



Knighly News

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Grand Knight's Address

Dear Brother Knights and friends, it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here and Advent is just around the corner. This is my favorite time of year as the last bit of green fades from the trees, the fields, orchards, and vineyards are harvested and we begin to settle in to the long winter months and holiday season. This year we have reason to be especially thankful for all that we have as we hear news of hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes here in the US and around the world. We as knights recognize our responsibility to our fellow citizens of God's Earth and have made every effort to support relief efforts wherever they are needed.

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Council News

Brother Knights, last month we held two very successful events. Over the weekends of October 22nd and 29th we collected approximately 440 new and used sweatshirts for the annual Holy Cross Children's Services (formerly Boysville) Christmas Drive and on the 31st we held our annual All-Saints Spaghetti Dinner and raised \$460 for the seminarians supported by our council. This month will be the Birthright Benefit Dinner Dance and our last two Friday fish fries. Beginning January we will hold our meetings at St. Bernard's Parish hall on Delaware at Ogden in Benton Harbor. Fr. Bill has offered us the use of the hall until the new Parish hall is completed early next fall.

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Columbian Club News

Brother Knights, At our regular Columbian Club membership meeting on November 7th Sean Juza updated us on the status of the sale of the hall and property. Our buyer has had successful meetings with the neighbors, the township planning commission, and is working with Benton Township to extend sewer and water to the site. The survey is complete and soil tests will be performed over the next few weeks. Everything is going as planned so we are looking at a tentative closing date of January 3rd, 2006. There was some discussion about what to do with the proceeds from the sale and we will wait to hear from the committee that will

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Birthdays for Month

Joseph A Marsala
Michael J McCann
Joseph Meimes
Joseph A Strzyzkowski Sr
Clayton M Benson
Lyle R Ott
John S Benya
William L Frantz
James J Visin
Patrick J O'Brien
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Rev. William J. Jacobs Jr
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Coming Events

November

4th Fish Fry
7th Business Meeting
Columbian Club Mtg.
11th Fish Fry
13th Pancake B'fast at St.
John's 9am Mass
18th Fish Fry
19th Pancake Dinner at St.
Bernard's 5pm Mass
24th Thanksgiving
25th NO Fish Fry
26th Birthright Benefit

Advent Begins

December

5th Business Mtg
11th Pancake B'fast at St.
John's 9am Mass
17th Pancake Dinner at St.
Bernard's 5pm Mass
18th Social Meeting and
family Rosary

Christmas Day

31st New Year's Eve



Fish Fry Closing

With the anticipated closing on the sale of the hall in early January and declining sales we decided not to reopen after our Thanksgiving break. The last friday fish fry will be on November 18th. Thanks to all the men and their wives and families whose efforts made it possible for us to run this event over the last few years. I would especially like to thank the team leaders who have been responsible for running the fish fry each week: Jeff Hudson, Sean Juza, Bob Van Arkel, and especially Bill Grover who has served as Fish Fry chairperson and overall kitchen manager for the past year. Thanks to Dominick Bartalone who has run our bar and handles hall rentals for as long as I have been here. These men have given many hours of time and effort to help ensure the success of this council.

Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies and Knights,
The season of Advent is just around the corner. And I have been hearing this song as I prepare for the Lord's coming. The song is "People Get Ready" and it goes like this, "Lord I'm ready now. I waiting for your triumphant return....So people get ready, Jesus is coming. Soon we'll be going home. People get ready. Jesus is coming to take from this world His own." The question is..Are you one of the those that He will be taking home? The readings from Sunday's mass are trying to help us get ready. They have been reminding us how to live and how we can get into heaven. That should be our ultimate goal. Advent is such a wonderful time to open our heart and soul to what the Lord wants us to be and do.

I have a idea to pass along from a friend (and former parishioner from Ss. John and Bernard's) Jessie Comden. She wanted me to remind you that if you want your Christmas cards to have a Nazareth postmark, all you have to do is head east to Nazareth College, they will postmark your cards to say that it comes from Nazareth. What a cool idea.

I hope that you are getting ready.

Merry Advent,
Juanita Grover

God Bless America



Seventeen bags full of sweatshirts collected by Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #1120 during the last two weeks of October are waiting to be wrapped and delivered to Holy Cross Children's Services as part of the Knight's Statewide annual sweatshirt drive.

HCCS Sweatshirt Drive

This year's sweatshirt drive, run by Chancellor Mark Globensky, had large drop boxes at all four parish locations as well as at both Lake Michigan Catholic Schools buildings for the last two weeks of October. The response from the parish communities was overwhelming. We would like to give a special thanks to Bill Grover, Napoleon Lopez, and Pat Clark who helped with the boxes. There will be wrapping parties at the hall on November 12th and 19th at 1pm. All of the 439 shirts will have to be boxed and labeled before we send them on to our District Deputy at the end of the month. Contact Mark Globensky or show up at a wrapping party to help.



Children came dressed up as their favorite saints to the annual All-Saints Spaghetti Dinner. Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #1120 raised \$460 for the seminarians from our parishes as part of the Order's RSVP program. Pictured left to right are St Martin De Porres (Joseph Kampe), St. Peter (Mitch Birk), St. Rose of Lima (Anna Kampe), St. Philomena (Mina Kampe), St. Joan of Arc (Sofi Grover), St George (Zack Grover), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Brugman), and Queen Esther (Lupe Grover).

All Saint's Spaghetti Dinner

On October 29th the council held our fourth annual All-Saints Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the seminarians from our parishes. This year we have two, Dan Hyman and Kevin Cook, both of St. Joseph Parish. Over sixty people attended and we raised \$460 to donate thru the RSVP program. Thanks to Everett and Elaine Creager, Mike and Amy Birk, Pat and Joe Dudding, Chris Jones, Jim Humburg, my wife Juanita and children Tony and Dani who helped man the kitchen, serve meals, and clean up. Also thanks to Ned and Diane Wollenslegel for judging the children's costume contest.

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Effective January 2nd the council will meet at St. Bernard's Parish hall. We will still meet the first and third Monday at 7pm

Grand Knight (from page 1)

Please keeping mind this season as you are shopping and celebrating that there are many who are still homeless, hungry, and cold. Maybe part of your gift giving this year will extend to those outside your regular circle of family and friends.

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Columbian Club (from page1)

gather as much information as possible and make a recommendation to the club in January. If you want to add your input to the decision process I encourage you to contact any of the committee members, preferably in writing. The Committee is made up of myself, Dr. Steve Hadaway, Arden Pridgeon, Gerry Post, and Dominick Bartalone.

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Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

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