NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus
Council 9096
Apple Valley, MN
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DECEMBER 2016

Upcoming Events

- **12/13 Monthly Meeting. Speaker at 715pm, Officers 645pm. Also, Brother Knight Jim Green's 70th anniversary as a KC**
- **12/8 Holy Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- **12/17 Church decorating**
- **12/18 Pancake Breakfast with Santa @RS 930am-1230pm. See article.**
- **1/7 Church undecorating**
- **1/21 Major Degree Exemplification @ Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan**

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Grand Knight Report – by Jerry Kuennen

We have conducted three fund raising events in last six weeks, two pancake breakfasts and the ham and turkey bingo. Thanks to all who volunteered to make them all very successful. It was good to see our new members pitching in to learn the routine. Coming this month is our Christmas pancake breakfast on December 18th, complete with carols on the piano and a visit from the jolly red-suited fellow himself. This is a good opportunity to bring your whole family and enjoy a delicious breakfast.....and you get to determine the tab.

Our Christmas Card sale is now underway. Check them out at the next mass. You will find them to be a very high quality product with the proper focus on what we are celebrating. If you have school age children or grandchildren, encourage them to participate in our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest also underway.

As we near the half-way point of our fiscal year, we are less than half-way towards our goal for membership. We all need to step up our efforts at recruiting. It's time to talk to that guy you see at church or in your social circle who you think would be a good fit. Ask him to consider joining us. You don't know until you ask!

I want to wish you and yours a happy and blessed Christmas season and a wonderful new year!

Fraternally,
Vivat Jesus

Jerry Kuennen
Grand Knight Council 9096
Apple Valley

Notes from the November 8, 2016 meeting—

1. **Our council conducted a First-Degree exemplification prior to the meeting with the following individuals receiving their KC first degree:**
   - **Steve Lorenz**
   - **Brandon Fraher**
   - **Michael Marxen**

Welcome to all first-degree members.

Also, Joe Kankovsky was re-admitted to the KC's, rejoining our council. Welcome back, Joe!

2. **Grand Knight, Jerry Kuennen, indicated the following:**
   - **Thank you notes were received from the Feed My Starving Children organization.**
   - **Our council has received the Columbian Award.**
3. **Council chairman, B.J. Bertram, indicated the following:**
   - **This month the KCs hauled 1500 pounds of donated groceries.**
   - **Passed around a sheet with prices for KC shirts bearing our council logo.**
4. **Bob Hanson also indicated that the Turkey Bingo event was a success.**
5. **Culture of Life chairman, Dave Commerford, indicated the following:**
   - **On the third Saturday of this month at 11:00 am, a prayer vigil is said in front of the Mega Abortion clinic in St. Paul.**
   - **If we participate in the KC free throw contest, we will again partner with the Lakeville KC council.**
6. **Church chairman, Rich Ehalt, indicated that the Christmas cards would be on sale in the church common area starting on November 18 and 19. The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest will start on the same weekend.**
7. **Youth chairman, Bob Brotzel, indicated the Fall Classic bowling tournament will be held in this month.**
8. **District Deputy, Dan Hindes, indicated that a Major Degree Exemplification would be held on January 21, 2017, at Faithful Shepard School in Eagan.**
9. **Our council approved the donation of $500 to our sister parish in Haiti to help with expenses incurred when the area was damaged by the recent hurricane.**
10. **Keep all individuals in need of healing in your prayers.**

Our December 13 meeting will start at 715pm and will include guest speakers Paul & Ruth Laursen from Lakeville who will share their personal story on their involvement in "The Saint Michael Project". Saint Michael is the patron saint of police officers, fire fighters & those whose lives are in danger while protecting us. They have handed out over 1,500 medals to police officers & firefighters. They will start their talk @ 7:15pm Officers please meet at 645pm.

Jim Green 70th KC Membership Celebration

Our Apple Valley Council would like to invite you to help us celebrate Jim Green's 70 Years as a Knights of Columbus Member. A cake will be served at our December 13 7:30 PM Risen Savior KC Monthly Meeting to acknowledge this momentous occasion.

At the age of 21, Jim along with 50 other candidates became a Knight on December 1, 1946. His first KC Council was the St. Raphael Council #2769 of Springfield, Minnesota. He transferred to our Apple Valley Council in 1985 as one

of our 100 original Charter Members. Over the past 30 years as member of our council, Jim has been very active in many of our council activities. Many of you Knights have received a telephone call from Jim asking you help delivering groceries to the Food Shelf or volunteering at the Von Hanson Brat and Hot Dog Stand.

Knights of Columbus December 18 Pancake Breakfast with Santa

The Risen Savior Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake, Sausage and Fruit Breakfast on December 18 (Sunday) from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Risen Savior Basement. Treat your family to a delicious breakfast and some Christmas Cheer. After the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, Santa will be there to visit and hand out candy canes to your children and grandchildren. In addition, your favorite Christmas Carols will be played on the piano.

If you are interested in volunteering for a short shift at the Pancake Breakfast, please contact Jim Sowada at (952) 432-9378 or at jsowada@charter.net.

B. J. and Patty Bertram Christmas Light Display

Enjoy a 23,000 Christmas Light Display that features a 5-foot star on the house that has lights cascading to a 15-foot ground star that contains the Stable with Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. The children will enjoy seeing Santa counting down the number of days to Christmas. Rudolph, Blitzen, the Sleigh and 42 snowflakes are on the garage roof. For your listening pleasure, the Crab Tree Lights are synchronized to Christmas Music. The display has won the several Burnsville Christmas Lighting Contests. The lights are turned on from 5:00 to 10:00 PM through January 8. Our address is 15113 Stevens Avenue in Burnsville.

Monthly Dedication
Past State Chaplain Fr. O'Hotto

This month, on December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast celebrates that the Blessed Virgin, from the first moment of her conception, was kept free of original sin! The feast originated in the Eastern Church in the 8th Century, and it began to be celebrated throughout the world when the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854. The Lord kept the Blessed Mother free from original sin to prepare her to be the Mother of the Savior. He was free from sin and he would be born of a woman free from sin. December 24 & 25, Christmas, celebrates that God became man, the Mystery of the Incarnation, to give us salvation.

Major Degree Exemplification

On Saturday, 1/21, our District will be conducting a major degree (1-2-3) exemplification at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan. Registration for 1st (admission) degree begins at 830am, with the ceremony beginning at 9am. 2nd degree begins at about 1015am with registration at 930am. 3rd (knighthood) degree will begin shortly after the conclusion of the 2nd degree. A light lunch will be served afterwards. Are you only a 1st or 2nd degree member? Put this date on your calendar and let Bob Hansen (952-388-3956) or Dan Hindes (612-237-4794) know that you will be coming! This is a great, convenient and local way to advance your degree status. I would expect you to be done around 1pm or so. This is also an excellent opportunity to recruit new members! Our council only needs 6 more new members to reach the 2016/2017 goal. Let's do this!! Please plan on attending to support these new candidates and future brother knights!

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