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**JANUARY 2016**

## KC RAFFLE

Our council is once again in the process of sponsoring its 12<sup>th</sup> annual “Raffle” with the proceeds to benefit the St. John Vianney School. The SJV School continues to need our financial help in order to ensure its very future and a Catholic Educational opportunity for the children of our parishes. This “**stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results**” is the cornerstone of our success in this program. This year we will keep the same basic format as in the past. The ticket prices continue to be \$100 each. The number of tickets has been increased from 700 to 750 and the cash prizes have also been increased from \$28,000 to \$30,000. **The prize payouts will be the following: 1<sup>st</sup> prize--\$12,000 2<sup>nd</sup> prize--\$5,000 3<sup>rd</sup> prize--\$4,000 4<sup>th</sup> prize--\$1,000 5<sup>th</sup> prize--\$1,000 6<sup>th</sup> prize--\$500 7<sup>th</sup> prize--\$500 8<sup>th</sup> prize--\$500 9<sup>th</sup> prize--\$500 prizes 10 thru 14--\$400 prizes 15 thru 18--\$250 prizes 19 thru 23--\$200 prizes 24 thru 33--\$100**

Letters have been sent out to all who had purchased raffles tickets in 2015, giving them first chance at tickets for 2016. We are very confident that we will be able to sell all 750 tickets this year resulting in a donation to the SJV School of \$45,000.. This goal is certainly only possible with your support and by stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results. This formula has worked in the past and will continue to work for us now and in the future. Thank you Knights for caring enough about the SJV School to continue our involvement!!!!

We continue to realize the importance of this project and once again ask that all members please consider purchasing a ticket. The future of our school does depend on each of our decisions. To date the following have supported our efforts and purchased a ticket/s:

*Dave Baaron	Mary Lucas	Ardis Schleining	*Frank Winzenburg	Bruce Gemmill	Jr Zimmer	Beth Kloeckner	Warren Anderson
Steve Fogelson	Jim Hallstrom	Jim Droegemueller	*Tom Izen	Gen Kosbab	Virginia Krause	Laura Kramer	Bart Eriksen
Butch Trembley	Al Thelen	James Meyer	Larry Lau	Darwin Anthony	*Terry Maakestad	Bob Millette	Mark Kotewa
*Joyce Farrow	John Anthony	GM Feia	Neil Zimmer	Lenny Tvedten	Steve Fausch	Sheri Artz	Mary Schweiss
Diane Hendricks	Louie Bulfer	*Mary Kay Redenius	*John Oothout	*Jim Schoener	Diane Runkle	Lynette Reiman	Jerry Homan
*Glen Becker	Vicki Bicknase	Jim Simser	*Denny Militello	Bruce Eisenmenger	Mark Kleven	Laurie Sherman	Judy Zehms
*Chuck Carlson	Mark Salz	Sue Oliver	Gary Hoehn	*Maureen Gieske	Duane Nawrocki	*Scott Cole	Monica Burtis
Mary Jane Hellyar	Evelyn Betts	Bryan Killelea	*Joe Garry	Greg Stone	Betty Felber	Kurt Unke	Carmen Willard
Richard Lutz	*Carroll Collins	*Mike Garry	Willard Forster	Theresa Jennings	*Jim Dick	Mary Jo Moltzen	*Scott Fausch
Anne Keusemann	Jerald Berndt	*Mike Droegemueller	Watson Plumbing	Jim Wolf	*Dan Harris	Loretta Mathiowetz	Steve Schmitz
Richard Johnson	Mark Daschner	Jim Hill	*Doug Eisenmenger	Doug Mattson	Dorothy Krick	Hank Meester	*Gary Maday
John Schaefer	Jon Helvig	*Shelly Moeller	Maureen Boro	Joe Burns	Jim Bulfer	*Todd Smith	Sue Homan
Neal Becker	Ron Sandhurst	*Rich Johnson	Dareld Koopman	Fred Hoops	Nancy Fisher	David Schiltz	Jack Zimmer
Linda Will	*Dave Cone	Mary Segar	Verluts Burkhardt	Don Feuerhake	Nita Feuerhake	Richard Maday	Ken Rusch
Dave Kuhl	Su Kuhl	Joe Corona	*Tom Maday	KevinNowicki	Denny Farrow	Jerald Mosloski	Kevin Mosloski
Grace Haeckel	Erik Ogren	Garry Roeker	Greg Leiferman	Kathy Langer	Leon Gerken	Eddie Murphy	Ellen Kuderer
Greg Kuderer	LaDonna Anderson	Melissa Sanvig	Bill Gunther	Bryon Phillip	Eunice Eisenmenger	Archie Farnham	*Dave Mosley
Merlin Oddan	Tom Mahoney	Jason Jorgenson	Curtis Jorgenson	Jerry Jorgenson	Phil Armstrong	Brandon Scott	3M A-Crew
FFD	Jacob Kot	Dom Maadestad	Lucas Bresnan	Jeff Kot	Dawn Kot	Mike Core	Wanda Saxton
Steve Guetter	Ken Sundblad	Randi Martinson	Mark Kelley	*Harland Johnson	*Shirley Crowley	*Troy Jensen	Jim Eberhard
Diane Erickson	James Minoz	Cathy Arens	Mark Nordquist	*Mary Ann Koval	Dennis Lockwood	Derek Landson	Brandon Mosloski
Ryan Meyer	Chris Tulowetzke	Guy Beemer	Chad Eckmann	Anthony Forand	Jovan Ramos	Adam Gates	Krystal Kotewa
*Pleasant Prairie Grp	*Bixby Road Grp	*Tim Siegler	Ben Stevens	Karen Shoen	Larry Siegler	Dustin McKean	Tonya Klunder
Kathy Carlson	Jason Clark	Jim Wood	Nicole Gries	Gloria Ekstedt	Paul Ekstedt	Sue Oliver	Bill Gunther

*\*Denotes the purchase of multiple tickets*

The following members have been asked to help with this project and each have been sent tickets. **Please begin selling your tickets now** and once completed turn the completed ticket stubs, the completed solicitors form and the collected money in to Joe Schaffer. **We are asking that all tickets be sold and the ticket stubs, the completed solicitors form and the money be turned into Joe Schaffer by December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please do your very best to complete the process by this date. **Please remember that our council will not be keeping any of the profit realized from this venture.** We are merely attempting to do God’s work!!! Thank you in advance for your help:

Mel Ruppert	<b>Jake Bettin</b>	Denny Pytleski	<b>Dave Kuhl</b>	Leon Lammers	Red Holland	Bob Steger
<b>Larry Swanson</b>	Jack Newville	Mike Murphy	Pat Graif	Steve Sovell	<b>Denny Farrow</b>	<b>Dave Mosley</b>
<b>Kevin Thate</b>	Mike Brau	Leland Leichtnam	Andy Noll	Jim Busche	Larry Petrowiak	<b>Gary Haeckel</b>
<b>Jerry Jorgenson</b>	Paul Cihoski	Brian Hartwig	Bob Katzenberger	Bruce Hady	Mark Lenort	Bart Franta
Chad McGowan	<b>Tim Siegler</b>	Randy Quiring	Jon Slinde	Greg Cochran	Pat Bulfer	<b>Harland Johnson</b>
Abraham Joseph	Greg Borowski	Jeff Militello	Joe Melsha	Paul Determan	Joe Schaffer	Mark Kiecker
Chad Lutterman	Mike Zebedee	Mike Coady	Jim Hahn	<b>Troy Jensen</b>	<b>Jeff Kot</b>	Reid Van Brunt
Tom Sonnek	<b>Jim Eberhard</b>	<b>Steve Guetter</b>	Randy Sokoloski	<b>Dennis Lockwood</b>	Mike Bless	<b>Guy Beemer</b>
Jim Kasel	Dallyn Kotewa	Dave Landsteiner	Chris Pierce	Richard Birkle	Bill Rosa	Aaron Haycraft
<b>Darren Maday</b>	Tony Wendler	Daryl Pytleski	Glen Landsteiner	Robert Lenort	Cory Wickert	Tom Zehnder
<b>Nick Kotewa</b>	Henry Smith					

**Bold=have completed the process**

To Date: Denny Farrow, Gary Haeckel, Darren Maday, Dave Mosley, Guy Beemer, Jake Bettin, Nick Kotewa, Jeff Kot, Dave Kuhl, Jerry Jorgenson, Harland Johnson, Troy Jensen, Jim Eberhard, KevinThate, Tim Siegler, Henry Smith and Dennis Lockwood have sold all their tickets and have turned in the money, ticket stubs and completed solicitors form, while Jake Bettin, Steve Guetter, Mike Murphy, Jim Kasel, Dennis Lockwood, Larry Swanson, Kevin Thate, Henry Smith and Dave Mosley have all requested additional tickets. If you need additional tickets please contact Andy Lucas @ 236-6301 or Joe Schaffer @ 920-8472. If you have not started selling please do so as soon as possible, we do need to have **the process completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. This will give us time to sell any tickets that might still be remaining.**

**SECURITY**

We are in need of members who would be interested in helping with "Security" duties. We presently have '5' members who serve on our security committee and they rotate these duties (Joe Schaffer, Tim Siegler, Pat Bulfer, Chad McGowan & Bill Rosa). Security is normally only needed when our bar is open and depending on the number of rentals at our facility, security committee members will work about once ever fifth week in the busy summer months and less frequently during the slower months. If this is something that you would be interested in trying please call our Security Chairman, Joe Schaffer at 507-920-8472 for additional information.

**EVANGELIZATION AND PRAYER**

-----MAKE THE FOLLOWING YOUR DAILY PRAYER-----

*Lord we are your people.  
Please, dear Lord, work through Your Knights of Columbus  
That we will respond to give healing to the wounded,  
That we will give of self,  
So we may touch those in pain, cleanse the soiled, warm the cold.  
Help us to know the Father's love through you and through your Spirit.  
Help us to liven up that love and show it all over the land.  
Help all of us, as Knights, to build love on justice.  
Help us, dear Lord, in our efforts at our Knights of Columbus facility,  
that we may better serve in our ministry to you.  
Renew the Knights of Columbus that we may help to renew the face of the earth.*

**SUPPORT YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS**

Are you looking for a great place to eat for breakfast or lunch??? Why not stop by Edie's Restaurant and enjoy the great "Home Cooking" that they have to offer. Their food is very tasty, while at the same time being very affordable. Stop by Today!! This is another business who supports our council by advertising on our cover, therefore, making the publishing of our newsletter possible. Please thank them by supporting them whenever possible.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

During the month of January the membership meetings will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> and on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The membership meetings will begin at 8:00 pm, with lunch being served following the meeting. All members are asked and encouraged to attend, with a special invitation to our new members. Consider calling a fellow member and offering a ride to/from the meeting. **Hope to see you there!!!**

**LUNCH COMMITTEE**

During the upcoming months the following Officers are being asked to serve lunch:

<u>January 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>February 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>March 15<sup>th</sup></u>
*Tim Siegler	*Chad McGowan	*Leland Leichtnam	*Pat Bulfer	*Jim Kasel	STAG PARTY
Chad McGowan	Leland Leichtnam	Pat Bulfer	Jim Kasel	Larry Lau	STAG PARTY
<u>April 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>April 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>May 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 21<sup>st</sup></u>
*Larry Lau	*Leon Lammers	*John Eisenmenger	*Carroll Collins	*Dave Landsteiner	*Bob Millette
Leon Lammers	John Eisenmenger	Carroll Collins	Dave Landsteiner	Bob Millette	Tim Siegler

\*Denotes the member who is responsible for picking up the lunch. Lunch will be served immediately following the membership meeting and all who eat are asked to please make a donation toward its cost. The food (meat, chips, ice cream etc.) can be gotten at Hy-Vee, (please pay for it and bring back the receipt for reimbursement), or you may charge it at Fareway Foods. Thank you to the officers of our council for providing this service over the past many years.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The following members of our council will celebrate their "Birthday" during the month of January:

Norm Abel	Pat Bulfer	Mike Carr	Tom Doherty	Aaron Haycraft	Jerry Jorgenson
Dallyn Kotewa	Nick Kotewa	Steve Kotewa	Gary Maday	James Meyer	Larry Petrowiak
Bob Petrowiak	Ken Rusch	Mark Salz	Dave Segar	Cory Wickert	Arnie Wolfe

We wish them a very Happy Birthday and express our gratitude to each of them for being a member of our council. If your name has been omitted or is listed in a wrong month please contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (alucas@frontiernet.net) and our records will be changed accordingly: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COUNCIL!!!**

**KC MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Remember to look for the "Blue Memorial Envelopes" when you are considering making a memorial donation for a friend or a loved one. These envelopes are located at the funeral home and also at the entrances to the Church. This continues to be an excellent way to support our council, while also paying tribute to the individual/s who have gone before us. We would very much like to have this process move along as quickly as possible so that the grieved and the donor receive their acknowledgments soon after the donation is made. If you have a memorial that you would like to give please send it to the following address:

**Knights of Columbus, 462 Amber Lake Drive, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031**

If you, as a member, have been given a memorial to turn in for someone else, please make every attempt to get it to Tom Johanneck (at the above address) as soon as possible. Tom, thank you for providing this service to our council for the past several years.

**INSCRIBED PATIO PAVERS**

Inscribed Patio Pavers are still available for anyone who might be interested in their purchase. The cost for each paver is \$125, and this will include up '3' lines of printing, with up to '23' characters per line. These pavers will be put into our patio area and as additional ones are sold, four existing brick pavers (that do not have any names on them) will be removed and the inscribed pavers will be added in their place. This continues to be an excellent way to permanently recognize your family or to memorialize a loved one. We still have a few blank pavers available and are now in the process of placing an order getting them inscribed with names of individuals who have purchased them. The cost for inscribed pavers will be increased once the available ones have been sold. If you are considering a purchase now is the time to do so before the price increases. Contact Red Holland today at 728-8812 for additional information or to place your order. Once again this continues to be a great way to support our council, while at the same time establishing a permanent way to recognize your family or to memorialize a loved one. We also have 16" X 16" pavers at a cost of \$400. Contact Red today at 236-1637 for more details!

### KC PRAYER

By your example, Father McGivney, teach me to see Jesus in others especially in my family members and in my fellow Knights. Help me to reach out to those in need. Give me the courage to follow God's will. Under your care may the Good News of Christ be proclaimed through my living. Through your intercession may God guide me to accept the difficulties in my life and to work toward a happy and healthy solution. All of this I ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

### WELL WISHER

If you know of a member of our council, or a members family, who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, who is sick or who has died, please contact Well Wisher, Bob Millette at 235-9833 (E-Mail millette@midco.net). Bob will send a card offering congratulations, wishing a speedy recovery or extending our council's sympathy. During this past month the following cards have been sent:

**GET WELL:** Mike Garry, Pat Regan      **SYMPTATHY:** Mike McNerney (fathers' death)

Thank you Bob for the many years that you have provided this service for our council.

### JANUARY WORKERS FOR KC BINGO

Captain-----Dave Vogel			
Cashier-----Paul Betts			
<u>January 6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 27<sup>th</sup></u>
Caller--Jim	Caller--Rod	Caller--Andy	Caller--Rod
Pull Tabs-Henry	Pull Tabs-Mike	Pull Tabs-Merlin	Pull Tabs-Jim
Workers:	Workers:	Workers:	Workers:
Larry Siegler 235-3639	Neil Johnson 236-1163	Mark Fujan 238-9525	Bob Petrowiak 238-5481
Mel Ruppert 360-9151	Randy Sokoloski 230-0818	Duane Nawrocki 235-2656	Darwin Kotewa 236-3970
Jeff Kot 236-4080	Jim Duchene 399-2021	Keith Korolewski 235-9006	Clarence Wehner 236-3793

Thank you to all workers who were assigned to help during the month of December and took the time to do so. Your help is very much appreciated and your willingness to volunteer is what enables us to make the many donations that we do. The above workers are being asked to be at our hall by 6:45 pm on the day that you are scheduled. **If you are not able to work please trade with another assigned worker or find someone else to take your place.** Thank you once again to all the members who are involved with our gambling program. You are the reason for the great amount of success that we realize. A Special Thank You to Don Moritz and Leon Lammers for chairing our gaming committee. **\*Captains are asked to please contact the workers that are assigned each week and remind them that their help is needed.**

### FEBRUARY WORKERS FOR KC BINGO

Captain-----Mike Murphy			
Cashier-----Leon Lammers			
<u>February 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>February 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 24<sup>th</sup></u>
Caller--Denny	Caller--Rod	Caller--Andy	Caller--Rod
Pull Tabs-Jack	Pull Tabs-Ray	Pull Tabs-Henry	Pull Tabs-Mike
Workers:	Workers:	Workers:	Workers:
Jeff Kot 236-4080	Chad Lutterman 236-4350	Tim Clements 399-9699	Tom Sonnek 238-4100
Dareld Koopman 235-6275	Tom Rodgers 848-5496	Mike Nowicki 236-3734	Dan Thiesse 235-5475
David Hill 848-5963	Steve Landsteiner 848-4731	Kevin Nowicki 236-3847	Reid Van Brunt 235-3668

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### KC INSURANCE

Do you have any questions regarding your KC Insurance? Do you want to know what all the Knights of Columbus Insurance has available to you as a member??? Why not contact our KC Insurance General Agent, Luke Rennie for the answers. Luke can be contacted via US Mail at the following address: Luke Rennie, General Agent, P.O. Box 1067, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060. You may also call Luke at 507-417-4169 or his E-Mail address is [Luke.Rennie@KofC.org](mailto:Luke.Rennie@KofC.org). We are in need of an Insurance agent for our area, if this is something that you might be interested in, contact Luke for additional information.

### HALL RENTAL COSTS

The cost for a "Full Building Rental" is **\$400 for Friday & Saturday rentals**. This will provide access to the large and small hall areas of our facility, as well as the patio area. The patio area "**WILL NOT**" have tables and chairs set up. The cost for a "Full Building Rental" plus a furnished patio area is \$450 for Friday & Saturday Rentals. This will provide access to the large and small hall areas of our building, as well as the patio area. The patio area "**WILL**" have tables and chairs set up that will seat an additional 100 people (weather permitting). Included in this fee will be the extension of the inside PA system to the patio area. Members of our council will receive a 25% discount off these prices. Anyone interested in renting our facility for **Monday thru Thursday**--the rentals fees are \$1 per person, \$75 minimum for one room up to '4' hours, or \$125 minimum for over 4 hours and up to '8' hours. The cost for two room rentals is \$1 per person, \$150 minimum for up to '4' hours, or \$1 per person \$200 minimum for over 4 hours and up to '8' hours. A '1' hour setup time will be allowed at no charge. Maximum rental fee is \$400. **Sunday Rentals**--Sunday rental fee's will be \$1 per person, \$100 minimum for one room up to 4 hours or \$150 minimum for over 4 hours and up to 8 hours. The cost for a two room rental is \$1 per person \$150 minimum for up to 4 hours or \$250 minimum for over 4 hours and up to 8 hours. The maximum rental fee is \$400. A '1 hour setup time will be allowed at no charge. These are very competitive rates, while also providing a great service for our community. Call 238-9340 to make your reservation. Your call will be answered by an answering service, so be prepared to leave a message. **The maximum weekday/weekend rental cost for a member is \$300** (75% of \$400--please note membership discounts only apply to the \$400 rentals), while the maximum cost for non-members is \$400.

## WISH LIST

We have a few items that we could use your help in paying for. Some of these items have already been purchased by the Corporation, but if you would like to pay for one of them or make a donation toward its cost, we could use the money to help replenish our reserve fund. If you would be interested in donating toward or buying one of these items contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213..

Dixon Lawnmower---\$1,800 Weed Wacker--\$195. Carpet Machine--\$200 Curb Cut--\$1,200

To date the following members have made donations toward these purchases:

Carroll Collins Duane Nawrocki Andy Lucas Larry Lau Denny Pytleski Merlin Oddan Leon Gerken

Donations can be sent to the following address: **Knights of Columbus 462 East Amber Lake Dr. Fairmont, Minnesota 56031**

## COMMITTEE'S IN OUR FACILITY

Thank you to all members who were involved in the **success** of our council during the month of December. The running of our facility certainly takes a great deal of commitment from all of us, as members, in order to run as smoothly as it does. Your willingness to give of your time is without question the reason for the great amount of success that we have experienced--thank you!!!! If you are scheduled to help on a various committee **PLEASE** do your best to do so. It is certainly understandable that you can not always help when asked to do so, if this is the case, **please find a substitute if you can not help when assigned** (trade with a member on another committee). Please also let the captain of your committee know that you will not be able to help and that you have found someone to take your place. All the duties that we do at our hall are certainly manageable when the members asked to help are able to do so. The duties become much more difficult when the volunteers are reduced and the members present have to pick up the slack. We, as a council, have certainly accomplished great things because of the support that we have received from you our members. Please help us continue our success by your involvement. **If you are not able to be involved, or would rather be assigned to some different duties PLEASE contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 and the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.** Time is our most valuable asset and the sharing of this asset is the true measure of **success**.

**Success** that is not measured in the amount of financial wealth you have accumulated, but rather measured by the feeling that you have in your heart when you put the interest of others before your own. This feeling is something that money can not buy, but rather is the instant gratification for a job well done. Thank you to each member for the contributions that you have made in our quest to make the Fairmont Area a little better place in which to live. **The following are the Bar, Dish & Security activities scheduled for the months of**

### January/February:

1-9-16--KC Christmas Party Ken Goraczkowski & Jim Hahn Dishes--Committee Members Security--Committee Members	1-16-15--Hy-Vee Party Jim Kasel & Andy Lucas Dishes--Graif & Higgins Team Security--Pat	1-30-15--SJV School Dinner/Dance Steve Petrowiak & Mark Kotewa Dishes--Lenort Team Security--Joe
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### January/February Rentals

1-9-16-KC Christmas Party	1-12-16--Fujan Rental	1-16-16--Hy-Vee Party	1-18-16--\$ for Scholars
1-19-16--Ag Star Rental	1-25-16--\$ for Scholars	1-30-16--SJV Dinner/Dance	2-2-16--Rental
2-4-16--U of M Rental	2-25-16--U of M Rental		

### Dish Committee--Jan/Feb/Mar

\*Pat Graif & \*Scott Higgins Captains  
Randy Sokoloski Kevin Nowicki  
230-0817 236-3847  
Tom Zehnder Greg Leiferman  
Jim Busche Paul Philipp  
Mike Brau Jon Slinde

### Dish Committee--Jan/Feb/Mar

Mark Lenort--Captain  
Mark Salz Robert Lenort  
236-2438  
Louie Maday Larry Petrowiak  
Troy Jensen Bernie Petrowiak  
Mark Kleven Brian Petrowiak

### Setup--Jan/Feb/Mar

Pat Bulfer--Captain  
Joe Rosol Wendy Fowler  
Ed Langford Clarence Wehner  
Elroy Glidden Jim Feeny  
Bruce Haday Brad Haday

### Cleanup--Jan

Andy Lucas--Captain  
Bill Bulfer Jim Bulfer  
Tom Johanneck Greg Borowski

### Cleanup--Feb/Mar

Andy Lucas--Captain  
Mike Murphy John Grotte  
Merlin Oddan Tom Rodgers

**\* Will contact team members with additional information. If you are not able to help PLEASE find you own sub and inform your captain of such.**

## CALENDARS

Thank you to Frank Winzenburg and Red Holland for being the overall Parish Calendar Committee Chairman for 2016. Thank you also to the following captains who were responsible for the handing out of calendars at the various parishes:

Denny Pytleski Chad McGowan Bernie Petrowiak Larry Petrowiak Tom Zehnder Greg Leiferman

Thank you also to the members of our council who were available to help with the handing out of calendars, your support was most appreciated. Calendars were handed out after all Masses at our three parishes on the weekend of December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks once again to all who were involved.

## SEMINARIAN BREAKFAST

Our council sponsored a breakfast benefiting the two Seminarians from our parish on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> at our hall. Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee were served from 9:00 am until noon. A "Free Will Offering" was taken and the proceeds of \$2,002 was divided between the two Seminarians, namely: Isaac Landsteiner and Matt Nordquist. Thank you to Mike Murphy for once again being will to chair the event and to the following members who were willing to help when asked to do so, namely:

Dallyn Kotewa John Landsteiner Mark Kiecker Dennis Lockwood Bart Eriksen  
Dan Thiesse Bruce Hady Jim Busche Paul Philipp Paul Cihoski  
Henry Smith

About 180 people attended the event. Thanks again to all who were involved for a job well done!!!!

## TOM & JERRY STAG PARTY

Our council sponsored its annual Christmas Stag Party on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The evening consisted of an "All You Can Eat" Soup & Sandwich buffet, Tom & Jerry's, Buck Euckre Card Tournament, Texas Hold'em Card Tournament, Keg of Beer, Raffles, etc.. Thank you to Joe Scahffer and Bob Bishop for being the overall chairman, as well as Food Committee Chairmen. Thank you also to the following members who were available to help:

Henry Smith Jim Hahn Jim Anderson Bart Eriksen Todd Segar Dave Schiltz Mike Murphy Tim Siegler  
Brad Hady Jim Kasel Cory Wickert Larry Siegler Leon Lammers Jake Bettin Nick Kotewa

About 100 members and guests attended the event. Thanks to all for a GREAT JOB!!!!

### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS**

Members of our council will once again be involved with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program during this Holiday Season. Thank you to Bob Millette and Vince Landsteiner for once again being willing to chair our council's involvement in this program. Thank you also to the following members who were available to help:

Ron Mosloski Ed Kotewa Carroll Collins Bart Stadtherr Duane Nawrocki Henry Smith Dennis Lockwood  
Charles Pearson

Thanks once again to all who were involved and willing to give of their time in support of those in need during this Holiday Season.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our council's annual Christmas Party will be held at our hall on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. An informational letter, along with a "Reservation Form" has been sent to each member's home. If you are interested in attending please return the completed form, along with payment, in the self-addressed envelope that was included in the mailing by January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chuck Carlson, and Tom Johanneck are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Keith Korolewski Gary Reutzel Merlin Oddan Jerry Jorgenson Elroy Glidden  
Larry Siegler John Grotte Duane Nawrocki Ed Murphy Leon Lammers  
Loren Kleven Larry Lau Jim Eberhard Mike Thiessen Dallyn Kotewa

If you have any questions please contact Tom at 236-7504 or Chuck at 848-5052.

### **CALENDAR BREAKFAST**

Our council will be sponsoring a "Pancake & Sausage" Breakfast on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa's Hall. Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee will be served from 9:00 am until noon. A "FREE WILL OFFERING" will be taken and the proceeds will be used to help purchase 2017 parish calendars. Larry Siegler and Duane Nawrocki are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Ken Rusch Carroll Collins Jim Duchene Bart Franta Pat Erwin Jim Bulfer  
Larry Lau Bob Bishop Mark Kiecker Gary Reutzel Scott Mixson Steve Guetter  
Jim Simser Archie Farnham Ray Rosa Elroy Glidden

The above members will be contacted with additional information. The next parish calendar breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holy Family Parish, with Larry Petrowiak and Mike Nowicki being asked to chair that event.

### **RAY ROSOL MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Our council will once again be sponsoring its annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament at the St. John Vianney School Gym. This tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> for the girls and on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> for the boys. The event will begin at 9:30 am and will finish at about 4:00 pm with an award ceremony. Our council will organize the event, furnish workers/refs and provide awards etc., while parents of the SJV students will provide the concessions. Leon Schaffer, Dan Thiesse, Pat Bulfer and Tim Siegler are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

#### **TIME KEEPERS**

Jim Simser Bruce Hady  
Wendell Fowler Dean Dwyer  
Chris Pierce Steve Schmitz  
Dan Thiesse Brian Petrowiak  
Randy Quiring Neil Johnson

#### **SCORE KEEPERS**

Scott Higgins Ron Kopischke  
Kevin Nowicki Mike Nowicki  
Don Waletich Paul Cihoski  
Scott Higgins Larry Petrowiak  
Tim Clements (399-9699)

#### **TICKET TAKERS**

Charles Pearson Jim Anderson  
Paul Betts Duane Nawrocki  
Randy Sokoloski Tim Siegler  
Pat Bulfer Pat Graif  
Jim Feeny Chad Lutterman

#### **SETUP/CLEANUP**

Steve Petrowiak Jim Kasel  
Brian Hartwig Bart Franta  
Darren Maday Rod DeBoer  
Gary Haeckel Paul Cihoski

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

### **FREE THROW CONTEST**

Our council's annual "Free Throw Contest" has been scheduled for Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the St. John Vianney School gym. Dave Vogel, Brian Petrowiak and Greg Borowski have been asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Leland Leichtnam Steve Petrowiak Jim Kasel Bernie Petrowiak Mark Salz David Hill  
Jeff Kot Jim Simser Bob Petrowiak Darren Maday Pat Bulfer Steve Schmitz

The above members will be contacted by the chairmen with additional information. The "District Free Throw Contest" will also be hosted by our council and the scheduled date for the district competition is on February 7<sup>th</sup> and the above workers are also asked to help at that event.

### **VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

Our council's annual Valentine's Day Party has been scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> at our hall. All members will receive an informational letter, along with a reservation card once the details are finalized. Scott Higgins and Pat Graif are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Cory Wickert Jim Kasel Chad McGowan Guy Beemer Jake Bettin Clarence Wehner  
Nick Kotewa Aaron Haycraft Ben Landsteiner Andy Landsteiner Todd Segar Dave Schiltz

The above members will be contacted with additional information once it becomes available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the event. The committee does put in a bit of time organizing the details and we need to support them in order to ensure its success, as well as the future of the event.

### **KC SHIRTS**

The KC Polo Shirts that we had recently ordered have arrived. All "Hall Monitors" will receive a "FREE" shirt and are asked to please make an attempt to attend the January 5<sup>th</sup> membership meeting and pick them up. We also had a request from 25 members who also indicated that they would like to purchase a shirt. These members are also asked to attend the January 5<sup>th</sup> membership meeting, at which time the shirts will be available. All members who indicated that they would like to purchase a polo shirt are reminded that the cost is \$25.. You can also contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 to make arrangements to pick up your shirt. Thank you to all who showed interest in wearing our KC shirt, since it contains the KC logo, our council's number and name, we can all wear them with pride!!!!

### **BENEFIT BREAKFASTS**

Our council has been sponsoring fund-raisers which benefit local non-profits for the past several years. This continues to be a great way to support our community, while at the same time "Walking the Talk". Below are the breakfasts that we presently have scheduled:

Youth for Christ--March 6, 2016

Martin County Historical Society--April 12, 2016

Let's Go Fishing--May 5, 2016

American Heritage Girls---June 5, 2016

## SILENT/LIVE AUCTION

Our council's 26<sup>th</sup> annual Silent/Live Auction will be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the St. John Vianney School Gym. To date our council has donated in excess of \$173,000. as a result of our efforts, supporting over 10 different local organizations. This year the proceeds will be given to the following: ARC (50%), Kinship/Martin County Mentoring (25%) and ????. The solicitation process will begin during the month of January. Gary Haeckel, Merlin Oddan, Steve Sovell, and Paul Betts are being asked to chair this process and the following members are being asked to help:

Scott Higgins	Ed Langford	Dennis Farrow	Greg Cochran	Dareld Koopman	Rod DeBoer
Greg Borowski	Dave Landsteiner	Mike Bleess	Jeff Kot	Steve Landsteiner	Bob Petroviak
Pat Graif	Larry Lau	Kevin Thate	Ron Kopsichke	Mike Brau	Mark Lenort
Jim Simser	Vince Landsteiner	Denny Pytleski	Henry Smith	Bill Bulfer	Joe Schaffer
Mike Bleess	Tim Siegler				

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

## BEING A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS NOT EASY

This is a statement that I remember hearing as I went through the degree program enroute to becoming a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member. At that time I was not sure what this statement actually meant. Now as I look back and reflect it truly becomes apparent what the meaning actually is. **"It is not easy"** giving up a Sunday in order to sponsor a benefit for a member, his family or a community organization. **"It is not easy"** working bingo, pull tabs, being a cashier or a caller, or serving on the Bingo Lunch Committee, especially when you could have stayed home and relaxed. **"It is not easy"** cleaning up, setting up, doing dishes, working security, or bartending at our facility considering that this all takes time and we are all are busy with things in our own lives. **"It is not easy"** being a building manager, gambling manager, bar manager or chairmen of any of the many activities that we have scheduled throughout the year, especially considering that no gets paid for doing work for the Knights. **"It is not easy"** sponsoring a raffle to benefit our St. John Vianney School, simply because it is the right thing to do, fully realizing that you are not guaranteed to sell enough raffle tickets to cover the \$28,000 in cash prizes and wonder where you are going to get the money if you don't. **"It is not easy"** putting the interests of others before your own without concern for financial compensation or even recognition. **"It is not easy"** cutting the grass or removing the snow at our facility, especially considering you are not paid for your time or for that matter even your gas. **Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is not Easy!!!! IS IT WORTH IT????** Is the giving of your time in service to others a belief that we as Knights stand for??? This question is especially complicated in today's society with the continual quest for material possessions and the idea that the more material possession you have the more successful you are in life. This is a question that each person must answer himself. The answer to this question can probably only be found in your heart and in the relationship that you have with your God. As I contemplate this question an E-Mail that I received comes to mind and I feel it is a true reflection on life and what God's expectations are of each of us. The following is the E-Mail:

**I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do. I had to hurry and get to work for bills would soon be due. So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, And jumped up off my knees. My Christian duty was now done, My soul could rest at ease. All day long I had no time To spread a work of Cheer. No time to speak of Christ to friends, They'd laugh at me I'd fear. No time, no time, too much to do, That was my constant cry. But at last came the time, the time to die. I went before the Lord, I came. I stood with downcast eyes. For in his hands God held a book; It was the book of life. God looked into his book and said "Your name I cannot find. I once was going to write it down...But never found the time".**

**DO YOU HAVE THE TIME??? IS IT WORTH IT??? BEING A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS NOT EASY, BUT IT CERTAINLY IS WORTH IT!!!!!!**

## REFLECTION

It is truly hard to believe that 2015 has come and gone and we are now once again ready to embark on a new year, 2016. As we look back on our council's year it once again becomes apparent that we have experienced a very successful year and the reason for this success is you our members. Members who are continually willing to step forward and give of their time in order to make our community a little better place in which to live. Members who are willing to serve in the following capacities without concern for financial compensation or even recognition: Building Manager (Jack Newville), Bar Manager (Ken Gorackowski), Gambling Manager (Don Moritz/Leon Lammers), Snow Removal (Louie Bulfer), Grass Cutting/Grounds Upkeep (Dan Harris, Dan Thiesse, Duane Nawrocki), Tree/Shrub Trimming (Mark Kleven), Bartenders, Security, Setup Committee's, Cleanup Committee's, Dish Committee's, Bingo Food Committee, Bingo & Pull Tabs Workers, Bingo Callers, Hall Monitors, Carpet & Chair Cleaners and the list just seems to go on and on. In addition to running our facility with volunteer help we have also been able to sponsor many events that were of financial benefit to our community. These projects/events include: 2015 SJV School Raffle (\$42,000 donation), SJV School Dinner/Dance (\$8,000 donation), 25<sup>th</sup> annual Silent/Live Auction (\$3,800 donation to ARC, \$1,900 donations to Kinship and to Martin County Mentoring), , Ray Rosol Tournament (\$1,000 to SJV School), Cedar Point Boy Scout Fund-Raiser (\$1,135 donation), Good Samaritan Fund Benefit (\$1,100 donation), Presentation College Pork Loin Dinner (\$1,052 donation), Martin Humane Society Fundraiser (\$1,476 donation), CREST Fund-Raiser (\$843 donation), American Heritage Girls Fund-Raiser (\$1,187 donation), Youth Scholarships (\$1,200 donation), SJV School Golf Tournament (\$500 donation), Don Grandgenett Memorial Breakfast (\$4,300 donation) and Seminarian Benefit Breakfast (\$1,002 donated to both Matt Nordquist and Isaac Landsteiner). In addition our council sponsored many activities some of which include: Tootsie Roll Drive, Valentine's Day Party, Heritage Day's Parade, Patio Parties, Golf Outing, Community Appreciation Dinner (400 people attended and enjoyed free food), SJV Fall Festival, Glows Parade, Scholarship Program, 16<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Cream Social (widows of our deceased members), Christmas Party, Pro-Life Rosaries, Free Throw Contests, and Salvation Army Bell Ringers. In 2015 our council also had the addition of 10 new members (Guy Beemer, Jake Bettin, Nick Kotewa, Dallyn Kotewa Aaron Haycraft, Jerry Bohlsen, Bart Stadtherr, Isaac Landsteiner, Mike Thiessen, Elroy Glidden). In 2015 our council also received '7' State Awards at the annual State Convention. The Awards received were the following: "Best Overall Program" in the State, "Best Church Event" in the State, Best "Council Event" in the State, Best "Youth Event" in the State, "State Officers Award" recognizing our council for having one of the Best "Culture of Life" Events in the State, "State Officers Award" for having one of the "Best Family Event" in the State and an Award for "Overall Excellence" in membership and Program Activities. Our Council also received the Supreme Council "Star Council Award". Yes, it does appear that 2015 was another very successful year for our council. A very sincere thank you to all members who made all the fund-raisers and projects possible. These many projects/fund-raisers represent untold hours donated back to our community, while donating funds in excess of \$50,000.. What a tremendous statement!!! What an honor to belong to an organization whose members consistently are willing to give of their most valuable asset, time, in service to others. We are indeed very Blessed!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **DINNER/DANCE**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance will be held at our hall on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the evening will be \$50 per person and this will include a buffet consisting of the following: Stuffed Boneless Pork Chop, Baked Salmon, Baby Red Potato's, , Green Bean Almondine, Glazed Carrots, Lettuce Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing, Dinner Roll, Assorted Cheese Cake Bar, Hors D'oeuvres, Complimentary Wine, etc.. There will be a program following the dinner, after which you will be able to dance to DJ music. This is a great fund-raiser for the SJV School and a fun-filled evening for those in attendance. Tickets will be available after Masses during a couple of weekends in January or you may contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (e-mail [alucas@frontiernet.net](mailto:alucas@frontiernet.net)) and tickets will be sent to your home.

### **KNIGHTS NOTES**

Thank you to the members of our council for a very outstanding and successful year in 2015. The fund-raising efforts and the many activities/projects that our council was involved with during this past year is truly remarkable---All KC raffle ticket solicitors are reminded to please complete the selling of your raffles tickets as soon as possible. If you have not purchased a raffle ticket, please consider doing so---  
**Wishing everyone a Healthy, Happy and Blessed New Year!!!!!!**