

ber). Family of the Month honors were given to Steven Baughman (October); Steve Liseski (November); and Phil Bischoff (December).

### COUNCIL RETREAT

A retreat for Knights and their wives is being planned for March 21. Other councils will be invited to join us for the all day program. A luncheon will be served and the retreat will end with an afternoon Mass. Brother Jack Madey is coordinating.

### MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be on December 8 with no additional meetings in December. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for January 5.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### DECEMBER

John Maruca, 3rd  
Brian Allbright, 4th  
Greg Corso, 4th  
Greg Benjock, 10th  
Dave Koenders, 15th  
Gary Tadvick, 21st  
Harold Butler, 22nd  
Roy Gilman, 26th  
James Bailey, 28th  
Alberto Hernandez, 31st  
Bill Muccio, 31st

#### JANUARY

John Carter, 8th  
Todd Bradford, 9th  
Carl Ruggiero, 13th  
Charles Spanbauer, 13th  
Thomas Nardoza, 15th  
Donald Mayer, 17th  
Dave Smith, 18th  
Anthony Sims, 21st  
Ron Cortopassi, 25th  
Noel Nadol, 25th  
Kris Marolt, 27th

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Brothers,

I found this in the November "The Word Among Us" a monthly publication that provides scriptures and meditations. "You will be hated because of my name." (Luke 21:12-19) Did you know that in the centuries since Jesus died, nearly seventy million Christians have given their lives for his gospel, and over forty million in the last century alone? If we thought only about the horrible way some of these martyrs met their deaths, we might wonder why God would allow his children to endure so much suffering. One answer could be summed up in the word "witness".

This struck me when I read it: how many of us go along with the crowd and fail to share Jesus with others in fear of being seen as "different" or outside of the crowd? I know I have done this. Tertullian, an early church leader and apologist, once said "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." It is unlikely that we may become martyrs, but we will face some form of persecution, misunderstanding or suspicion because of our faith. How we respond to these prejudicial actions is what is important. God calls us to be strong and he promises he will give us the words "For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict." (Luke 21:15 NIV) In today's world, more than ever, we need to be bold in our Catholic stance for truth and justice. We face many challenges with the Freedom of Choice Act being in the forefront and many others that are sure to follow.

I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, and as we did last Monday night, pray for your Brother Knights and their families, those that are sick, in need of employment, worried about their jobs, or suffering in other ways. Lift them up to God and ask for his blessing on them.

Brother in Christ  
Gary Tadvick

## KNIGHTS & "LIGHT" OPEN SEASON

Over 200 adults, children and Santa Claus attended the ice cream and waffle breakfast on November 22 and, in doing so, helped Christian Formation's LIGHT (Living in God's Hope

Today) get a strong financial start on its planned summer mission. According to LIGHT's director, Carmen San Juan, \$1,887 was earned at the breakfast, hosted and cooked by our Council.

Brother Ted Benell reported that Santa Claus arrived on time and got back home with no problems.

In addition, the now famous Council 7406 pumpkin pies were sold during the breakfast and after the weekend Masses. We sold almost 200 pies over the weekend and sales amounted to approximately \$1,500 for the Council's treasury. Another \$125 was made by selling bags of roasted pumpkin seeds. The pumpkin seeds and pie fillings were "leftovers" from our Pumpkin Patch, conducted just before Halloween. The popularity of the pies was evident at the noon Liturgy when an audible groan went up when it was announced that all of the pies had been sold and none would be available after the Mass as had been planned.

## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

In addition to the Faith Formation helpers and brother Knights at the waffle and ice cream party, the Council's Columbian Squires were in evidence selling Christmas Cards and helping with the overall event. Almost 50 boxes of the cards were sold.

The Squires have been busy, doing odd jobs around the parish property. They helped us sell our pumpkins for Halloween and recently stacked all the bricks from our falling down cooking pit on the back of the church's property. They also helped out with the moving of the Walk Through Bethlehem to its 2008 location at Camp Wesley. On Saturday, January 10, they will help cook and host lunch at the Mooresville Soup Kitchen.

## WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

Help in directing auto parking is needed at the Walk Through Bethlehem on the two Fridays it's open, December 5 and 12. It will also be open on each of the following Saturdays, the 6th and 13th. Brother Jim Kiger is directing this effort and you can volunteer by contacting Jim at (704) 340-0281 or at his e-mail [papajim@alltel.com](mailto:papajim@alltel.com).

## CHRISTMAS AT SAINT THERESE

The usual huge crowds are expected for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Knights will be directing

traffic at the busiest Liturgies and Jim Kiger will, once again, be coordinating parking volunteers. If you can spare the time, give Jim a call, (704) 340-0281 or e-mail him at [papajim@alltel.com](mailto:papajim@alltel.com) to volunteer.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Brother Skip Reilly reported that the Bylaws Committee has held two meetings in its effort to bring our bylaws up to a current status. Additional meetings through March have been scheduled with the plan that the updated document will be placed before the Council's board in April or May.

## MEDICAL NEEDS FUND DRIVE

A pork barbeque is planned for Saturday, January 24th to raise money for those parish families who are in need of financial support. Brothers Stewart McLamb and Steve Baughman will be cooking. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Anyone who can plan for the January date will have the opportunity to do so during the social meeting on January 5 and the business meeting on the 19th.

During the evening, fully-cooked pork shoulders, or Boston Butts, will be sold for \$25 as part of the income-raising effort for the parish needy.

## GOLF

The Council's second annual golf tournament will be held on April 15 at Birkdale Golf Course. According to Vince Greco, tournament chairman, plans are in motion to make the 2009 tournament bigger and better than last year's successful one. All Council members will be asked to help locate sponsors and advertisers. Ask your employers to be a sponsor; ask your favorite retailers if they would be willing to advertise with us. Committee members will make calls and get the commitments - all you have to do is identify the prospects.

## COUPON BOOKS

Brother Jack Madey reported that 130 coupon books were sold during the past drive. At \$10 per book for the Council, this means that our treasury added another \$1,300 to support our various charities. Jack said that he has another nine books left, so if you need a Christmas gift, or could use the tremendous discounts available through the book's use, contact Jack at (704)662-0220 or [madeyjack@gmail.com](mailto:madeyjack@gmail.com).

## AWARDS

Grand Knight Gary Tadvick presented several awards during the business meeting on December 1. Knight of the Month awards were given to Amadee Norvez (October); Stewart McLamb (November) and Dave Koenders (Decem-