



Knight's News from Council 7450



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2nd Degree will be held at St Patrick's on Saturday October 31 at the family life center. Any 1st degree member wishing to take the next step and can make this date please let me know as soon as possible so your name can be added to the roster.

3rd Degree St John Newmann Council 7343 will be hosting a 3rd degree on November 14, 2009; registration begins at 11 AM cost is \$12.00 for candidates and observers (council will pay fees). Please let me know ASAP if you are planning to attend this degree. Remember; you must be a second degree in order to make your 3rd degree. This is a wonderful opportunity to be in line to take the final step in knighthood to the 4th degree. Several years ago a 4th degree was held in Concord at the Embassy Suites and it may be held again in this area next year; saving travel and hotel expense.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Last year our effort in this area was minimal at best; hopefully we can do better this year. It would be nice to create a manger scene for the front of the church. Our 'Keep Christ in CHRISTmas' sign will be go up at our 601 entrance. Sponsor a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest; are a few ideas. Have more; please let me know soon.

New Council request

A newly formed North Carolina council 14767 has request donations to get the council up and running. No specific amount requested; any funding will help to get it going.

Good News Tonight

Leona Smith (Bobby's wife) has received some good news from the experimental treatment program she is in. Leona's tumor has stopped growing and started to shrink. So let us pray that this treatment will continue to produce a positive outcome.

Good of the Order

Ray Murphy informed me that his doctors have found a spot or growth on his lung. Ray has had a number of different types of scans; and is going for further tests. Please keep Ray and the Murphy family in your prayers.

Request for a Van

Yes; as strange as it may seem, an e-mail was received from a Sandy Wiley in Harrisburg, requesting a van for her sister to transport her son who is in a wheel chair. Their present van has broken down and they have limited income. A web site www.adaptedvan.com lists the Knight of Columbus as a source of funds for such vehicles. This site may not sell vans; but rather act as a source of information of those seeking one. E-mails inquiries to our District Deputy and State Deputy concerning the Knights being listed on this site.

Out of this world

Thursday morning at 6:55 AM if you are out doors look to the NNW for the International Space Station flying over. No film at 6 on this one.

Tropical Storm Ketsana

In September, tropical storm Ketsana produced the worst Philippine flooding in 40 years. Per e-mail from Supreme 125,000, knights reside in the Philippines. Individual and council donations are requested to aid flood victims.

Operation Lamb

We are in need of a new LAMB director for next year. Sal Cawa, our present director has request a replacement. Our LAMB funds this year are at an all time low due to the economy; and changes in company policies concerning customer solicitations. Therefore, what can we do between now and the end of December? One idea is to raffle off cash; one size fits all and you never have to worry about it being returned. How would this be done you ask. If we get permission, we could sell tickets after each Mass at \$1.00 each and six for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn, Sunday November 22, 2009 before Thanksgiving November 26, 2009. Then; if it goes well do another before Christmas. Who couldn't use a shot of oxygen before Christmas?

Wounded Warriors

To those new to the Knights; this program send wounded service personal home for the holidays. Last year more than 200 hospitalized service members went home for Christmas from North Carolina military hospitals. At the state convention, one council contributed over \$9,000.00 to the program. How did they do it you ask; they solicited the parish and community for donations. We do not have the luxury of time to set up community salutations; but we could appeal to the parish for their support. What's involved you say; making up a flyer to put in the bulletin; Signs for the foyer; containers for donation, and manpower after each mass.

40 Days for Life

The Knights day at the Latrobe Clinic is for this Saturday October 31, 2009. If you can spare some time for the unborn; please help.

Looking into the future

The date for the district wide picnic is Saturday June 5, 2010 at Dan Nickolas Park. Yes, that next year already; please mark your calendar. This will give us time to build up our softball team, horseshoe throwers, bocce ball rollers, etc. and boy do we need time.

Thanksgiving Meal for Needy families

Fr Dionne was asked for the name of five needy families in the parish for the Knights to provide food for Thanksgiving Dinner. If the family did not want to be identified we could box all of the items and leave it in the parish refrigerator for them to pick up.

Support our Troops

To date three boxes of goodies were mailed to Mike Kluttz. A special thanks goes to our worthy District Deputy Pete Devlin. Pete not only donated a box full of items; he also provided \$50.00 for future shipments.

Next Meeting

Planning Meeting November 3, 2009.

Regular Business Meeting November 10, 2009.