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KC RAFFLE

Our council is in the process of sponsoring its 13th 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 750 to 800 and the cash prizes have also been increased from \$30,000 to \$32,000. **We are earmarking \$10,000 to buy some "iPAD'S" for the students and the remaining funds, hopefully \$38,000, will be given to the school to help offset other costs.** 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!!!! **To date we have donated \$357,400 to the SJV School as a result of this event and have also paid all taxes that the school would otherwise have to pay. THANK YOU for your UN-TIRNG EFFORT and your CONTINUAL SUPPORT!!!!!!**

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:

*Mary Kay Redenius	Mary Lucas	Henry Meester	*Jim Dick	Jim Hallstrom	Fred Hoops	Willie Forster
Jim Droegemueller	Ken Steuber	Steve Schmitz	Carol Bartz	*Jim Schoener	Greg Stone	Warren Anderson
Jerry Homan	*Joyce Farrow	Maureen Boro	*David Baarson	*Jim Simser	Mary Jo Moltzen	*Tom Izen
Mary Schweiss	*Ellen Kuderer	Bruce Gemmill	Amanda Berhow	Mike Bussinger	Ron Svoboda	GM Feia
*Frank Winzenburg	Diane Runkle	Mark Kleven	Jim Bulfer	Diane Hendricks	*Joe Garry	Deacon Ed Bonnarens
Loretta Mathiowetz	Evelyn Betts	Tom Kramer	Sue Homan	Dave Schiltz	Steve Fogelson	Sheri Artz
Adris Schleining	Ken Craig	*Shelly Moeller	Anne Keusemann	*Brandon Scott	Jon Helvig	Jr. Zimmer
*Chris Tulowetzke	Fern Bulfer	Bob Duffey	Lenny Tvedten	*Denny Militello	*Glenn Becker	*John Oothoudt
*Mary Jane Hellyar	William Goche	*Terry Maakestad	Steve Fausch	Phil Armstrong	Lonny Watson	Neal Becker
Judy Zehms	Mark Daschner	*Carroll Collins	Marty Krause	Al Thelen	*Gerald Turbes	Neil Zimmer
Bob Millette	Tamra Wohlhuter	Randy Grathwohl	Dorothy Krick	Ron Kopischke	*Lynette Reiman	Monica Burtis
Doug Eisemenger	Gary Hoehn	Kathy Langer	George Koval	David Hytry	John Schaefer	Ron Sandhurst
Bruce Eisenmenger	Duane Nawrocki	Rich Johnson	Doug Mattson	Nancy Fisher	Carmen Willard	Joe Corona
*Mike Droegemueller	Dave Kuhl	Su Kuhl	Roger Voss	Don Feuerhake	Bryan Killelea	Maureen Gieseke
*Dan Garry	Linda Will	Arc Southwest	*Beth Kloeckner	*Dan Harris	Bill Gunther	Brian Ostlie
Mark Kotewa	Richard Maday	Charles Pearson	Leon Gerken	*Hugh Fraser	Loren Kleven	Bart Eriksen
Dareld Koopman	*Carol Carlson	Eddie Murphy	Jim Hill	*Holly Benson	Beth Reeve	Dave Segar
Eunice Eisenmenger	*Mike Coady	Gary McMurtry	*Leo Krumholz	Bob Steger	Jeff Steger	Bob Steger Jr
Marlys Steger	Matt Wachholz	*Duane Petrowiak	Louie Bulfer	Pat Bulfer	Meda Holland	Margaret Galloway
Quincy Quiring	Jim Harriman	Greg Harriman	Bob Lenort	Matt Prigge	Jay Harriman	Lawrence Sukalski
Lenny Steuber	Mike Lopau	Brad Weber	Jack Zimmer	Bill Crawford	*LeRoy Dickmann	Theresa Jennings
Robin Kelly	Kevin Landsteiner	Leo Baca	David Landsteiner	Vince Landsteiner	Judy Klunder	Todd Thraen
Jim Bittenbinder	Marlo Maschoff	Tim Maschoff	Larry Lau	Cary Villeneuve	Dan Murphy	Jim Pytleski
Marlene Wright	Tom McCabe	Kim Garbers	Diane Siemer	Paulo Siemer	Angela Siemer	Lori Dolce
Wilbur Clark	Colleen Pytleski	Pat Kniefel	Mark Schepnel	Randy Sokoloski	Randy Hinders	Jerry Bohlsen
Jim Eberhard	Dianne Erickson	Tom Sonnek	*Mike Fogelson	*Dave Shimon		

*Denotes the purchase of multiple tickets

Providing you an update, letters have been sent out during the month of September to all who purchased tickets last year, giving them first chance at this years tickets. We sent tickets out to '75' members of our council during the month of October requesting their help in selling tickets. We have since sent letters out to all members of our council, did a bulletin insert for the St. John Vianney and Holy Family Parishes and sent out an additional letter to last years ticket buyers who have still not purchased a ticket. Thank you to all ticket sellers for believing enough in this program to become involved. The easiest thing would be to say "**I don't have time**" or "**I am not comfortable selling tickets**", but rather we are having members step forward and asking for additional tickets!!! You are the reason for the success of this program and are demonstrating firsthand that **all things are possible when you believe in what you are doing, Step Forward in Faith and Trust God for the Results.** If you have turned your tickets into Joe Schaffer and the ticket buyers names do not appear above, please be assured that the tickets will be entered into the January 28th drawing. All ticket buyer names will appear in our February newsletter. Please remember this project can only be a success if you support it. If you have not already done so, please consider purchasing a ticket and help to ensure the very future of our school and a Catholic Educational opportunity for the children of our community. Remember we are stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results. All ticket sellers who have not turned in your raffle tickets are asked to please attempt to sell any remaining tickets and turn in the ticket stubs, money and completed solicitors form as soon as possible. This will allow for time to sell any remaining tickets that might still be available. Thank you once again to all who are doing God's work by being involved in this program. Being a members of the Knights of Columbus is not easy!!!!

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,

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Tom Johanneck has provided this service for our during the past several years. Thank you Tom for the help provided.

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS

Mel Ruppert	Jake Bettin	Denny Pytleski	John Eisenmenger	Leon Lammers	Bob Steger	Henry Smith
Larry Swanson	Jack Newville	Mike Murphy	Pat Graif	Steve Sovell	Denny Farrow	Dave Mosley
Kevin Thate	Mike Brau	Leland Leichtnam	Andy Noll	Jim Busche	Larry Petrowiak	Gary Haeckel
Jerry Jorgenson	Paul Cihoski	Brian Hartwig	Bob Katzenberger	Bruce Hady	Mark Lenort	Bart Franta
Chad McGowan	Tim Siegler	Greg Cochran	Pat Bulfer	Harland Johnson	Tom Mahoney	Jerry Bohlsen
Abraham Joseph	Greg Borowski	Jeff Militello	Joe Melsha	Paul Determan	Joe Schaffer	Mark Kiecker
Chad Lutterman	Mike Zebedee	Mike Coady	Jim Hahn	Troy Jensen	Jeff Kot	Reid Van Brunt
Tom Sonnek	Jim Eberhard	Steve Guetter	Randy Sokoloski	Dennis Lockwood	Guy Beemer	Cary Villeneuve
Jim Kasel	Dave Landsteiner	Chris Pierce	Elroy Glidden	Bill Rosa	Darren Maday	Glen Landsteiner
Robert Lenort	Tom Zehnder	Neil Johnson	Dave Nawrocki	Kevin Nowicki	Nick Kotewa	Paul Philipp
Steve Seifried	Larry Lau	Louie Maday				

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KC PRAYER

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

During the month of January our council's membership meetings will be held on January 3rd and on January 17th. The meetings will begin at 8:00 pm, with lunch being served following the meetings. All members are asked and encouraged to circle their calendars and plan on attending these meetings on a monthly basis. Consider calling a fellow member and offering a ride to/from the meeting.

JANUARY WORKERS FOR KC BINGO

Captain-----	Dave Vogel		
Cashier-----	Paul Betts		
<u>January 4th</u>	<u>January 11th</u>	<u>January 18th</u>	<u>January 25th</u>
Caller-Rod	Caller-Andy	Caller-Denny	Caller-Rod
Pull Tabs-Ray	Pull Tabs-	Pull Tabs-Mike	Pull Tabs-Merlin
Workers:	Workers:	Workers:	Workers:
Jeff Kot 236-4080	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
Larry Siegler 235-3639	Jim Duchene 236-4800	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 1st</u>	<u>February 8th</u>	<u>February 15th</u>	<u>February 22nd</u>
Caller--Jim	Caller--Rod	Caller--Andy	Caller--Rod
Pull Tabs--Jim	Pull Tabs- Ray	Pull Tabs-Mike	Pull tabs-Merlin
Workers:	Workers:	Workers:	Workers:
Jeff Kot 236-4080	Steve Landsteiner 848-4731	Tim Clements 399-9699	Tom Sonnek 238-4100
Dareld Koopman 235-6275	Tom Rodgers 848-5496	Mike Nowicki 236-3734	Dan Thiesse 236-0211
David Hill 848-5963	Richard Birkle 307-331-8324	Kevin Nowicki 236-3847	Reid Van Brunt 235-3668

BARTENDERS

Our council is in need of members who would be interested in helping with bartending duties. We presently have '7' members who serve as bartenders and rotate these duties (Ken Gorackowski, Jim Kasel, Mark Kotewa, Denny Pytleski, Jim Hahn, Steve Petrowiak and Andy Lucas). If this is something that you would be interested in trying, please call our bar manager, Ken Gorackowski, at 235-3029. **Please give this matter serious consideration as we can use additional help.**

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 live 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.

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. 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! Please note that we normally wait on placing an order for pavers until we have several to order, as we do have to drive some distance to pick them up, so please be patient.

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Are you in need of a loan for that special purchase that you have been thinking of and putting off? Do you need a new furnace/air conditioner or possibly looking at new carpet or vinyl flooring and wondering how to pay for it? How about a Home Equity loan that would meet those needs? Why not contact Brother Ron Kopischke at Profinium Bank. Ron and his staff can help you with any loan that you might need, as well as provide advice as to what money market or savings account that would best fit your needs. Contact Ron today at 235-5538. 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.

LUNCH COMMITTEE

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

<u>January 3rd</u>	<u>January 17th</u>	<u>February 7th</u>	<u>February 21st</u>	<u>March 7th</u>	<u>March 21st</u>
*Tim Siegler	*Cary Villeneuve	*Jim Kasel	*Chris Pierce	*Pat Bulfer	Stag Party
Cary Villeneuve	Jim Kasel	Chris Pierce	Pat Bulfer	Larry Lau	Stag Party
<u>April 4th</u>	<u>April 18th</u>	<u>May 2nd</u>	<u>May 16th</u>	<u>June 6th</u>	<u>June 20th</u>
*Larry Lau	*Leon Lammers	*Carroll Collins	*Bob Millette	*Dave Landsteiner	*Tim Siegler
Leon Lammers	Carroll Collins	Bob Millette	Dave Landsteiner	Tim Siegler	Andy Lucas

*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 or at Fareway Foods (please pay for it and bring back the receipt for reimbursement). Thank you to the officers of our council for providing this service over the past many years.

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. Durin

Get Well: Henry Smith, Betty Siegler **Sympathy:** Don Feuerhake Family (Don's death)

Congratulations: Frank & Kate Winzenburg (65th wedding anniversary)

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

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	Jim Eberhard	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 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. 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.

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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.

THANK YOU

To all of the Knights of Columbus:

I was never so proud and so comforted as I walked into the church at my wife, Liz's funeral and seeing the presence of so many fellow Knights. I can't thank you enough for the facility and the help in having the meal after the funeral at the KC Hall. I always feel honored to be in the company of my fellow knights working on a project for the community and church. I give thanks to God for my membership in the Knights of Columbus and I feel our individual activity in the Knights of Columbus is a spiritual undertaking, I know that it is a part of relieving hurt and pain in our fellow human beings. I believe that we convey our true selves much more by what we do than by what we say. We are wayfarers and pilgrims on the same journey, and we guide each other by living our lives as best we can, being aided by God's abundant grace. I would like to think that each of us did the other justice. I have been writing many thank you notes, but wanted to save this Thank You note until now, during the Christmas season, because of the tremendous impact the Knights had on the lives of Liz and myself.

God Bless, Mike Garry

CHRISTMAS PARTY

I would like to take this time to say a special 'thank you' to my wife Mary for helping with the decorating the hall and preparing the Hors D'oeuvres for the annual Christmas party. For those that attended, I hope you enjoyed your meal, socializing, and entertainment. I also would like to say thank to Tom and Bonita Johanneck for helping with the set up the morning of the party. Their help was invaluable as they gave suggestions of placement of tables, decorations, etc. Finally, thank you to the workers listed below that worked countless hours in setting up tables, setting out dishes and silverware, picking up dirty dishes, washing dishes, and tearing down.

Thanks again. Happy Holidays! Brother Bob Millette, Chairman

Tom Johanneck	Merlin Oddan	Dennis Farrow	Laurance Lau	Jerry Jorgenson
Tim Siegler	Larry Siegler	Dallyn Kotewa	Loren Kleven	MikeThiessen
Elroy Glidden	Ken Gorackowski	Jim Hahn		

TOM & JERRY STAG PARTY

Our council sponsored its annual Christmas Stag Party on Tuesday, December 20th. 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 Schaffer 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:

Jim Hahn	Jim Anderson	Bart Eriksen	Todd Segar	Dave Schiltz	Mike Murphy	Tim Siegler
Brad Hady	Dave Segar	Larry Siegler	Nick Kotewa	Mike Bleess	Paul Philipp	

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 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:

Dave Landsteiner	Duane Nawrocki	Carroll Collins	Ron Mosloski	Bart Stadtherr
Charles Pearson	Ray Rosa	Jim Eberhardt	Elroy Glidden	

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.

SECURITY

We are in need of members who would be interested in helping with "Security" duties. We presently have '4' members who serve on our security committee and they rotate these duties (Joe Schaffer, 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 fourth 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.

1ST DEGREE

Our council scheduled a 1st Degree on December 6th at our hall, but unfortunately we were not able to get any new members. We had '22' potential candidates that we sent an introductory letter, along with our newsletter, during the months of October and November. We did follow-up with each of these men prior to the event and did not get any new members. Hopefully these efforts will plant a seed and reap benefits in the future. Thank you to all current members who became involved in this process.

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!!!! **Also a "Special Thank You" to our Building Manager, Jack Newville, for his time and talent in serving our council in this capacity.** 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 material possessions 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:**

January 21st--Hy-Vee Party

Mark Kotewa & Andy Lucas
Dishes--Graif/Higgins Team
Security--Chad McGowan

January 28th--SJV Dinner/Dance

Denny Pytleski & Steve Petrowiak
Dishes--Lenort Team
Security--Joe Schaffer

February 11th--KC Valentines Party

Ken Goraczkowski & Hugh Fraser
Dishes--Committee Members
Security--Committee Members

January/February Rentals

1-9-17--Life Line

1-10-17--State Farm Fujan Rental

1-21-17--Hy-Vee Rental

1-23-17--Dollars for Scholars

1-28-17--SJV School Dinner/Dance

1-29-17--Catholic Radio Breakfast

1-30-17--Dollars for Scholars

1-31-17--Agstar Rental

2-11-17--KC Valentine's Party

2-13-17--Coop Meeting

2-16-17--Crop Production

2-27-17--Coop Meeting

DISH COMMITTEE--Jan/Feb/Mar

*Pat Graif & Scott Higgins--Capts

Randy Sokoloski	Kevin Nowicki
230-0817	236-38472
Tom Zehnder	Greg Leiferman
Jim Busche	Paul Philipp
Mike Brau	Jon Slinde
848-4228	236-0522

DISH COMMITTEE--JAN/FEB/MAR

*Mark Lenort--Captain

Mark Salz	Robert Lenort
236-2438	236-0441
Louie Maday	Larry Petrowiak
Troy Jensen	Bernie Petrowiak
Mark Kleven	Brian Petrowiak

SETUP COMMITTEE--Jan/Feb/Mar

*Pat Bulfer--Captain

Brad Hady	Cary Villeneuve
Wendy Fowler	525-3558
Ed Langford	Clarence Wehner
Elroy Glidden	Jim Feeney
Joe Rosol	

Cleanup Committee--Jan

Andy Lucas--Capt

Greg Borowski	Tom Johanneck
Bill Bulfer	Jim Bulfer

Cleanup Committee--Feb/Mar

*Andy Lucas--Captain

Mike Murphy	John Grotte
Tom Rodgers	Merlin Oddan

*** 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. Also if a captain needs additional contact information for their workers call Andy Lucas at 238-1213 for possible help.**

CALENDARS

After the Masses on the weekend of December 3rd & 4th members of our council were at the exits of the Church handling out 2017 Parish Calendars. These calendars were given to parishioners as a small token of appreciation for all the parish support received for our many events/projects in 2016. Thank you to Red Holland and Frank Winzenburg for being the overall chairmen for this project and for coordinating all the details. Thank you also to Larry & Bernie Petrowiak for coordinating this event at the Holy Family Parish and to Denny Pytleski and Bob Millette for being the captains at the St. John Vianney Parish. Thank you to all members who were willing to get involved when asked to do so.

SERVERS APPRECIATION

Our council had tentatively scheduled a "Mass Server Appreciation" for the weekend of December 10th & 11th, honoring the Servers from our parishes. Due to council finances the event was cancelled, with the hope of re-scheduling it for the weekend of February 4th & 5th. We are once again planning to present each of the servers with '2' passes to the Fairmont Theater. Each pass will entitle the server to receive '1' Free admission to a movie of their choice, along with a FREE pop and a FREE popcorn. The envelope containing the passes will also include a letter from our Grand Knight, Chad McGowan, thanking them for their service to our parishes. Scott Higgins, Paul Betts and Andy Lucas have been asked to chair this project. The following Knights are being asked to help:

St. John Vianney Parish

After 5:00 pm Mass

Chad Lutterman

Jim Busche

After 10:00 am Mass

Paul Betts

Scott Higgins

Holy Family Parish

After 8:00 am Mass

Troy Jensen

The Altar Servers who are not at the Masses on this weekend will receive their passes via the US Mail. Watch our February newsletter for any updates.

SEMINARIAN BREAKFAST

Our council had scheduled a breakfast benefiting the two Seminararians from our parish, namely: Matt Nordquist and Isaac Landstiner. The event was scheduled for Sunday, December 18th at our hall. This event was cancelled due to the cold weather, it was 22 below zero and that was without the wind. We are hoping to re-schedule this event and due to the events we already have scheduled it most likely will not be until the month of June. Keep watching upcoming newsletters for further developments.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Our council's annual "Free Throw Contest" has been scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd 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:

Brad Hady	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 12th and the above workers are also asked to help at that event.

NORTHWEST HALL OUTSIDE ENTRANCE AREA

During the month of September all members should have received a letter concerning the need to re-do the outside northwest entrance to our facility. Two estimates were included in the letter: 1. Replaced with rock at a cost estimate of \$4,500 2. Replaced with Concrete at a cost estimate of \$11,500. All members were asked to return a form with their input, so as to help members of the Building Corporation with the decision. Of the forms received the overwhelming majority felt concrete would make the most sense for the future of our council. We, as noted in the letter, will need some financial support from our members in order for this project to become a reality. The following members, to date, have indicated their financial support:

*Bart Stadtherr Jim Schoener Tom Maday *Paul Betts *Andy Lucas Jim Hahn *Bob Steger
*Bob Katzenberger *Bob Millette Tom Johanneck Larry Lau *Joe Schaffer *Tom Zehnder Leon Lammers
*Carroll Collins

*Indicates that they have already paid their pledge. We have about \$2,200 in pledges, of which we have received about \$1,200. The members of your Building Corporation feel that concrete makes the most long term sense and will proceed when they have the funds to do so, hopefully this spring. If you would like to make a donation please send it to the following: Knights of Columbus 462 East Amber Lake Dr. Fairmont, Mn 56031 "Concrete Fund". **There apparently has been some rumors about the possibility of putting an addition on the kitchen area of our facility, which would have an impact on the concrete being added to this area. I would like to dispel these rumors, as this has not even been a topic of discussion at any of our Corporation meetings. If this type of project would ever be considered, please be assured that the Corporation "would not move forward" without first having the approval of the membership.**

BREAKFAST

Our council will be sponsoring a "Pancake & Sausage" Breakfast on Sunday, January 8th 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, Larry Lau 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 Tom Johanneck Bart Franta Pat Erwin
Mark Kiecker Gary Reutzel Scott Mixson Steve Guetter Jim Simser Archie Farnham
Ray Rosa Elroy Glidden Jim Bulfer Ed Langford Bob Bishop Mel Ruppert
Mike Thiessen

The above members will be contacted with additional information. The next parish calendar breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 19th 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 14th for the girls and on Saturday, January 28th 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. Chad Lutterman, Paul Betts, Dan Thiesse and Tim Siegler are being asked to chair these event and the following members are being asked to help:

<u>TIME KEEPERS</u>	<u>SCORE KEEPERS</u>	<u>TICKET TAKERS--Tim Siegler Capt</u>	<u>SETUP/CLEANUP</u>
Jim Simser Bruce Hady	Scott Higgins Ron Kopischke	Charles Pearson Jim Anderson	Steve Petrowiak Jim Kasel
Wendell Fowler Dean Dwyer	Kevin Nowicki Mike Nowicki	Jim Feeney Duane Nawrocki	Brian Hartwig Bart Franta
Chris Pierce Steve Schmitz	Don Waletich Paul Cihoski	Randy Sokoloski Tim Siegler	Darren Maday Rod DeBoer
Duane Petrowiak Brian Petrowiak	Scott Higgins Larry Petrowiak	Pat Bulfer Pat Graif	Gary Haeckel
Paul Cihoski Dan Thiesse Neil Johnson		Tim Clements (399-9699)	

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

DINNER/DANCE

The 13th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance will be held at our hall on Saturday, January 28th. The cost for the evening will be \$55 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, which will include the introduction of the 2017 "Friends of the St. John Vianney School" (Bob & Kathy Bishop) and the 2017 "Featured St. John Vianney School Alumnus" (Nancy Thompson, daughter of Dan & Ann Harris) 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 the weekends in January (starting January 7th) or you may contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (e-mail alucas@frontiernet.net) and tickets will be sent to your home.

FAIRMONT CATHOLIC RADIO

Our council will be sponsoring a breakfast benefiting our local Fairmont Catholic Radio Program. The event will be held at our hall on Sunday, January 29th. Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee will be served from 9:00 am until. A "Free Will Offering" will be taken. Mike Murphy and Andy Lucas are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Ben Landsteiner Mel Ruppert Dave Landsteine Jake Bettin Guy Beemer Nick Kotewa
Andy Landsteiner Mike Garry Frank Winzenburg Tim Siegler Charles Pearson Jim Kasel
Kevin Thate

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Our council's annual Valentine's Day Party has been scheduled for February 11th at our hall. All members will receive an informational letter, along with a reservation card once the details are finalized. Chad McGowan & Jim Kasel are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Cory Wickert Scott Higgins Guy Beemer Jake Bettin Clarence Wehner Dave Schiltz
Nick Kotewa Aaron Haycraft Ben Landsteiner Andy Landsteiner Todd Segar Bart Franta
Bob Petrowiak Richard Birkle Louie Maday Troy Jensen Bill Rosa Paul Hargan

The above members will be contacted with additional information once it becomes available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the event.

KNIGHTS NOTES

We once again have a great deal of event scheduled in the coming months, please circle your calendars and become involved. Wishing everyone a New Year filled with Health & Happiness for each of you and your families. Happy New Year!!!