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## MY BROTHERS ALL:

Several times during the past Columbian year we, as a council have not found the time to at least recite one decade of the Rosary at the close of our meeting. Supreme has asked us to set a portion of time at each business meeting to perform this devotion to Our Blessed Mother. It is certainly the least we can do.

During the April business meeting I suggested that we meet in the Church at 7:00 p.m. prior to our regularly scheduled meetings and say the Rosary together as a council. My suggestion was met with a great deal of enthusiasm and input. May is the month of Our Blessed Mother, so it is indeed appropriate that we start this devotion during this special time. I was asked if other people could join us. My answer was, absolutely. What a great opportunity for us to not only honor the Mother of Our Lord, but to invite everyone to participate in this devotion with us. So mark your calendars, starting Monday May 24, we will hold our first Rosary devotion with the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries starting at 7:00 p.m.

## BINGO:

The committee has been holding weekly meetings preparing for the start of Bingo operations currently scheduled to begin on Thursday August 5. The committee has attended other games in the area to familiarize themselves with any contingencies that may arise. During the meeting a motion was made to expend money not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the purchase of the necessary equipment and supplies for the start of our endeavors. As was discussed, the committee has located good serviceable "pre-owned" equipment that must be brought in from the St. Louis area. With this purchase, the council was able to save several thousand dollars. We have also spoken to Robert Harrison, Director of Facilities, and made arrangements to store all of our equipment within the parish Life Center. Everything seems to be on schedule. We only need you for this to be a really great success. Please volunteer your time and join the team.

## BUDGET:

Thanks to the hard work of Tom Joy and Ted Benell a proposed budget was introduced at the April meeting. Copies were handed out to all in attendance. Please review this document and be prepared to discuss it at the May meeting. The budget, with any changes, will be introduced at this meeting and will be voted on in June.

## NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS:

Nominations of officers for the upcoming Columbian year were discussed. From the initial

response, it would appear that the current slate of officers would be running unopposed. Think about becoming involved in the council. We still need members to be active in the various committees as either members or chairmen. Time is running short. The new Columbian year starts in July. In order to keep the momentum going, WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN.

## RACE:

Tom Joy gave us an update on the status of the race signup sheets. As of this writing, Tom has advised me that things are going relatively well. We still need help. This is a great opportunity for us to raise money for the many charities we support. If you have not signed up to drive, please do so. We need your help! Don't forget we have the new job of "Tram Director." If you can't drive, consider being a tram director. Same rate of pay, and same hours. Sit on the tram, announce the stops and mix with the people. Remember to call Tom Joy and sign up to help out.

## SPANISH MINISTRY:

The question was, "what should we do next?" We have had some very successful events such as the Spaghetti Dinner, Saint Patrick's Day Dinner, and most recently the Lenten Fish Fries. Our parish is experiencing a growth with the Spanish community. We have a great opportunity to include these brothers and sisters in the activities we sponsor and support. As you all know, we have been very fortunate to work with the Diocese of Charlotte Spanish Youth Ministry by providing breakfast during their retreats. Brother Paul Mitchell is working with the Spanish Ministry in bringing the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to our parish. While plans are still being developed the Knights will be an integral part of the devotion. At the last meeting we discussed having a Spanish Festival. Paul has talked with members of the Spanish community and they were very responsive. They have obtained permission from Fr. Jerry to hold an event on Saturday, August 21. This will not be a fund raising event for the Knights. We will be there to assist in any way we can. We have the experience, knowledge, and the equipment to make the event a complete success. By getting involved, who knows we may get some good and needed new members for our council.

## SCHOLARSHIP:

Do you know of anyone in the council that has a child in need of a scholarship? We have applications for our annual Danielle Bigliardi Harper and Micayla Harper Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is open to qualified

applicants who are either attending college, Catholic High Schools, or certified trade schools. If you are interested, please call Ed Kane for an application.

## CONVENTION:

Grand Knight Ed Kane and Deputy Grand Knight Ken Fusaro will be attending the annual convention in Winston Salem the weekend of May 13 thru 15. I would like to thank Laurel Koenders for her much-needed assistance in putting a scrapbook together. In my opinion she did a terrific job. The scrapbook was turned into State Warden Greg Kent on Good Friday. Our book will be judged with the other entries at the convention. I will bring it back at the conclusion of the convention and put it on display for all to view. I think we will be in line for a few awards during the convention. We all worked very hard this past year, and even if we don't get any state recognition, I know what you have all contributed, and I certainly appreciate all your efforts.

## SPECIAL THANKS:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clayton Brown, Ted Benell and Wesley Weaver for building the storage bins in the basement of the Parish Life Center. These storage areas will be allocated to various ministries within the parish. The Knights were given a space so that we can properly store our bingo supplies and some equipment from our current space, which if haven't looked lately, is overflowing.

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

At the meeting Monday night we were advised the Marion Reilly has been in an intensive care unit in Spokane Washington. According to Clayton Brown, she became ill during a vacation with Matt to the western United States. The most recent news has been positive. Marion is eating on her own and is gaining strength.

Tim Vogel has reported that his wife Catherine has undergone successful surgery at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem. Catherine must still undergo a series of radiation and chemo treatments.

Also please, keep George Baily Jr, Phil Reilly and Irv Hoechner in our prayers.

*Vivat Jesus*

*Ed Kane, Grand Knight*

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