim Vogel for all the work he puts in every month to ensure we have a quality product. Now with color and pictures, we have arrived in the twenty-first century.

## BINGO:

Chairman Tim Vogel held his first official meeting with several members in attendance. After establishing the areas of most concern, several sub-committees were set up. Manpower is certainly at the top of the list. Many members have expressed interest in



helping out. This is going to be a major commitment. Basically, "WE NEED YOUR HELP." The council will be extending an

invitation to the members of the parish to help. Team captains have been identified, and will be asked to sit on an executive board to help develop the protocols and administrative functions that will be required to have an efficient operation. Equipment was discussed, and it was recommended that when purchases are required, we should

actively look for good quality "PRE-OWNED" equipment prior to just going out and buying new. Quality and service-ability is a priority, and will not be sacrificed. Several members of the committee visited St. John Neumann on Friday, March 19, and observed their Bingo operation. Several visits are being planned in the near future to other Bingo sites. Remember our operation is scheduled to start in July, but may have to be put off until August. Please, get involved.

## BLOOD DRIVE:

The date was Saturday, March 13. Chairman Jim Hepler and his committee were there, the American Red Cross was there, and so were 40 donors. Unfortunately, four of the donors were turned away for one reason or another. The drive was successful. Thirty-six pints of blood. Thanks to all the council members who showed up to work and/or donate blood. For his first time as chairman, Jim did a great job. Our goal was forty pints. Remember we have two blood drives left for this calendar year, June 5 and October 23.

## MAY RACE:

Well, the long awaited meeting with the representatives of Lowe's Motor Speedway took place as scheduled. It was a good give and take meeting. There will be a lot of changes, but we feel they will all be to our advantage. Tom Joy and Matt Reilly are setting things in motion. You will be contacted shortly regarding your availability. What's this I am hearing about tram directors? Could this be an opportunity for those of you who cannot drive? You better believe it!

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

I waited to write this newsletter so that I could report on the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, and all I can say is wow! It was great! If you weren't there, you missed a great time. If



you were there, you know what I mean. Absolutely great food, music, a sense of togetherness and community prevailed throughout the evening.

The entire committee worked hard so that the event could have only been a great success. We knew right from the beginning how successful the event was going to be when twenty members showed up at eight o'clock on a Saturday morning for setting up the room and preparing the food.

The decorations and tablecloths gave the event that touch of class. Here it is Sunday afternoon, and I have received many congratulations on a really great affair.

I would like to thank everyone who participated, from the committee, those who attended, and especially those businesses who donated the door prizes. Just how successful was the dinner, you might ask? Well let me say, that we probably made back what we donated to the parish building fund and to SWAT last month. Need I say more? Again, let me say a special thank you to all of you who donated your time and talents for a very special event.

### STATE RAFFLE:

Have you purchased any State raffle tickets yet? If not, please do so. Remember that the council realizes one-half of the purchase price of each ticket sold. Last year the council sold a total of 83 tickets. This year we got off to a great start. As of this writing, we have sold 73 tickets. There is still plenty of time left. We received a total of three hundred and fifty tickets from the state. This is a no brainer! We sell the tickets and get to keep half the money.

### AD BOOKS:

Brother Paul Mitchell is doing a terrific job in selling the new addition of the ad books. I know he has been fighting a lot of competition especially with sale of dinner tickets, state raffle tickets, and signups for the race, but now it's time to get behind this project and make it as successful as our other fund raisers. Many people have asked us to sell these books again. Ask those you sold books to in the past to purchase the new rendition.

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

This particular member does his thing very quietly. He doesn't ask for recognition for the many things he does for the council or the parish in general. He has stepped up to chair the bingo committee, he publishes the new and improved newsletter, administers the council and parish web sites, and with all his added duties, he is still our master dishwasher. It is indeed an honor to name Tim Vogel, Knight of the month for March.

### FISH FRY:

Due to popular demand, we will be holding two fish fries. Mark your calendars for March 26 and April 2. Gary Tadwick has agreed to chair this activity. Give him a call if you can help out.

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

It's not too early to start thinking about our twenty-fifth anniversary. That's right, we will be in existence twenty-five years this coming Columbian year. I know we are going to have to do something special. I have some ideas, are you with me?

### NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

During the April business meeting the council will be entertaining nominations for officers for the new Columbian year. Please make a special effort to be at the meeting to express your comments. We all need your input. The council's future depends on your commitment to nominate and vote for those members who will lead us next year and into the future. Several members who have been working for many years in supporting the council and our many charitable projects are getting older and need to pass the baton, some are even getting ready to collect social security. Think about helping out by becoming an officer, or chairing a committee.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

During this past week I was advised that George Baily, a charter member of this council is suffering from congenital heart failure. I have asked brother Ted Benell to interact with the family so that we can be in a position to render any assistance that may be necessary. Please remember George in your prayers. In addition, we have been asked to remember Marion Reilly and Paul Cunningham in our prayers. It certainly was nice to see Brother Amedee Norvez at our last business meeting and at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Amedee is getting around with the assistance of a cane. He assures me that this is only for the short term. When passing his house the other day, I saw him out working in the garden. He is on the mend.

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