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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

"Charity is the fullness of the law. He who lives the Commandments as a dimension of the one charity, truly sings the "new song". Charity that is united to the sentiments of Christ is the authentic "new song" of the "new man", able to create also a "new world".

---- Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, January 25, 2006

Again I turn to the subject of Charity, the first principle of our Order, and I am so motivated to do so because of recent events within our Council.

My brothers, I first wish to commend the members of our Council and in particular, rothers Rich Stanton, Tony Decresci, Ed Callahan and D.D. John Gazis for their recent assistance of our Brother Rick Mastronardi. In September, Brother Rick had a fire at his business in Brooklyn that caused a great deal of damage. At our October meeting, the Council voted to provide Rick with some funds to help him financially recover from this fire. Then on November 3, Rich, Tony, Ed and John went up to Brooklyn and spent the day helping Rick, his 2 brothers, and one of his employees clean up his building. Rich helped out, despite having had a heart attack a couple weeks before. The work involved salvaging parts and equipment, relocating the salvaged items to Rick's new location and throwing out equipment that had been destroyed or damaged in the fire.

Congratulations to our newest Brother Knight - Michael Byington. Mike made his First Degree at Council 8415 in Lavallette on November 13.

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Council Meetings

8 P.M. Thursday

December 13, 2007

January 10, 2008

February 14, 2007

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT (cont)

This month, the Council had several events planned. I would like to thank those Brothers that came out and helped at these charitable events. First on Veterans Day November 11, we held our monthly Communion Breakfast. This year, at the suggestion of the Deputy Grand Knight, veterans were our honored guests and did not pay for breakfast. In addition, we will collect donations for service members wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sunday November 18 was our semi-annual Parish Flea Market and Craft Show. Tony Decresci spearheaded this operation.

On Thanksgiving Day, we once again sponsored a dinner for the people in our Parish. The Deputy Grand Knight William Wright and P.G.K. Frank Cicaese coordinated this effort. In addition to a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings served at the Church, meals were delivered to shut-ins and needy people. Others were picked up and brought to the dinner so they would not be alone on the holiday. We had many Parishioners and Brother Knights volunteer to help with cooking, delivering meals and serving. Some food was pre-cooked and dropped off on the morning of Thanksgiving by some Parishioners on their way to visit relatives for dinner.

Our annual Christmas parties will be held on Saturday, December 15. The Children's Party will begin at 1:30 p.m. The adult party will begin at 6 p.m., after the 5 p.m. Mass. Ed Callahan is the contact for the Children's Party, he will be calling to see who will be attending. D.D. John Gazis is the contact for the adult party, please call him for more information, (732) 477 - 6304. There will be a grab bag game played, as we have done in the past. Please limit the gifts to \$15 or below. Also, as we have in the past, Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly has been invited to join us.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 9. Digital pictures will be taken and put up on the Council website, with a copy given to the parents.

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased Brother Knights and their families and for the deceased members of our Armed Forces. This year, we compiled the names of those killed defending our country in 2007 and with the assistance of our pastor Father Mike, they are being remembered in the Masses at our Church during November.

Also please remember in your prayers Brother Rich Stanton who is recovering from a heart-attack and Brother Tom McConnell's wife and their family.

**Vivat Jesus
Fraternally yours,
Bryan Dickerson
Grand Knight**

Fundraising Cruise

This program was discussed at the business meeting on November 8, 2007, and the Council voted to go ahead with this plan and formed a committee. If you are interested in this idea, please contact Grand Knight Bryan Dickerson at home (732) 295-4574. More information will be distributed in the January newsletter.

My name is Anthony Verile and I would like to introduce myself and my business to you. I am the owner of the local Cruise Planners franchise. I am a Cruise Specialist, licensed, bonded and insured. As a Cruise Planner owner, I am also a member of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), National Association of Cruise Oriented Agencies (NACOA), Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

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Sometimes Cruise Lines offer "Residents Specials" for certain cities and/or states...military discounts...senior specials (55+)...Union members...and past passenger specials just to name a few.

I would like to have a fundraising cruise for the St Martha's Knight of Columbus. A donation for each cabin sailed will be given to the Knights of Columbus based on the cruise rate of the selected cruise.

If a total of 12 or more cabins are sold that the donation will increase.

Royal Caribbean and Celebrity depart from Bayonne. Norwegian, Carnival and Princess just to name a few depart from New York.

Each cruise line has destinations to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada and the Caribbean. The rates below are based on sailing during the months of July and August. I can provide cruise rates for any month you wish.

The Royal Caribbean cruise cabin prices range from \$1,000.00 p.p. for an inside cabin up to \$2,100.00 p.p. for a Balcony cabin.

The Norwegian, Carnival and Princess cruise cabin rates range from \$600.00 p.p. for an inside cabin up to \$1,700.00 p.p. for a balcony cabin.

These packages are available to everyone, not only the members of the St. Martha Council. The Group is being sponsored by the Council.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you.

*Sincerely,
Anthony Verile
Cruise Specialist*

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>Dec 1</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 8 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly Meeting	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> <u>Breakfast with Santa</u>	<u>10</u> 8pm Chapter Meeting @ 6201	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <u>8pm COUNCIL MEETING 7926</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 1:30 pm Children's Christmas Party 6pm Council Christmas Party
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <u>Christmas</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 8pm Council Social Meeting	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>Jan 1</u> <u>New Year's Day</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 8 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly Meeting	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 8pm <u>COUNCIL</u> <u>MEETING</u> 7926	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> <u>Breakfast</u>	<u>14</u> 8pm <u>CHAPTER</u> <u>MEETING</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> <u>Martin Luther</u> <u>King, Jr. Day</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 8pm <u>COUNCIL</u> <u>SOCIAL MEETING</u> 7926 ☞	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

District Deputy Comments

Let me start by wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. I hope Santa is good to you and you get everything you asked him for.

Now, here we are, halfway through another Columbian year and I can't help but wonder where our Brother Knights are, especially the newest members, whether it be on meeting nights, social nights, the Council's monthly breakfasts or one of our events.

They thought enough of the Knights of Columbus to join, but always seem to be too busy when a meeting night comes along. Maybe they are busy with work obligations, or a family function, and that should come first. But I find it hard to believe that they are busy every month. I know that after the first missed meeting, it becomes easier to miss another one. Just think how good it would feel, coming to a meeting and having your voice heard on an important topic. This is YOUR Council, come to a meeting and help the Officers make it one you can be proud to say you are a member of. Your Council needs your input, your help in growing and becoming an even more vital group in our Church and Community.

John A. Gazis,
District Deputy 31

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